

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



## Transfiguration of Our Lord

**February 15, 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**

**CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

In the name of the Father,

and of the <sup>†</sup> Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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 <sup>†</sup> Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most thy bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 we jus - tice blos - som like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 all laud we and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 would ren - der; oh, ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - thy might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!  
 and clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.  
 'tis with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

**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, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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:

### Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

<sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup> Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM:

## Psalm 2

*The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation*

<sup>1</sup> Why are the nations in an uproar?  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?  
**<sup>2</sup> Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together,  
against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**  
<sup>3</sup> “Let us break their yoke,” they say;  
“let us cast off their bonds from us.”  
**<sup>4</sup> God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**  
<sup>5</sup> Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.  
**<sup>6</sup> “As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**  
<sup>7</sup> Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me,  
“You are my son; this day have I begotten you.  
**<sup>8</sup> Ask of me,  
and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**  
<sup>9</sup> You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”  
**<sup>10</sup> And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**  
<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;  
**<sup>12</sup> lest the LORD be angry,  
and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

**SECOND READING:****2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.” <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****ELW 142**

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:****Matthew 17:1-9**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDRENS SERMON****SERMON**

Pastor Lue Moua

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW 315



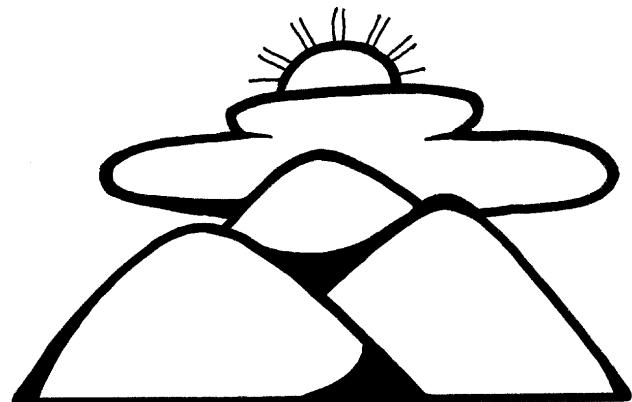
1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold  
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;  
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.  
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.

Music: POTSDAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854



## 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. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: ...Merciful God,

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

*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.*

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*In the night in which he was betrayed...  
...Do this for the remembrance of me.*

### 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.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Lord's banquet is before you, taste and see that God is good.

### DISTRIBUTION

**For those communing at the altar:**

*Pastor will direct one side of the sanctuary at a time to come to the altar. You will form a single file line in the middle aisle. You will receive bread from the pastor and wine/grape juice from the communion assistant. Once you receive communion and wine, please return to your pew.*

*If you have limited mobility, please let the pastor know and pastor will come to your seat with communion and wine.*

*If you need gluten-free options, please let the pastor know.*

**For those communing online:**

*After communion at the altar is completed, Pastor will commune those who are joining us virtually. Please take out your bread. Pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you," and you may eat the bread.*

*Please take out your wine or juice. Pastor will say, "The blood of Christ shed for you," and you may drink the wine/juice.*

*After everyone has received communion, Pastor will conclude communion by saying:*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, **+** Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**



## SENDING SONG

ELW 631

### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al-might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell-ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

## 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

Joy Bester, Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Otte's), Marc Slininger, Mary Ohmann, Dan & Samantha Doar (friends of Shelby Kuhn),

Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Keith Bester, Dennis Kuhn, Carolyn Chester, Austin Burlage, Tim Mulvihill, Don Otte, Sarah and Jim Otto, Kou Thao (Nou Moua's Dad), Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents), Nicole Anderson.

*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 Dixie know.*

## 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, especially:

The family and friends of Dean Sathre.

The family and friends of Candace Volkert

## Events this Week:

Bible Study - Tuesday 9:30 am

Quilting - Tuesday 10:30am

Food Shelf - Tuesday 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Soup Supper - Wednesday 5:45 pm

## Ash Wednesday Service - Wednesday 6:30 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday 6:30 pm

Church School - Sunday 9:00 am

Church - Sunday 10:00 am

## Announcements

**Soup Suppers Wednesdays at 5:45 February 18th to March 25th.**

**Wednesday Lenten Services at 6:30 pm starting February 18th.**

### First Communion Save the Date

This is for 5th graders and their families. Pastor will be baking bread with the 5th graders on Wednesday, April 1st from 6-7:30 pm.

First Communion will be on Thursday, April 2nd at 6:30 pm

## Community Events

### Community Food Shelf

Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. Saint Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving some extra food please let them know we're here to help.

1st Tuesday 8:00 am to 9:30 am

2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food.

### College Student Food Shelf Invite

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf.

We want to help with your expenses during these years.

Please come when the Food Shelf is open or  
at 9 am before Church on Sunday or  
contact Beth Bester at (651) 246-9301

### **Food Shelf is on Facebook**

Come find us at ***Randolph MN Area Food Shelf***

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