

**ST. MARK'S**  
**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
*Annual*  
**FEAST & FESTIVAL**

***Children are welcome*** in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their hymnals, bulletins, and to sing and speak loudly! We value the noise made by children!

*Visitors, we are especially glad to see you. Please come again!!*

**August 3, 2025**

— The **BOLD** is read by the **Congregation**—

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THE GATHERING**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
who looks upon us in compassion,  
forgives our sin,  
and heals our lives

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*A moment of silence for reflection*

Have mercy, O God,  
**against you, you alone,  
we have sinned.**

**In your compassion,  
cleanse us from our sin  
and take away our guilt.  
Create in us a new heart  
and give us a steadfast spirit.**

**Do not cast us away,  
but fill us with your Holy Spirit  
and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

As tender as parent to child,  
so deep is God's compassion for you.  
As high as heaven is above earth,  
so vast is God's love for you.  
As far as east is from west,  
so far God removes your sin from you,  
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.  
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.  
**Blessed be God forever.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**Shall We Gather at the River**

Shall we gather at the river,  
where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever  
flowing by the throne of God?

***Refrain:***

Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river  
that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,  
washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day.

***Refrain***

Ere we reach the shining river,  
lay we every burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown.

***Refrain***

Soon we'll reach the shining river,  
soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver  
with the melody of peace.

***Refrain***



## 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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish?

Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:**

**Psalms 49:1-12**

*The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation*

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> **you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at  
my heels surrounds me,



<sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their  
trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup> One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup> in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who  
come after them.**

<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

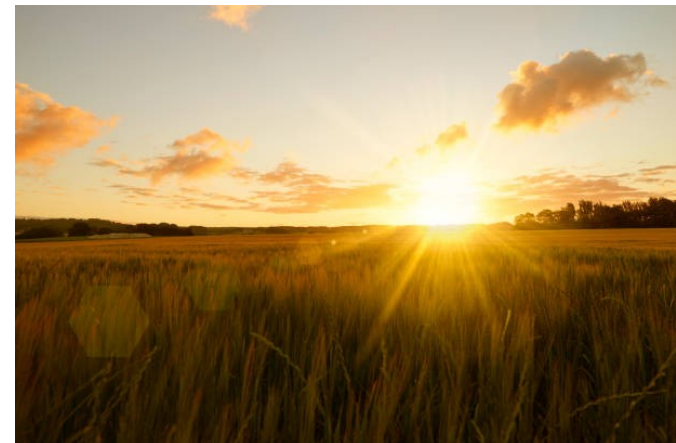
**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God**





## **GOSPEL:**

**Luke 12:13-21**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Lue Moua

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **Mansion Over The Hilltop**

I'm satisfied with just a cottage below,  
A little silver and a little gold;  
But in that city where the ransomed will shine,  
I want a gold one that's silver-lined.

#### ***Refrain:***

I've got a mansion just over the hilltop,  
In that bright land where we'll never grow old;  
And someday yonder we will never more wander,  
But walk the streets that are purest gold.

Tho' often tempted, tormented and tested  
And, like the prophet, my pillow a stone,  
And tho' I find here no permanent dwelling,  
I know He'll give me a mansion my own.

#### ***Refrain:***

Don't think me poor or deserted or lonely,  
I'm not discouraged, I'm heaven bound;  
I'm just a pilgrim in search of a city,  
I want a mansion, a harp and a crown.

#### ***Refrain:***



## APOSTLES' CREED

*Joined together, let us confess our faith...*

**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 petition ends with: ...Merciful God.

The congregation responds: **Receive our prayer.**

## OFFERING

*You can send your offering through the mail to :*

***Saint Mark's Lutheran Church***

***PO Box 206***

***Randolph MN 55065***

*or download the **GivePlus** app on your mobile phone*

*or go to our **website** and click on the give button on the top.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

## BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,

God, the Word of life,

God, the Spirit of truth

**✠ bless you all, now and forever. Amen.**





## SENDING SONG

### I Saw the Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear savior in  
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

#### *Refrain*

I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

Just like a blind man, I wandered along  
Worries and fears I claimed for my own  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

#### *Refrain*

I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate and narrows the way  
Now I have traded the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

#### *Refrain*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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## Thank You!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. We sincerely pray that the service was inspiring, and comforting. If you find occasion to worship with us again, please know that we appreciate your presence. If you are looking for a home church, please let the pastor know by phone, email, or text. Wherever you go, may God be at your side and bring you peace and joy.



### Prayer Requests

Rhonda Johnson (friend of the Besters), Tim Mulvihill, Jim Otto, Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom), Bob Neil, Kevin Illa, Don Otte, Sandra Nicolai, Bill Richer, Mary Ohmann, Austin Burlage, Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), and Nicole Anderson, Dureen Mies and her family.

*When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month*

### **Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:**

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Clarice Krenik, Leatrice Taylor, and Wayne Weidner.

**Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.**

### **Events this Week:**

Quilting - Tuesday 10:00 am  
Food Shelf - Tuesday 8:30 am to 9:30 am  
WELCA - Wednesday 10:00 am  
Worship - Sunday 10:00 am



## **Announcements**

**THANK YOU** for attending our annual Feast & Festival. We hope you will enjoy the feast and all of the festivities we have planned for the day. Please stay for our live auction that begins at 1 pm

We would also like to **THANK** the band  
**The Roe Family Singers**  
for the wonderful music and entertainment they provided.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Feast & Festival Committee and all the volunteers for another great event here at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

## **Community Events**

### **Randolph/Hampton Fire District Chicken BBQ**

Please support the Fire Department for their  
57th Annual Chicken BBQ

August 16, 2025  
Serving Food from 3:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
Dance from 8:00 pm to 12:00 am  
Raffle Drawing at 9:00 pm

### **Fun Fest at St. Mathias Church in Hampton**

Please join our friends and neighbors for a day of fun!  
Sunday, August 24, 2025  
Mass is at 10:00 am  
Fun Fest begins at 11:00 am  
Live Auction starts at 1:45 pm

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