

## Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 26, 2026

*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.**

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 ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

GATHERING SONG

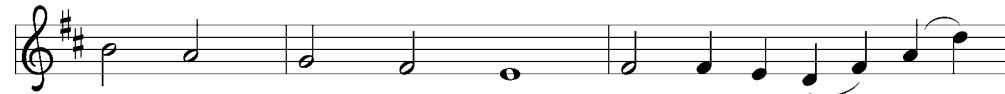
Sing verses: 1, 2, 3, then 7, 8

ELW 619

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love; 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
he lives to plead for me above; he lives, and I shall conquer death;  
he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives my mansion to prepare;  
he lives to help in time of need. he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; 8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
he lives and loves me to the end; He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; what joy this blest assurance gives:  
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king! I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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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 our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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:** Acts 2:42-47

<sup>42</sup> [The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** Psalm 23

*The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation*

<sup>1</sup> The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

<sup>3</sup> You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup> **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

<sup>6</sup> **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 2:19-25

<sup>19</sup> It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup> "He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL:**

**John 10:1-10**

The holy gospel according to...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**CHILDRENS SERMON  
SERMON**

Pastor Lue Moua

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 789**

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

**Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

1 Sav - ior like a shep - herd lead us; much we need your ten - der care.  
 2 We are yours; in love be - friend us, be the guard - ian of our way;  
 3 You have prom - ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin - ful though we be;  
 4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor, ear - ly let us do your will;

In your pleas - ant pas - tures feed us, for our use your fold pre - pare.  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 you have mer - cy to re - lieve us, grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 bless - ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have bought us; we are yours.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, hear us chil - dren when we pray.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, ear - ly let us turn to you.  
 Bless - ed Je - sus, bless - ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still.

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Text: attr. Dorothy A. Thrupp, 1779–1847  
 Music: BRADBURY, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

## 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, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through 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 Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

ELW 536

### God Be with You Till We Meet Again



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904  
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

## 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

Tami Little (friend of Karen Slininger), Sandy Kutz, Carolyn Horsch, Tim Post (Stephanie Kruegers brother), Marc Slininger, Mary Ohmann, Cami Zeien (friend of Besters & Otte's), Cyndi Christopher (Jill Ballards sister), Dennis Kuhn, Carolyn Chester, Don Otte, Sarah and Jim Otto, Jerry & Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's parents).

*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.

## Events this Week:

Bible Study - Tuesday 9:30 am

Quilting - Tuesday 10:30 am

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

Confirmation - Wednesday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Blood Drive - Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Church School - Sunday 9:00 am - 9:45 am

Worship - Sundays 10:00 am

## Save the Date for the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly

The dates are May 15th and May 16th at St. Andrew's in Mahtomedi. St. Mark's is allowed 3 people to attend. This year we are voting for the next Bishop, so it would be great to get folks there. If people are interested, they can let Pastor Lue know by April 24th, so we can do the early registration.

<https://spas-elca.org/event/2026-synod-assembly/>

## Announcements

### Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings 6:30-7:30 as we study the book of Acts. We will learn how the disciples spread the good news of Jesus death and resurrection. The book explains how Christianity offered hope and salvation and set itself apart from the other religions of its time and today. There are take home study guides available on Wednesday or you can purchase a book online; Acts Bible Study Guide plus Streaming Video The Revolution of Faith by Randy Frazee.

Started Wednesday April 15<sup>th</sup> and concludes May 20<sup>th</sup>



### BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, April 30th from 1-7 pm  
at St. Mark's Church.

Please sign-up online for an appointment at

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time>

Or call Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767.

*It helps if you make an appointment.*

### Volunteers Needed

If you are able to help out on  
April 30th, please call the church at (507) 263-9182  
and leave a message or email [stmarksrandolph@gmail.com](mailto:stmarksrandolph@gmail.com)  
or contact Beth Bester @ (651) 246-9301

## Community Events

### Community 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.

**SATURDAY**  
**May**  
**09**  
**9 AM - 11 AM**

*Paint Party!*  
**Tree of Hearts**

Hosted by WELCA of  
St. Mark's Church  
\*\*Free to attend for  
the Women + friend of  
St. Marks Church

Lunch will  
be  
provided

Limited seating:  
You MUST Sign up by  
Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>  
to reserve your seat

Questions?  
Call Dorry at  
**612-309-2066**

**LOCATION:**  
**St. Mark's Church**  
**WELCA**  
28595 Randolph Blvd  
Randolph, MN



**Beginner**  
**Friendly!**

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## Columbarium Information

There will be more in-depth information coming soon on the design plans, donation options, the purchase price for niches and other options available.

# ST. MARKS LUTHERAN CHURCH COLUMBARIUM EXPANSION

## EICKHOF ELY OSSUARIUM

- Niche Fronts Finished in Honed Superior Black Granite
- Memorial Band® Finished in Polished Superior Black Granite
- Heavy Base Finished in Superior Black Granite
- Thick Capstone Finished in Superior Black Granite
- 144 Companion Niches
- 275 Soft Urn™ Spaces
- 563 Total Urn Spaces



\*Example only - color will be different\*

### What is a columbarium?

A columbarium is an above ground structure with niches to receive urns containing human cremation ashes. Our church will be installing a columbarium later in the year as an option for members of our church and community to provide a final resting spot for our faithful loved ones. More information will be provided in the near future with a pre-sale kickoff planned for late spring.

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