

# St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Coldwater, MI

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 22, 2018

*Before the service, speak to God.*

*During the service, let God speak to you.*

*After the service, speak to one another.*

*(Bold hymn numbers indicate music in large-print hymnal)*

- 657 **Processional:** *Love divine, all loves excelling*  
664 **Sequence Hymn:** *My shepherd will supply my need*  
**Anthem:** *Jesus Speaks to Me* Arr. Althouse  
304 **Communion Hymn:** *I come with joy to meet my Lord*  
**Fraction Anthem:** *Whoever comes to me* (see back of bulletin)  
s129 **Sanctus:** *Holy, holy, holy, Lord* (see the front section of the blue hymnal)  
334 **Recessional:** *Praise the Lord*

### **Collect**

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Acts 4:5-12**

The day after they had arrested Peter and John for teaching about Jesus and the resurrection, the rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is 'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.' There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

### **Psalms 23**

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 **He makes me lie down in green pastures \***  
**and leads me beside still waters.**
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \***  
**for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \***  
**and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,\*  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**1 John 3:16-24**

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**John 10:11-18**

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away-- and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

**~Schedule for Today~**

**Lectors:** Jay Henry & Dave Croal

**Intercessor:** Nancy Smallwood

**Worship Leader:** Mary Dally

**Crucifer:** Luke Marteen

**EM/Gospel Book:** Don Hetrick

**EM:** Mike Pridgeon

**Lay Visits:** Diane Pridgeon

**Altar Guild:** Helen Guisinger

**Altar Linens:** Val Mitchell

**Ushers:** Richard & Linda Smolinski

**Lion's Roar Teachers:** Pam VanStone & Sheila Ice

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Team #3

**Announcements and Lock-up:** Laura Monroe

**~Calendar~**

**Today, April 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 am:** Choir Rehearsal

**10 am:** Holy Eucharist

**11:15 am:** Coffee Hour

**12:30 pm:** Fr. Rick at Masonville

### **This week:**

Mon., Apr. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		Rector's day off
Tues., Apr. 24 <sup>th</sup>		Rector's day off
Wed., Apr. 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30-noon	Round Table Discussion group meets in Library
Thurs., Apr. 26 <sup>th</sup>	1-2 pm	Grief/Loss/Recovery group meets in Library
Fri., Apr. 27 <sup>th</sup>		Vestry Retreat in Three Rivers
Sat., Apr. 28 <sup>th</sup>		Vestry Retreat in Three Rivers

### **Next Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup>: The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 am:** Choir Rehearsal

**10 am:** Holy Eucharist

**11:15 am:** Coffee Hour

### **~Announcements~**

**Our Children's Church, 'Lion's Roar', welcomes all kids,** following the Collect of the Day, going to their classroom with teachers, returning to join the congregation at communion.

**Happy Birthday wishes this week** go to Scott Meister and Jon Pridgeon, April 22<sup>nd</sup>; Kristin Marteen and Debi Wright, April 23<sup>rd</sup>; Eric Fosdick and Jan Skudlarick, April 24<sup>th</sup>; Luke Raymond, April 25<sup>th</sup>; and Fay Ewalt, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Happy Anniversary wishes this week** go to Pete & Robin Hughes, April 25<sup>th</sup>; and Kevin & Liz Mowan, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Our Rector will be unavailable Friday & Saturday,** April 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, as he and the Vestry members will be having a Vestry retreat in Three Rivers.

**St. Mary's Guild will meet** at 12:30 pm, May 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Parish Hall. Please bring half a sandwich. All women of St. Mark's are invited. Hostesses are Marsha Thrasher and Carolyn Hinson.

**Annual Choir Gala rescheduled:** To gain more time for preparation for St. Mark's Annual Choir Gala, it is postponed to June 3<sup>rd</sup>, after the Eucharist. Mark your calendars for the new date, and get ready for some mid-60's 'music from the jukebox', and food from the diner! Be prepared to enjoy fun, food, and entertainment by our choir.

**Graduates Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup>:** On Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> we will recognize those who have graduated this spring, or will do so this summer, and celebrate their accomplishments. If you or a family member have or will be graduated from high school, community college, a college or university, a trade or professional program, and would like to be recognized, please contact the church office. Give us the graduate's name and the program from which she or he will graduate. We would appreciate it if you could provide this information by no later than May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**There will be a special offering to support** The Bishop Whittemore Foundation on Bishop Whittemore Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup>. Since its creation in the 1950's, the Foundation has benefited every single parish in the diocese, granting tens of thousands of dollars each year to support new and creative ministries in Western Michigan, including the Bell Tower project at St. Mark's! Gifts may be made out to 'The Whittemore Foundation' and mailed to P.O. Box 6724, Grand Rapids, MI 49516.

**'Jesus Christ, Superstar' is coming to Tibbits Summer Theatre!** Let's go as a group on Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>, to the 2 pm matinee, (a group of 10 or more receives a discount). A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Parish Hall for those to sign that are interested in going.

**There are several weeks available on the flower sign-up sheet** that is on the east wall in the Parish Hall by the kitchen. Cost is \$15.00, payable in advance. Please be sure to specify "flowers" on your check or envelope when paying for them.

**The April edition of "The Flyin' Lion" newsletter**, April calendars, and Schedules are on the table in the parish hall for those who didn't receive it either by email or mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter and your email/ mailing address has changed, please inform Mary Jane in the office.

**If you would like to reserve a meeting room, the kitchen, or parish hall** for your event, please call Mary Jane in the church office, 517-278-5752.

**Fraction Anthem: *Whoever comes to me***

Clarke



Who-ev-er comes to me shall not \_\_\_\_\_ hun-ger, \_



And who ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst;



Send out your light and your truth \_\_\_\_\_ that they may



lead me to your \_\_\_\_\_ ho - ly hill;



Who-ev-er comes to me shall not \_\_\_\_\_ hun-ger, \_



And who ev - er be - lieves in me shall nev - er thirst;

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