

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: Seeking God's Light

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. —

2 poco rit.



EVERING 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 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

READING

[see insert]

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

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.

CLOSING PRAYERS

Great and merciful God, source and group of all goodness and life, give to your people the peace that passes all understanding, and the will to live your gospel of mercy and justice, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

God, remember us in your love, 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.**

FINAL BLESSING

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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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: Seeking God’s Light

Soup Suppers: 6:00pm

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

March 1

Let there be light
Genesis 1:1-14

March 8

The Lord make his face shine
upon you
Numbers 6:22-27

March 15

I am the light of the world
John 8:12

March 22

Walk as children of light
Ephesians 5:6-9

March 29

For the Lord God will be their light
Revelation 22:1-5