

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



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Midweek Lenten Service
Holden Evening Prayer

We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting, and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship and faith. We represent a variety of backgrounds, political positions, races and ethnicities. We recognize that we are not of one mind or persuasion on many significant issues, and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together.

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!

If you have questions or need assistance, please ask. If you have concerns, please let us know. We are glad that you are here with us today.

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

*God's Blessing,
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church*

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

*The Small Church with a **Big Heart**.*

LENTEN THEME: Into the Wild

WELCOME

Please stand as your are able.

Pastor

Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world;

All:

the light no darkness can o - ver - come;

Pastor

Stay with us now, for it is evening,

All:

and the day is al - most over.

Pastor

Let your light scat - ter the darkness,

All:

and shine within your peo - ple here. —

EVENING PRAYER

All: a tempo

1. Joy - ous light of heav - 'nly glo - ry, lov - ing
2. In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the
3. You who made the heav - en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry

glow of God's own face, you who sing cre - a - tion's
blaz - ing sun of dawn, in the light of peace and
danc - ing star of night, make us shine with gen - tle

sto - ry, shine on ev - 'ry land and race. Now as
wis - dom, we can hear your qui - et song. Love that
jus - tice, let us each re - flect your light. Might - y

eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to
fills the night with won - der, love that warms the wea - ry
God of all cre - a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our

you, God of day - break, God of shad - ows, come and
soul, Love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us
way, Lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us

light our hearts a - new. _____
free and make us whole. _____
on to end - less day. _____

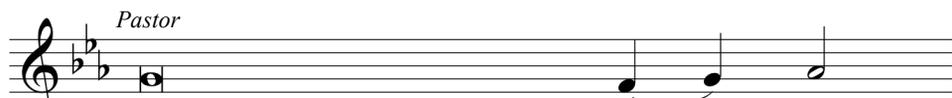
EVENING THANKSGIVING

Pastor *All:*



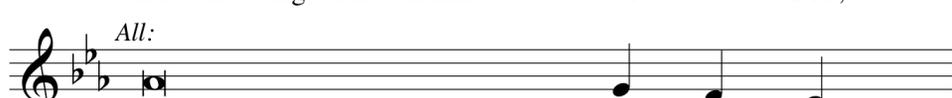
May God be with you all, and al - so with you;

Pastor



Let us sing our thanks to — God,

All:



It is right to give God thanks and praise.

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, Creator of the universe, from old you have led your people by night and day. May the light of your Christ make our darkness bright, for your Word and your presence are the light of our pathways, and you are the light and life of all creation.

All:



A - men.

PSALM 141

Lisa will lead Group 1
Pastor will lead Group 2

All:



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

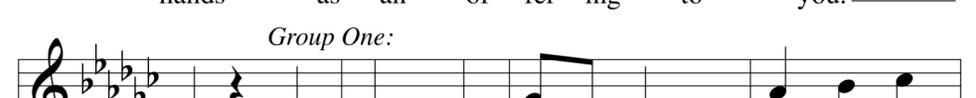


fore you, the lift - ing up of my



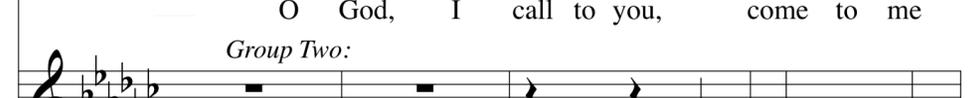
hands as an of - fer - ing to you. —

Group One:



O God, I call to you, come to me

Group Two:



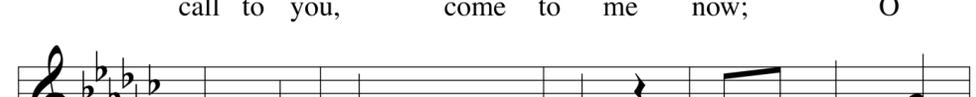
O God, I



now; O hear my voice when I



call to you, come to me now; O



cry to you. — Let my prayer rise

hear my voice when I cry to you.

up like in-cense be-fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. Keep watch with-in me, God;

of-fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be

watch with-in me, God; deep in my heart may the

burn-ing bright. Let my prayer rise

light of your love be burn-ing bright.

up like in-cense be-fore you, the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be-

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all- Cre-

of-fer-ing to you. All

a-tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

praise to the God of all- Cre-a-tor of life; all

Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise



praise be to Christ and the Spir-it of love.



up like in-cense be - fore you, the



Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -



lift - ing up of my hands as an of - fer - ing to



fore you, the lift - ing up of my hands as an



you. _____



of - fer - ing to you.

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Silence for mediation

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives.

Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

February 25th

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is God’s saving power for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith, as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

March 4th

Ephesians 2:1-9

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, doing the will of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else, but God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.

March 11th

Titus 3:3-8

For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, despicable, hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy, through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit. This Spirit he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life. The saying is sure.

I desire that you insist on these things, so that those who have come to believe in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works; these things are excellent and profitable to everyone.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.**March 18th**

Corinthians 12:9-10

but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ, for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.**March 25th**

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God.**REFLECTION**

Pastor Lue Moua

The light shines in the darkness....

...and all the darkness has not overcome it.**The Annunciation**

An angel went from God to a town called Nazareth to a woman whose name was Mary. The angel said to her, “Rejoice, O highly favored, for God is with you. You shall bear a child, and his name shall be Jesus, the Chosen One of God Most High.” And Mary said, “I am the servant of my God, I live to do your will.”

Please stand as you are able.

THE MAGNIFICAT

All:

1., 3. My — soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great - ness, O God, and my spir - it re - joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up - lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, You have looked with love on your
heart, You have filled the hun - gry with

fine last time

ser - vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won - drous things, and left the wealth - y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith - ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak — and low - ly one,
As you prom - ised to Sar - ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

LITANY AND PRAYERS

A *Repeat continuously*

(Hmmm)

B

God — of mer - cy, hold us in love.

Leader: **A** **B**

1. In peace, in peace, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

2. For peace and sal - va - tion, we pray to you:

Leader: **A** **B**

3. For peace be - tween na - tions, for peace be - tween peo - ples:
4. For us who are gath - ered to wor - ship and praise you:
5. For all of your ser - vants who live out your gos - pel:
6. For all those who gov - ern, that jus - tice might guide them:
7. For all those who la - bor in ser - vice to oth - ers:
8. Grant weath - er that nour - ish - es all of cre - a - tion:
9. Keep watch on our loved ones and keep us from dan - ger:
10. For all the be - lov - ed who rest in your mer - cy:

Leader:

Help us, com - fort us, all of our days:

All:

Keep — us, hold — us, gra - cious God.

Pastor

Let us bless our God: praise and thanks to you.

Pastor

May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may

Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the

Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for

all of our days.

All:

A - men.

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FINAL BLESSING

Go in peace.

Depart in silence

A NOTE ABOUT OFFERING DURING LENT

We will not collect offering during the service. You are invited to leave your offering in the offering plates by the sanctuary entrance doors.

Offerings during Wednesday Lenten Services will go towards the Hampton-Randolph Fire Department.



What is Lent? *from the ELCA Blogs*

Lent is the forty-day season (excluding Sundays) of penitence and preparation for the Three Days of Holy Week and Easter.

The term “Lent” originally comes from the Anglo-Saxon word “lencten” which means “spring.” This is the time, in the Northern Hemisphere, when the days are lengthening. The season began as period of fasting leading up to the Vigil of Easter. Catechumens, those preparing for baptism at Easter, would fast and spend days in intense preparation. For those that were already baptized, Lent was a period to be renewed in their faith by studying the Bible, the Creed and the Lord’s Prayer.

Although it was originally only a two-day period of preparation, Lent became a three-week preparatory period in the middle of the fourth century. By the end of the fifth century, there was a desire to exclude Sundays from Lent since Sundays are always celebrated as feasts of the Resurrection. Thus Lent begins not on Sunday, but on Ash Wednesday.

The current practice of forty days of Lent recall Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness after his Baptism (Matthew 4:2, Luke 4:1-2) as well as Moses’ forty-day fast on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28).



Thank you for worshipping with us at Saint Mark’s Lutheran Church. We welcome and appreciate your presence. May the Lord keep your heart and mind in Christ Jesus as we journey together through Lent.

Lenten Theme: Into the Wild: Luke 4:1-21

Soup Suppers: 5:45pm

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

February 21

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness

February 28

One does not live by bread alone

March 6

Worship the Lord your God

March 13

It is said, “Do not put the Lord your God to the test”

March 20

...to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor