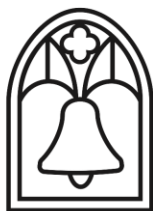




Third Sunday of Easter

April 19th, 2026



ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Traditional Worship Service Sundays at 8:30 a.m.

Praise & Worship Service Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor: Beth Giller

Youth & Family Director: Emily Hemminger

Organist: Kim Fletcher

Pastoral Care: Cindy Ritter

Choir Director: Cheryl Dunlap

Council President: Diane Lorenzen

WELCOME! At St. Mark, we glorify Jesus Christ when we KNOW, LIVE, and SHARE the Word. We KNOW the Word through study of the Bible, worship, and developing and nurturing relationships with Jesus and others. We LIVE the Word through prayer, perseverance, and the power of the Spirit. We SHARE the Word by boldly crossing boundaries, welcoming all! If you are a visitor and would like to be more involved with St. Mark's ministry or would like more information, please send us an email at Smlc.Office@Yahoo.com, or call the office at (419) 691-3597. Thank you for worshipping with us!

CONTRIBUTE – We've seen the people of St. Mark band together to help each other and to reach out intentionally to our East Toledo community. If you feel led to support the mission of St. Mark, we encourage you to use our secure eGiving tools to make your offering. To learn more, visit www.StMarkToledo.com and look for the "Give" option at the top of the page, or use the QR code on the back of this bulletin. The "***Still Ringing the Bell***" Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$763,995 with \$663,339 cash received as of Friday, April 17th. This is an extraordinary response to God's grace and a powerful statement of the congregation's commitment!

KEEP IN TOUCH – Please remember to keep the church office informed of any hospitalizations or address/status changes so we can stay connected and updated. Call (419) 691-3597 or email us at Smlc.Office@Yahoo.com.

10:30 a.m. Praise And Worship Order Of Worship

April 19th, 2026

(Lyrics & liturgy will be available on the screen or at the page numbers listed below)

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Postlude

8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 19, 2026

BELL CHOIR PRELUDE – “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN ELW #693 – “COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME”

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*).

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE *Music on pg. 138 in ELW*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Music on pg. 140 in ELW*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.
Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The first reading is from Acts chapter 2 verse 14a and 36-41.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶“Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19

- ¹ I love the LORD, who has ¹ heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹ supplication,
² **for the LORD has given ¹ ear to me
whenev- ¹ er I called.**
- ³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave ¹ came upon me;
I came to ¹ grief and sorrow.
- ⁴ **Then I called upon the name ¹ of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray you, ¹ save my life.”**
- ¹² How shall I re- ¹ pay the LORD
for all the good things God has ¹ done for me?
- ¹³ **I will lift the cup ¹ of salvation
and call on the name ¹ of the LORD.**
- ¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people.
- ¹⁵ **Precious in your ¹ sight, O LORD,
is the death ¹ of your servants.**
- ¹⁶ O LORD, truly I ¹ am your servant;
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me ¹ from my bonds.
- ¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice ¹ of thanksgiving
and call upon the name ¹ of the LORD.**
- ¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows ¹ to the LORD
in the presence of ¹ all God’s people,
- ¹⁹ **in the courts of ¹ the LORD’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. ¹ Hallelujah!**

The second reading is from 1 Peter chapter 1 verses 17-23.

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Music on pg. 142 in ELW*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 24 verses 13-35.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” ¹⁹ He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” ²⁵ Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN ELW #366 – “THE STRIFE IS O’ER, THE BATTLE DONE”

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died,
and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

OFFERING – “Faith of Our Fathers”

OFFERTORY – “LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL” *Music in ELW #182*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Music in ELW pg. 144*

The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ ...

... And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(Music on pg. 144 in ELW)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG – “LAMB OF GOD” *Music in ELW pg. 146*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace.**

HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE” *Music in ELW #204*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

HYMN ELW #774 – “WHAT A FELLOWSHIP, WHAT A JOY DIVINE”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP SERVICE

YOU ARE MY VISION

Eleanor Henrietta Hull, Mary Elizabeth Byrne, Rend Collective CCLI Song #6054533© Thankyou Music Ltd

Verse 1

You are my vision O King of my heart
Nothing else satisfies only You Lord
You are my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping Your presence my light

Interlude

Oh oh oh

Verse 2

You are my wisdom You are my true word
I ever with You and You with me Lord
You're my great Father and I'm Your true son
You dwell inside me together we're one

Verse 3

You are my battle-shield sword for the fight
You are my dignity You're my delight
You're my soul's shelter and You're my high tower
Come raise me heavenward O Power of my power

Verse 4

I don't want riches or man's empty praise
You're my inheritance now and always
You and You only the first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure You are

Verse 5

High King of heaven when victory's won
May I reach heaven's joy O bright heaven's Son
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

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Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

I COULD SING OF YOUR LOVE FOREVER

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Verse

Over the mountains and the sea
Your river runs with love for me
And I will open my heart
And let the healer set me free.

I'm happy to be in the truth
And I will daily lift my hands
For I will always sing of
When Your love came down.

Chorus

I could sing of Your love forever
I could sing of Your love forever
(Repeat 3 times last time through)

(Repeat from beginning)

GOD I'M JUST GRATEFUL

Abubakar Baker Shariff-Farr, Chandler Moore, Joshua Emanuel Coleman, Pat Barrett, Steven Furtick CCLI Song #7270317 ©

Verse 1

There was no way until You made one
Grace upon grace hallelujah
Even though I don't deserve it
You did it
Even though I couldn't earn it
You give it

Chorus 1

Who am I that You keep
me on Your mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
All my life You've been
right here by my side
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You

Verse 2

Holy holy there's only one
I give You glory for all
that You've done

Even though I don't deserve it
You did it
Even though I couldn't earn it
You give it

Bridge

I I'm lifting both of my hands
You gave me chance after
chance after chance
I I'm giving all that I am
You gave me chance after
chance after chance

Chorus 2

I survived and I'm here to testify
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You
I'm alright if they say I'm outta my
mind
God I'm just grateful for You
God I'm just grateful for You

PRAISE

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Intro

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

Verse 1

I'll praise in the valley
Praise on the mountain
I'll praise when I'm sure
Praise when I'm doubting
I'll praise when outnumbered
Praise when surrounded
'Cause praise is the water
My enemies drown in

Pre-Chorus

As long as I'm breathing
I've got a reason to

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Verse 2

I'll praise when I feel it
And I'll praise when I don't
I'll praise 'cause I know
You're still in control
'Cause my praise is a weapon
It's more than a sound
My praise is the shout
That brings Jericho down

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Bridge

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign
Praise 'cause You reign
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated
the grave
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful
Praise 'cause You're true
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater
than You

Chorus 3

Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
Praise the Lord oh my soul
I won't be quiet
My God is alive

How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
I won't be quiet
My God is alive
How could I keep it inside
Praise the Lord oh my soul

Ending

Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord
Praise the Lord

LECTOR (8:30 a.m. Service) – Dave Geisert

WE THANK – The St. Mark Bell Choir for their gift of music this morning.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Are given to the glory of God in memory of the birthday of Charles Bench by his family.

NEIGHBORHOOD GIVEAWAY – We are currently in need of toilet paper donations, if you can help, please leave them in the bin in the chapel in the lobby. Thank you!

STUDY GROUP – Fruits of the Holy Spirit: “Connecting with the Spirit Within” **Tuesdays** starting **from 9 – 10 a.m.** in the St. Mark Lounge, led by Amy Carpenter, the author of the book we will study, and Pastor Giller. Have you ever wondered how some people seem to have great patience? Or how other people are kind even when others are not? The Fruits Of The Holy Spirit is a book about how love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are attainable and side effects of a Spirit-centered way of living.

NEIGHBORHOOD DINNER EVENT – Our next Neighborhood Dinner event will take place on Wednesday, **April 29th** at 5 pm, doors open at 4 pm. We are always in need of volunteers, a sign-up sheet is in the lobby on the bulletin board.

KID’S NIGHT – Our next Kid’s Night event will take place on Wednesday, **May 13th** from 3:30 pm - 6 pm. Kid’s Night is for PreK-8th grade. We provide fun activities, homework help, and dinner. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office.

ST. MARK YOUTH GOLF OUTING – St. Mark Youth are excited to be hosting their 18th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 30th, 2026, at Chippewa Golf Course in Curtice, OH. Proceeds from this year’s Golf Outing will help fund our youth's trip to North Carolina to continue disaster relief efforts for those affected by Hurricane Helene! To register a team or become a hole sponsor, please visit the table in the lobby or go to stmarktoledo.com/golfouting. Interested in volunteering or donating items for the outing? See Emily Hemminger!

YOUTH FLOWER SALE – Support our St. Mark Youth Ministry by getting ready for spring at Knitz Greenhouse! Shop at Knitz Greenhouse April 18-May16 and mention "St. Mark Youth" at check out to give 15% of your total to our ministry! Cash, credit, and checks are accepted. Knitz Greenhouse is located at 8865 Arquette Rd in Oregon, OH.

GRADUATION SUNDAY (MAY 3rd) – We can't wait to celebrate our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 3 during the 10:30am worship service! Do you have a graduating high school senior this year? Contact Emily Hemminger!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – We are seeking a part-time church building supervisor. This position requires someone to be at the church to let guests in for after-hour meetings and events, then closing and securing the building afterwards. Duties include monitoring activities in the church building while keeping a safe and secure environment for all. This is a paid position. If you are interested or know someone who would be, please contact the church office at (419) 691-3597.

MARCH INCOME / EXPENSE TOTALS

General: \$34,509 (Feb. \$40,179)

Dedicated: \$8,075 (Feb. \$5,207)

Capital Campaign: \$17,470 (Feb. \$10,013)

Expenses: \$35,862 (Feb. \$42,704)

Week of 4/12/26 – 4/17/26

<i>Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....</i>	<i>\$8,293</i>
General Fund Giving.....	\$3,925
Dedicated Funds Giving.....	\$1,650
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$778
Total.....	\$6,353

“General Fund” contributions are used for everyday church expenses.

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