St. Mark's
Lutheran Church



26th Sunday
After Pentecost
Christ the King

November 22nd, 2026

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*



ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE GATHERING

WELCOME
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Please stand as you are able.
In the name of the Father,
and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

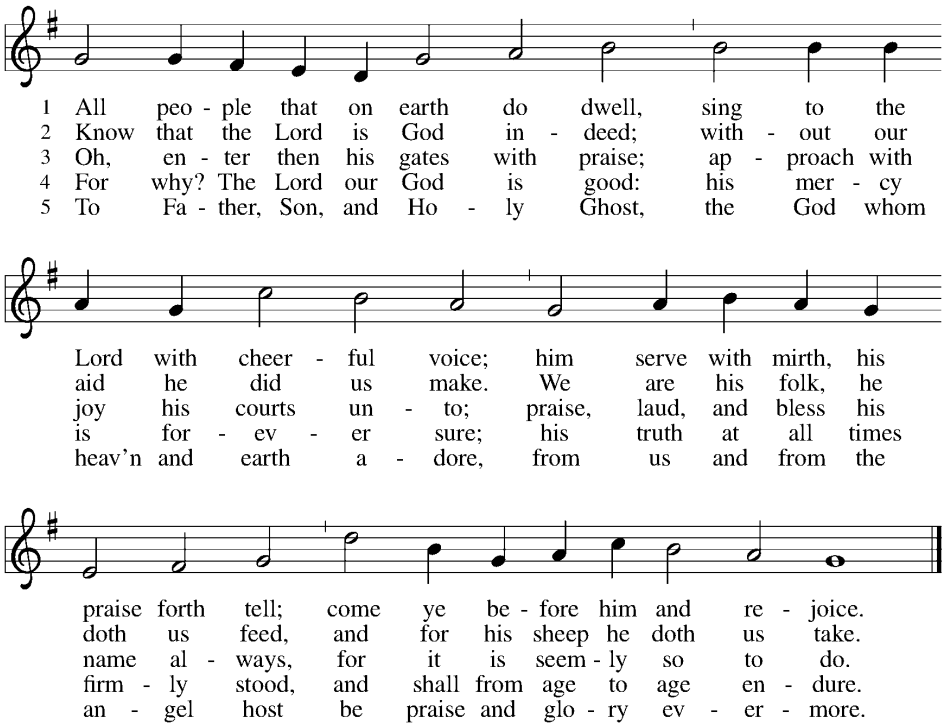
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
A moment of silence for reflection.

Most merciful God
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

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 of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING: **Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

11 Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort
them out. 12 As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among
scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the
places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick
darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the
countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the
mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the
land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of
Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land,
and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself
will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the
Lord GOD. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will
bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the
strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge
between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank
and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you
scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer
be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall
feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I the LORD will
be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the LORD
have spoken.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 95:1-7a**

[1] Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
[2] **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving**
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.
[3] For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
[4] **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**
the heights of the hills are also yours.
[5] The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
[6] **Come, let us worship and bow down,**
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
[7a] For the LORD is our God,
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.
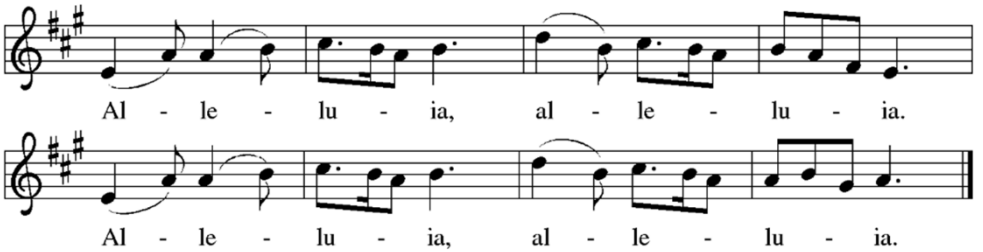
SECOND READING: **Ephesians 1:15-23**

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION **ELW 174**

Celtic Alleluia



The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL **Matthew 25:31-46**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory
and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All
the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one
from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will
put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will
say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for
I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me
something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked
and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in
prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord,
when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave
you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and
welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we
saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer
them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers
and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left
hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared
for the devil and his angels, 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I
was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did
not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison
and you did not visit me.'

44 Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or
thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of
you?’ 45 Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it
to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ 46 And these will go
away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.



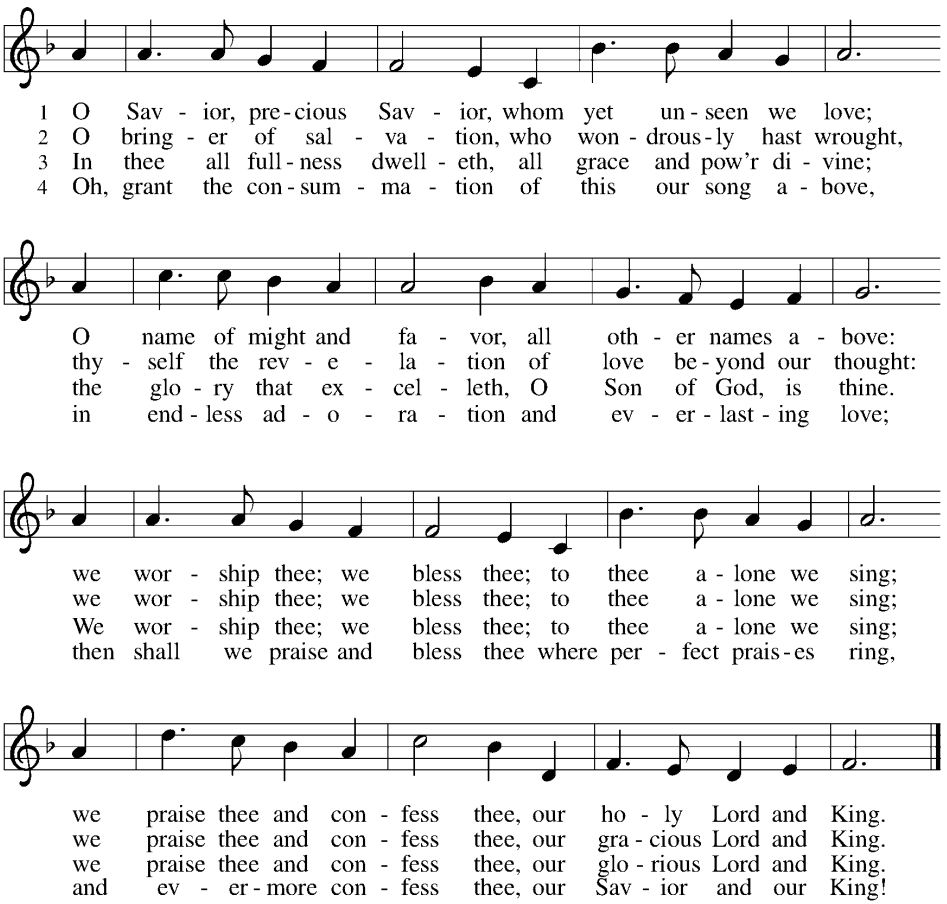
CHILDRENS SERMON

SERMON Pastor Lloyd Menke

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 820**

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

O Savior, Precious Savior



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879
Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

APOSTLES' CREED
Gathered 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
Each petition ends with: ...God in your mercy,
The congregation responds: **Hear our prayer**

SHARING OF THE PEACE
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
The assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
Please be seated.

OFFERING
You can send your offering through the mail to :
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
PO Box 206
Randolph MN 55065
or download the Vanco Mobile app on your mobile phone or go to our website and click on the give button on the top.

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

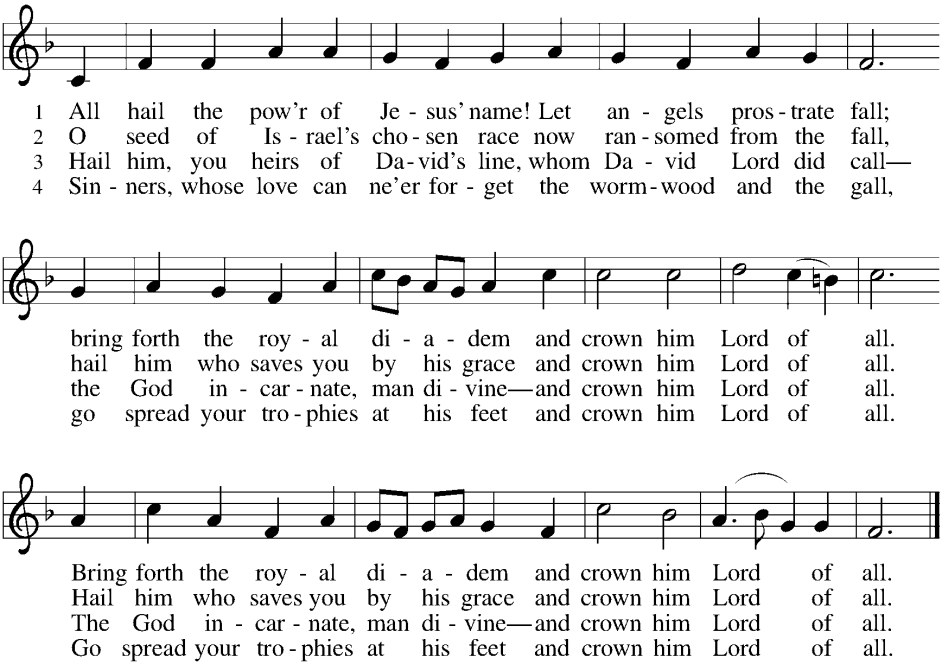
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

The God of all grace ✢ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe
on this terrestrial ball
to him all majesty ascribe
and crown him Lord of all.

6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, sts. 1–4; J. Rippon, A Selection of Hymns, 1787, sts. 5–6
Music: CORONATION, Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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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

Levi Stein (deployment to Kosovo), Carolyn Horsch, Don Otte, Kate Moorhouse (Marie Otte's niece), Marc Slininger, Tami Little (Karen Slininger's friend), Mary Ohmann, Sarah & Jim Otto, Tim Post (Stephanie Krueger's brother), Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Ottes), Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), Margaret Hayes.

When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month. If you would like them to stay on longer please let Shelby know.

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

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

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

Events this Week:

No Tuesday Bible Study
Quilting - Tuesday 10:30am
Food Shelf - Tuesday 4:30pm-6:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study Concluded until after Lent
No Confirmation – Thanksgiving Break
No Church School – Thanksgiving Break
Worship Service - 10:00 am

Announcements

Ol' Country Bazaar

Saturday November 28th

from 9:00am-2:00pm

Join us for a day filled with unique handmade crafts, delicious baked goods, and tasty treats from the kitchen.

Bring the family and enjoy a special visit from Santa, who will be stopping by to greet children and guests throughout the day.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Monday November 30th from 1:00pm-7:00pm

Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Randolph to schedule an appointment.

Food Shelf Volunteer Needed

The Food Shelf is looking for a shelf stocker and someone to volunteers to help on the 4th Tuesday of every month for the St. Mark's week. The stocker will stock every week. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Beth Bester 651-246-9301

Confirmation Teacher for 9th Grade Needed

Pastor Lloyd will be moving on from our congregation at the end of the year. We will need a 9th Grade Confirmation teacher starting on January6th, until our Pastoral role is filled. Class is Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30. Curriculum is planned and ready, with the primary focus being Lutheran Confessions.

Please contact Shelby if you can help.

Second Vote for Disaffiliation

There will be a Special Meeting for our next vote to continue the process of disaffiliation from the ELCA on *Sunday January 10th,* following our 10:00am Worship Service.

ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S OL' COUNTRY BAZAAR

sponsored by WELCA

Saturday
NOVEMBER 28
2026

9am - 2pm

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Randolph, MN 55065
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CRAFTS

BAKE SALE

SANTA
— 11am - 1pm —

LUNCHEON
— Chicken Wild Rice Soup —
— Sloppy Joes, Hot Dogs —
— Cinnamon Rolls, Caramel Rolls —
— Chips, Cookies, Beverages —

FELLOWSHIP

The proceeds of this event goes directly to St. Mark's WELCA for mission work locally and abroad.



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