

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

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.

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

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FILL MY CUP, LORD

Words and Music by Richard Blanchard
Arr. by Eugene Clark

1. Like the wom-an at the well I was seek-ing _____ For
2. There are mil-lions in this world who are crav-ing _____ The
3. So my broth-er, if the things this world gave you _____ Leaves

things that could not sat-is-fy. And then I heard my Sav-ior
please-ure earth-ly things af-ford. But none can match the won-drous
hun-gers that won't pass a-way. My bless-ed Lord will come and

speak-ing: "Draw from my well that nev-er shall run dry."
treas-ure _____ That I find in Je-sus Christ, my Lord.
save you _____ If you kneel to Him and hum-bly pray.

Fill my cup, Lord, — I lift it up, Lord, — Come and quench this thirst-ing of my soul.

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Bread of heav-en, feed me till I want no more; Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.

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.

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 130

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord**

more than those who keep watch for the morning,

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD,
for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

**⁸For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

SECOND READING:

Romans 8:6-11

⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 142

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL:

John 11:1-45

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, “Lord, he whom you love is ill.” ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, “This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God’s glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, “Let us go to Judea again.” ⁸The disciples said to him, “Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?” ⁹Jesus answered, “Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.” ¹¹After saying this, he told them, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.” ¹²The disciples said to him, “Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.” ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, “Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.” ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, “Let us also go, that we may die with him.”

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

²⁸When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.” ²⁹And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

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

Please be seated.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Lue Moua

HYMN OF THE DAY

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

101 I’D RATHER HAVE JESUS

Rhea F. Miller

George Beverly Shea

1. I’d rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or
 2. I’d rath - er have Je - sus than men’s ap -
 3. He’s fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est

gold, I’d rath - er be His than have rich - es un -
 plause, I’d rath - er be faith - ful to His dear
 bloom, He’s sweet - er than hon - ey from out the

told; I’d rath - er have Je - sus than hous - es or
 cause; I’d rath - er have Je - sus than world - wide
 comb; He’s all that my hun - ger - ing spir - it

lands, I'd rath - er be led — by His nail - pierced hand.
 fame, I'd rath - er be true — to His ho - ly name.
 needs, I'd rath - er have Je - sus and let Him lead.

Than to be the king of a vast do -

main Or be held in sin's dread sway; —

I'd rath - er have Je - sus than an - y -

thing This world af - fords to - day. —

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.**

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.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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

220 THE OLD RUGGED CROSS

Words and Music by
George Bennard

Chords: B \flat , B \flat ° B \flat , E \flat , E \flat ° E \flat , C

1. On a hill far a - way stood an old rug - ged cross, The—
2. O that old rug - ged cross, so de - spised by the world, Has a
3. In the old rug - ged cross, stained with blood so di - vine, A—
4. To the old rug - ged cross, I will ev - er be true, Its—

Chords: F7, B \flat , B \flat , B \flat ° B \flat

em - blem of suf - f'ring and shame;— And I love that old cross where the
won - drous at - trac - tion for me;— For the dear Lamb of God left His
won - drous beau - ty I see;— For 'twas on that old cross Je - sus
shame and re - proach glad - ly bear;— Then He'll call me some day to my

Chords: E \flat , E \flat ° E \flat , C, F7, B \flat

dear - est and best For a world of lost sin - ners was slain. —
glo - ry a - bove To— bear it to dark Cal - va - ry. —
suf - fered and died To— par - don and sanc - ti - fy me. —
home far a - way, Where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share. —

Chorus Chords: F7, B \flat

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged the cross, Till my
cross, the old rug - ged cross,

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tro - phies at last I lay down; — I will cling to the old rug - ged cross, the

cross, — And ex - change it some day for a crown. —
old rug - ged cross,

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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 challenging, 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.

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Prayer Requests

Liz Volkert (Aunt to Colleen Thompson), Kevin Illa, and Danny Endres

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, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, especially:

The family and friends of Robert Staub (Todd Staub's brother),
The family and friends of Dave Blank and
The family and friends of Keith Illa.

This Week's Stewards

Greeters/Acolyte:

Reader:

Next Week's Stewards

Greeters/Acolyte:

Reader:

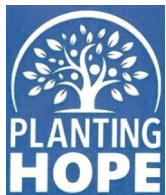
Communion Servers:

Events this Week:

- Worship - Sundays 10:00 am
- Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 am
- Quilting - Tuesdays 10:00 am
- Food Shelf - Tuesday 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
- Soup Supper - Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
- Church School - Wednesday 6:00 pm - 6:45 pm
- Confirmation - Wednesday - must attend Lenten Service
- Lenten Service - Wednesday 7:00 pm
- Blood Drive - Thursday 1:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Announcements

Planting Hope Campaign



If you would like to participate in the Planting Hope campaign and donate, please make your checks out to St. Mark's Church and return with the donation form. We will add the donation to your giving record. We will then send a check for all the donations.

Pavilion Update

The plans and permits have finally all been approved by the Randolph Township Board. Permits have been paid and so we are ready to start building the pavilion this spring when the ground conditions are right.

We are currently getting updated bids for the structure. If you would like to donate money towards the Pavilion please write Pavilion in the memo of your check. More information will come as we get updated costs and the timing of the build.

BLOOD DRIVE

March 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.

You must make an appointment.

BLOOD DRIVE Volunteers Needed

March 30th between 1-7 pm at St. Mark's Church.

If you are able to help out on March 30th,

please call the church at (507) 263-9182

and leave a message or email stmarksrandolph@gmail.com

or contact Beth Bester@ (651) 246-9301

Seeking God's Light

St. Mark's Lutheran Church
 Soup Supper
 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Lenten Services ~ Holden Evening Prayer
 7:00 PM
 In-Person Service and Streamed on Facebook

Ash Wednesday February 22	Mar 1	Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 29
	Genesis 1:1-4 <i>Let there be light</i>	Numbers 6:22-27 <i>The Lord make his face to shine upon you</i>	John 8:12 <i>I am the light of the world</i>	Ephesians 5:6-9 <i>Walk as children of light</i>	Revelation 22:1-5 <i>For the Lord God will be their light</i>

Wednesday Soup Suppers During Lent

If you would like to bring a crock of soup to share... please checkout Facebook on Monday's when we post a reminder for soup supper and the Lenten lesson that week. You are more than welcome to reply on those posts if you are planning on bringing soup or you can leave a message at church. There will also be a signup sheet at church in the narthex

Join us for the Lenten services at 7:00 pm

You can find the bulletin for Wednesday's Service on our website @ www.stmarksrandolph.com

Community Events

Mission “WARM” Donation Box

If you have warm outer layers you are looking to donate, St Mark’s Church has just the box for you. Please place your clean hats, mittens, and warm jackets in the collection box in the Church hallway..

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) 437-6972

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