

**St. Mark's
Lutheran Church**



**All Saint's Day
November 1st , 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.

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.

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3–5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .
saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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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

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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:

Revelation 7:9-17,

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!”

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- ¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
- ¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God’s name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- ⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**
- ⁹ Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
- ¹⁰ **The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**
- ²² O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING:

John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 174

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Celtic Alleluia

Musical notation for the Celtic Alleluia. It consists of two staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written in a simple, folk-like style. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes on each staff.

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS SERMON**SERMON**

Bishop Justin Grimm

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

The Church's One Foundation



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
Oh, bless - ed heav'n-ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmands, please stand.

Dear friends,

I present our confirmation class of 2025, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you for our Confirmands, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH

Each confirmand is invited to come to the podium to read their faith statement which they have prepared. Please follow the order in which your photo appears.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

At this time, confirmands, please stand.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Confirmands respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Confirmands respond: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Confirmands respond: I renounce them.

The minister addresses the whole assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.

AFFIRMATION

Confirmation and their parents/sponsors please come to the front of the sanctuary.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for
justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support *our Confirmands* and pray for *them* in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in our Confirmands the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Let us rejoice with our Confirmands in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

**Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Saint Mark's Lutheran, let us congratulate our Confirmation class of 2025.

*May God bless our students and remind them to be persistent in their faith.
The journey has only just begun.*

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

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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 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

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.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

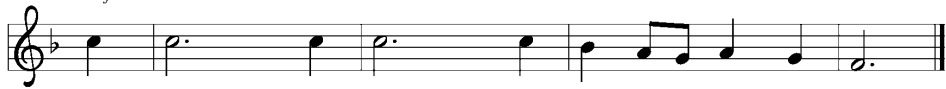


1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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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:

No Tuesday Bible Study

Quilting - Tuesday 10:30am

Food Shelf - Tuesday 8:00-9:30am

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

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

Worship Service - 10:00 am

Confirmation



Jonathan Tate

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

Galatians 6:9

Tenley Otte

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your path.”

-Proverbs 3:5-6



Ramsey Krueger

“For, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way. Holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”

-1 Timothy 4:8

Confirmation

Gerald Sachs

“We give thanks to God
for all of you and mention
you in our prayers.”

- 1 Thessalonians 1:2



Will Sachs

“I am about to do a new
thing; now it springs forth;
do you not perceive it? I
will make a way in the
wilderness and rivers in
the desert.”

-Isaiah 43:19

Congratulations to our 2026 Confirmands!

Announcements

Church School – Operation Christmas Child

Church School is collecting shoeboxes and donations for Operation Christmas Child again this year! There will be options for donations on an easel in the entry, and a bin for donations if you would like to help.

They will be packing the shoeboxes at 9:00am on November 8th.

Please have your donations in before then.

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.

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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