

A FESTIVAL OF HYMNS

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
Citrus Heights, California

Wednesday, October 22, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Notes for the Congregation

All = everyone sings in unison.
Men or women = sing in unison.
Sing in harmony only where indicated.
Stand where indicated. Be seated after a hymn.

Applause is appropriate at the conclusion
of the program, after the postlude.

BELL PEAL

Please quiet your conversations when the carillon bells are rung.

PRELUDE

Concerto in A-minor: I. Allegro (BWV 593)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

An arrangement of Concerto for 2 Violins in A-minor (RV 622)

Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)

At the presiding minister's direction, please stand.

GREETING

Minister: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

DIALOGUE

Songs and Statements of Praise from the New Testament

- M:** Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people.
- C:** **Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.**
- M:** He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty.
- C:** **Our eyes have seen his salvation, which he prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to his people Israel.**
- M:** Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
- C:** **Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!**
- M:** Jesus Christ, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—even death on a cross!
- C:** **In him was life, and that life was the light of men.**
- M:** Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- C:** **God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
- M:** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!
- C:** **Great and glorious are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. All nations will come and worship before you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God of majesty, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be with your servants who make music for your people, that with joy we on earth may glimpse your splendor. Bring us to the fulfillment of that hope of perfection which will be ours as we stand before your unveiled glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Be seated.

COMMENTARY

Pastor Steven Degner
Star of Bethlehem Lutheran Church; Santa Maria, CA
First Vice President, WELS Arizona-California District

HYMN

The Church's One Foundation
Christian Worship #538

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Pastors' choir

Stanza 3: All

Stanza 4: Pastors' choir

Interlude *stand for the final stanza*

Stanza 5: All

Concertato by Donald Busarow, 2000

Choir stanza setting by Arnold Lehmann (1914-2009)

COMMENTARY

Pastor Matthew Vogt
Water of Life Lutheran Church; Las Vegas, NV
Chairman, WELS Arizona-California District Mission Board

HYMN

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Christian Worship #16

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: All in a round: Women begin, men enter one measure later.
("Then cleansed be ev'ry life...")

Stanza 3: St. Mark's choir

Stanza 4: St. Mark's choir

Interlude

Stanza 5: All

Concertato by Donald Busaron, 1984

COMMENTARY

Pastor Steven Hillmer

*The Springs Lutheran Church; Sparks, NV
Evangelism Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Christian Worship #35

Stanza 1: Choir men

Stanza 2: Choir women

Stanza 3: Men

Stanza 4: Women

Stanza 5: All

Concertato by Michael Burkhardt, 1996

COMMENTARY

Pastor Joel Gaertner

*Vice President of Ministry, The Lutheran Home Association
National Director, Jesus Cares Ministries
Belle Plaine, MN*

HYMN

Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Christian Worship #268

Prelude

Intonation

Stanza 1: All in harmony

Stanza 2: All in harmony, a cappella

Stanza 3: All

Prelude by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), from Orgelbüchlein (BWV 618)

COMMENTARY

Pastor Mark Zarling

President, Martin Luther College

New Ulm, MN

HYMN

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

Christian Worship #161

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: St. Mark's choir

Stanza 3: All

Improvisation *stand for the final stanza*

Stanza 4: All

Concertato by Kevin Hildebrand, 2005

COMMENTARY

Pastor Peter Kruschel

WELS Western Region Mission Counselor

Las Vegas, NV

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

Christian Worship #184

Introduction

Stanza 1: All

Stanza 2: Men

Interlude

Stanza 3: All

Concertato by Charles Ore, 1996

COMMENTARY

Pastor Aaron Boehm

*Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church; La Mesa, CA
Adult Discipleship Coordinator, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

In You Is Gladness

Christian Worship #346

Prelude

Stanza 1: All in harmony

Stanza 2: All

Prelude by Michael Burkhardt, 2005

Setting of stanza 2 by Charles Schramm, 1988

COMMENTARY

Pastor David Clark

*Grace Lutheran Church; Glendale, AZ
Second Vice President, WELS Arizona-California District*

HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Christian Worship #219

The pastors' choir sings the hymn.

Turn to hymn #219 to follow the text of the hymn.

Setting by Carl Schalk, 1993

OFFERING

Tonight's offering will help to defray the expenses related to this concert and will support the music programs of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Thank you for your gifts.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Postlude for the Office of Compline
Jehan Alain (1911-1940)

At the presiding minister's direction, please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O God our Father, we thank you for music and its wondrous power to touch and heal and strengthen. As music adorns the sweet sound of the gospel, the closed doors of the human spirit are unlocked and our hearts are moved to respond to you in worship. We praise you for this most precious gift.

Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

M: We thank you for all those who, entrusted with this gift, have composed musical tunes and set forth verses in writing; living among us in their works, they have wonderfully enriched our lives and exalted you in the liturgy of your Church. We praise you for all faithful singers of your song.

Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

M: We thank you for all who teach music in our schools, interpreting music born in the hearts of others and encouraging musical gifts in generations of students. We praise you for what they, receiving generously from you, have shared generously with others.

Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

M: We thank you for the ministers of the gospel who lead us in worship. We pray that they may bring fire and vision to a common task. Enable them through their planning and presiding at worship to bring the light of your truth to your people and the grace of the sacraments to their strengthening.

Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

M: And lastly we thank you for all who day by day enable us to sing your song in many ways and many places, accompanying it on various instruments, leading it with the beauty of the solo voice, and enriching it with new forms of music, patient scholarship, and gifted teaching. We praise you for their ministry and gratefully ask your blessing on them this day.

Let everything that lives praise the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Remain standing.

HYMN

God, Who Made the Earth and Heaven

Christian Worship #590

Intonation

Stanza 1: All
Stanza 2: St. Mark's choir
Stanza 3: Women
Stanza 4: All

Setting by Carl Schalk, 1984

*At the conclusion of the music, please be seated for the postlude.
The assembly will be dismissed after the postlude.*

POSTLUDE

Afro-Cuban Prelude on In You Is Gladness

Johannes-Matthias Michel, 1999

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

Tonight's concert is the final event celebrating the thirtieth anniversary of the St. Mark's pipe organ. Previous events in our organ anniversary year included an anniversary service with guest preacher Pastor Jon Zabell (St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Green Bay, Wisconsin; chairman of the WELS Commission on Worship), a recital by Pastor Bryan Gerlach (former pastor here at St. Mark's; director of the WELS Commission on Worship), and a practical demonstration of our pipe organ.

The St. Mark's Board of Worship is planning an annual organ recital in future years. Our recital for next year is scheduled for Sunday, February 8, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Mark Davidson will be our guest recitalist. He is the accompanist for the Lutheran A Cappella Choir and the minister of music at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin. Mark the date now and plan to join us for our 2015 pipe organ recital!

For information about future musical events, visit our church website, www.StMarksLutheran.com.

Hymn Festival Participants

Pastor Aaron Christie, Organist

Pastor Aaron Christie has served as pastor of administration, worship, youth, and school at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin since 2010. For thirteen years prior, he was one of the pastors at Faith Lutheran Church in Antioch, Illinois. He is a 1993 graduate of Northwestern College, a 1997 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, and has also earned a Master's Degree in Church Music from Concordia University–Wisconsin in 2004. He recently completed successive terms as the worship coordinator for the WELS Southwestern Wisconsin District. He presently serves the WELS at large as secretary of the Commission on Worship, a member of the Executive Committee and chairman of the Hymns Subcommittee for the WELS Hymnal Project, a member of the Institute for Worship and Outreach, and a presenter for the School of Worship Enrichment.

Pastor Johnold Strey, Choir Director

Pastor Johnold Strey has served St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Citrus Heights as pastor and minister of music since 2011. Previously he served for ten years as pastor of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Belmont, California. He is a 1997 graduate of Martin Luther College and a 2001 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. He earned a Master's Degree in Pastoral Liturgy and Liturgical Music from Santa Clara University in 2009. He has served as the worship coordinator for the WELS Arizona-California District since 2006. He is one of the presenters for the WELS School of Worship Enrichment and a member of the Rites Subcommittee for the WELS Hymnal Project. He is currently authoring a book on worship to be included in the "People's Bible Teachings" series by Northwestern Publishing House.

Pastor Jon Buchholz, Presiding Minister

Pastor Jon Buchholz was elected the district president of the WELS Arizona-California District in 2008. He has served Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Tempe, Arizona, since 2005 when he accepted their call to be the congregation's lead pastor. Previously he served as one of the pastors at Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines, Washington, and at Trinity Lutheran Church in Waukesha, Wisconsin. He is a 1986 graduate of Northwestern College and a 1990 graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Prior to his election as district president, Pastor Buchholz served the WELS at large as chairman of the Administrative Committee for Latin American Missions, as a member of the President's Ad Hoc Commission on synodical direction, and as a member of the Spanish Worship Resource Development committee.

Participating Musicians

Trumpet I

Pastor Jonathan Kehren
Hope Lutheran Church; Penryn, CA
WELS AZ-CA District Special Ministries Coordinator

Trumpet II

Pastor Jason Schmidt
St. Mark's Lutheran Church; Citrus Heights, CA
WELS AZ-CA District Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator

Trombone I

Mark Temple
Member, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Trombone II

Brett Peterson
Member, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Tuba

Patrick Walker
Member and Teacher, St. Mark's Lutheran Church and School

Flute

Maren McPeak
Member, St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Soprano Saxophone

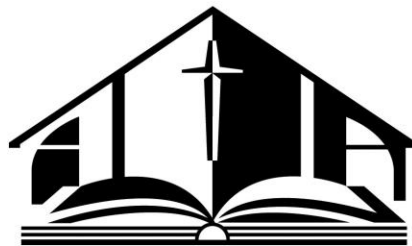
Pastor Hernandez Daylo, Jr.
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church; Yuma, AZ

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Citrus Heights, California

Founded in 1965



Founded on the Word, Focused on the Cross

ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL SERVICE SERIES

For information about these services and other anniversary events in 2015,
please visit our church website at www.StMarksLutheran.com.

Sunday, January 18, 2015

Remembering God's Blessings in the Past

Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Emeritus Nathan Pope
Associate Pastor at St. Mark's from 1977 to 1980

Sunday, June 14, 2015

Giving Thanks for God's Blessings in the Present

Regular Morning Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Bill Tackmier
Professor of Old Testament at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary
Associate Pastor at St. Mark's from 1996 to 2010

Special Afternoon Festival Service at 4:00 p.m.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Jon Buchholz
WELS Arizona-California District President
Guest Organist: Pastor Bryan Gerlach
Director of the WELS Commission on Worship
Associate Pastor at St. Mark's from 1986 to 1995

Sunday, September 27, 2015

Looking Forward to God's Blessings in the Future

Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Pastor Kevin Boushek
Pastor of Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church; La Porte, Indiana
A "Son" of St. Mark's Lutheran Church