St. Mark's
Lutheran Church



24th Sunday
After Pentecost

November 8th , 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.
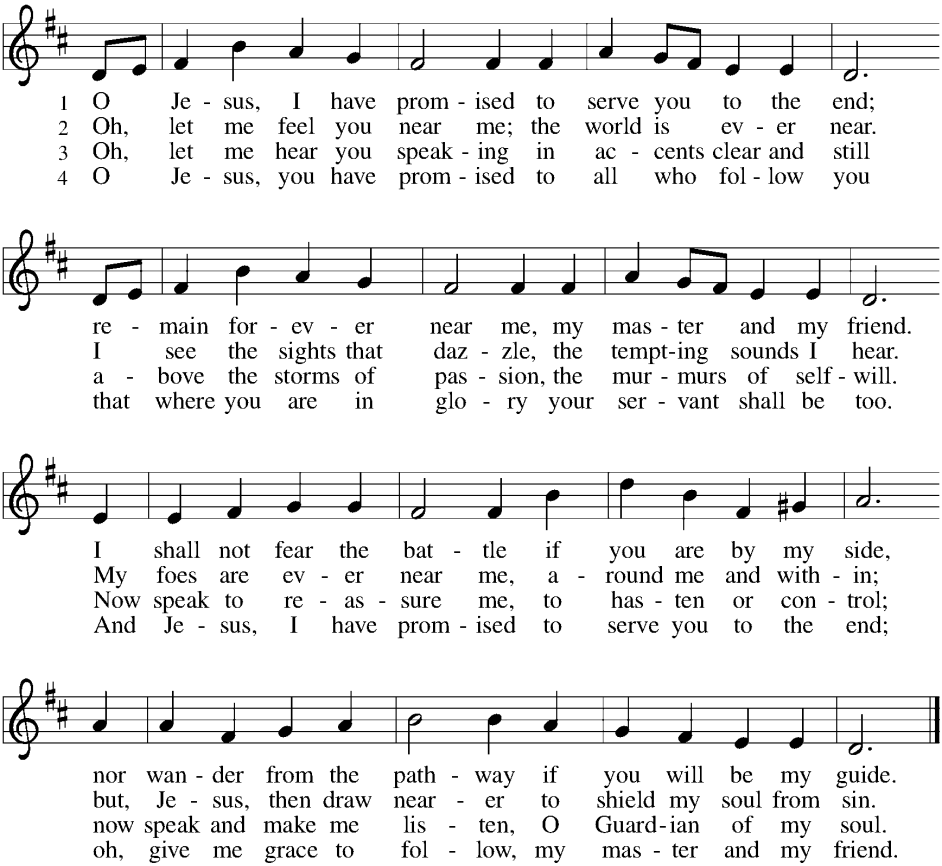
Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
A moment of silence for reflection.

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.

O Jesus, I Have Promised



Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
Music: MUNICH, *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

Please be seated.

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

FIRST READING: **Amos 5:18-24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why do you want the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

[23] Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
[24] But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 70**
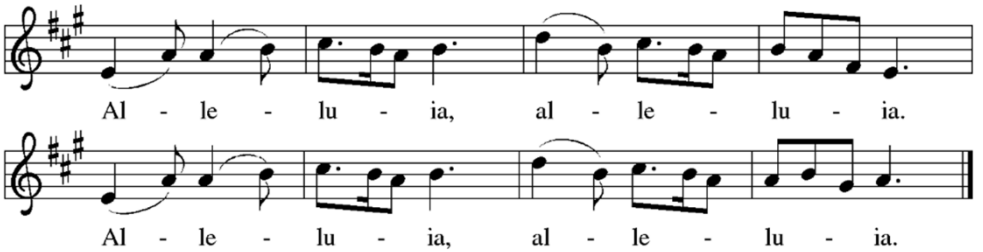
[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;**
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;**
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the LORD!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

SECOND READING: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.
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 25:1-13**

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHURCH SCHOOL SINGING
"King of the Jungle"

CHILDRENS SERMON
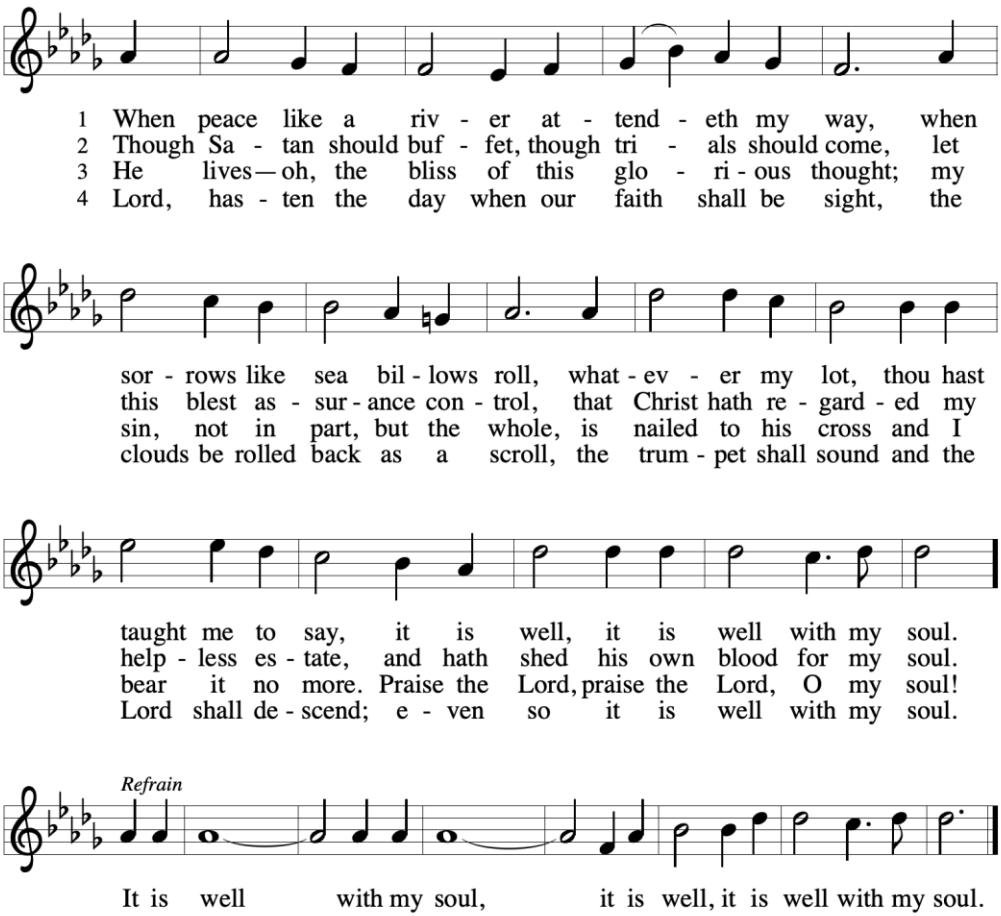
SERMON Pastor Lloyd Menke

HYMN OF THE DAY **ELW 785**

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

When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876

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.
Please be seated.

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

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

Amen.

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

2 No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

3 No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we are goin' to see the King!

4 Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
we're are goin' to see the King!

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

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.



Thank you to Bishop Grimm for leading our Worship Service today!

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).

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:

Tuesday Bible Study 9:30am-10:30am
Quilting - Tuesday 10:30am
Food Shelf - Tuesday 8:00-9:30am
Council Meeting Tuesday 7:00pm
Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm-7:30pm
Confirmation - Wednesday 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Church School - Sunday 9:00 am - 9:45 am
Worship Service - 10:00 am

Announcements

Informational Meeting with Pastor Aaron of LCMC

Would you like more information on LCMC? We are having Pastor Aaron Deutsch – Director of the Augustana District, join us to share information on the Augustana District and answer questions you may have, on *Tuesday November 17th at 6:30pm.*

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

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

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9am - 2pm

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Randolph, MN 55065
507-263-9182
Facebook: St. Mark's Randolph MN WELCA

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.

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 randolphmnfoodshelf@gmail.com

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