



Welcome Guests!

(Members for info change)

We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out for your entire family, tear off, and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you!

Date _____

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I am a guest of _____

- First Time Guest
- Returning Guest
- New to Area
- Would like a visit
- Would like to know more about St. Mark
- Other _____

Prayer Request

- Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**
- Prayer Chain
- Congregation at Prayer
- Pastor Kolb

Alleluia

LSB 190

C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eighth chapter.

C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁷And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” ²⁸And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” ²⁹And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” ³⁰And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

³¹And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

³⁴And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ³⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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Introit

Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, for- | ever;*
with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all gener- | ations.

Let the heavens praise your wonders, | O LORD,*
your faithfulness in the assembly of the | holy ones!

Blessèd are the people who know the | festal shout,*
who walk, O LORD, in the light | of your face,

who exult in your name | all the day*
and in your righteousness are ex- | alted.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will speak of your testimonies before kings, | [O Lord,]*
and shall not be | put to shame.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.
 Heavenly Father, You revealed to the apostle Peter the blessed truth that Your Son Jesus is the Christ. Strengthen us by the proclamation of this truth that we too may joyfully confess that there is salvation in no one else; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 4:8-13

⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a crippled man, by what means this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of

you and to all the people of Israel that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by him this man is standing before you well. ¹¹This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders, which has become the cornerstone. ¹²And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

¹³Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29; antiphon: v. 26

¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Glory be 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**

²⁶Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Gradual

2 Corinthians 4:5a, 13c; 1 Peter 4:11b; Psalm 113:3



What we proclaim is | not ourselves,*
but Jesus | Christ as Lord.

**We also believe, and so we | also speak,*
as one who speaks ora- | cles of God.**

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

Epistle

2 Peter 1:1–15

¹Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the
righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

²May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of
Jesus our Lord.

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and
godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and
excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises,
so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having
escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. ⁵For this
very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue
with knowledge, ⁶and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with
steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, ⁷and godliness with brotherly
affection, and brotherly affection with love. ⁸For if these qualities are yours and
are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the
knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For whoever lacks these qualities is so
nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his
former sins. ¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to make your calling
and election sure, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. ¹¹For in
this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal
kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²Therefore I intend always to remind you of these qualities, though you
know them and are established in the truth that you have. ¹³I think it right, as long
as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, ¹⁴since I know that the
putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.
¹⁵And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any
time to recall these things.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



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ST. PETER**

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