

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 5, 2020**

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church Reopening Guidelines & Expectations

Safety Precautions

- If you or someone in your household is sick, please stay home.
- Please physical distance at least 6 feet.
- Follow best hygiene practices – please use hand sanitizer.
- Masks are optional but strongly encouraged if possible.
- Please cover your cough or sneeze.
- No food or drink allowed in the church at this time.
- The kitchen is closed. Please do not go into the church kitchen.
- The classrooms are closed. Please do not go into the classrooms.
- The water fountains are off. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- Please do not congregate before or after the service.
- Please no singing during the service.
- Please be patient, kind, and understanding.
- No Group may use the church building until they have approval from the church office. The Church Council has the final decision about facility use based on safety considerations.

**Saint Mark's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan
is available in the narthex.**

— The **BOLD** is read by the **Congregation**—

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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,

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.

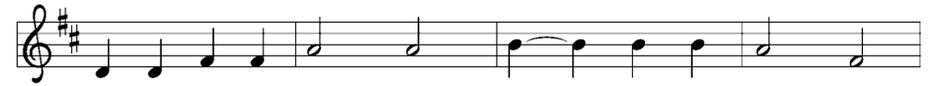
In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 413

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 145:8-14

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁰All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

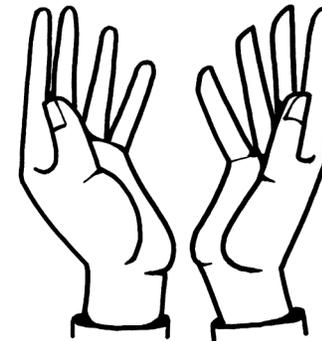
¹¹**They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹²that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures throughout all ages.**

**You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in
all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.



SECOND READING:**Romans 7:15-25a**

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**ELW p. 179**

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:**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Lue Moua

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 712

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun-dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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APOSTLES' CREED

Joined 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: ...Hear us, O God

The congregation responds: **Your mercy is great .**

OFFERING

You can send your offering through the mail to :

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

PO Box 206

Randolph MN 55065

or download the GivePlus app on your mobile phone

or go to our [website](#) and click on the give button on the top.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed...

...Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom 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.



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The Lord's banquet is before you, taste and see that God is good.

DISTRIBUTION

Everyone should have an individual pack of bread and grape juice. If you don't have one, please raise your hand. An usher will come to assist you.

Please unwrap the bread first by pulling on the thin top plastic film. For the wine, you may pull on the hard plastic tab to uncover the grape juice.

When Pastor Lue concludes the saying, "The body of Christ given for you," you may eat the bread. Likewise, when Pastor Lue concludes the saying, "The blood of Christ shed for you," you may drink the wine.

Pastor Lue concludes communion by saying:

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies



1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
 2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
 3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years



for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain:
 who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life:
 thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears:



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine,
 A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-'ry flaw,



and crown thy good with broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
 till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness, and ev-'ry gain di-vine.
 con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law.

Text: Katherine L. Bates, 1859–1929
 Music: MATERNA, Samuel A. Ward, 1848–1903

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
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 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.

**Prayer Requests**

Simone Otis (niece of Jill Ballard), and Charlie Trapp

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:

Dave & Marge Blank, Rosella Davisson, Arnie Felton,
 Robert & Margaret Hayes, Sharon Kappedahl, Ray Ohmann,
 Arlene Ringeisen, Maxine Sunde, and Leatrice Taylor

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

The Family of Kevin Estrem
 The Family of Veronica Hayes Rehder
 The Family of Gloria Dubbles

Events this Week:

Worship - Sunday 10:00 am
 Bible Study - Tuesday at church - 9:00 am

Bible Study update

Bible Study Tuesday @ 9 am will be at the church during July.
 Bible Study Tuesday @ 7 pm will look at resuming in the fall.

Readers needed for Services

Pastor is looking for readers for Sunday Worship Services.

Contact Pastor Lue or Dixie if you can help out.

Contact information is on the last page.

Worship Bulletin pickup

Printed worship bulletins for Sunday Services and self-addressed envelopes are available by the front doors at church starting on the Thursday afternoon before the Service.

Summer Help with Food for Kids

If you are in need of help provide food for your kids during the summer while school is out, please contact Beth Bester at (651) 437-6973.

Please leave a message with your name and number so she can contact you.

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 Wednesday 8:00 am to 10:00 am
2nd & 3rd Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm
4th Wednesday 9:00 am to 11:00 am

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food.

Announcements

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SUMMER CELEBRATION

Sunday

AUGUST

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-- Church Service - 10am --
outdoor service or online

-- Live BlueGrass Music --

-- Cash Raffle --
\$20 tickets*, cash payouts totalling \$3,000
winners announced after service

GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS!

We may not be able to host the annual Feast & Festival this year, but you still have the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and win some great cash prizes!

If you'd like raffle tickets delivered to your door, please email or call/text keri_lorenzen@yahoo.com
507.202.0663

We can even accept online payment through the GivePlus app.

If you'd be willing to help sell raffle tickets, please reach out at the email or phone# above and we'll get you everything you need. Thanks!

WHAT'S DIFFERENT THIS YEAR?

It may not be the Feast & Festival, however, we can still worship together and enjoy some great music!

Join us August 2nd for a socially-distanced outdoor (or online) worship service.

*This event is subject to last minute changes.

28595 Randolph Blvd
Randolph, MN 55065
507-263-9182

St. Mark's Stained Glass Voting

The stained glass sketches are completed. We now have 2 sketch options for Saint Mark's Church Members to vote on. The stained glass will be located behind the altar.

Send your **vote by July 15, 2020** by email or phone.

Email to stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com or

Call and leave a message at the church **(507) 263-9182**

Be sure you include your name/s and option 1 or 2

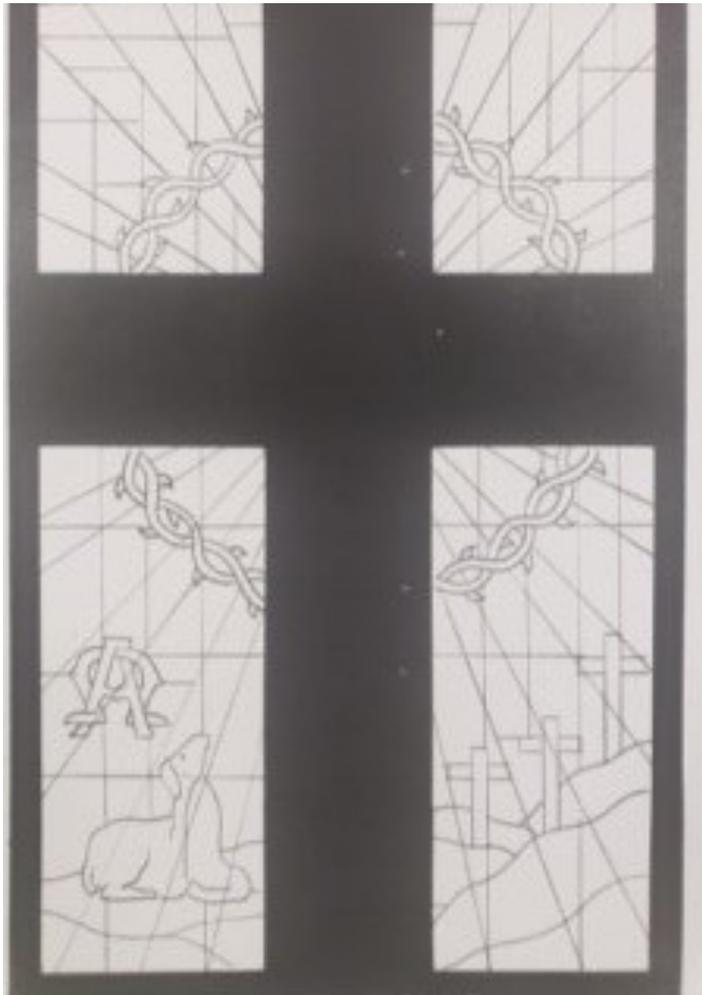
If you have any questions please contact Frieda Helgerson.

You can still donate to the Stained Glass Fund.

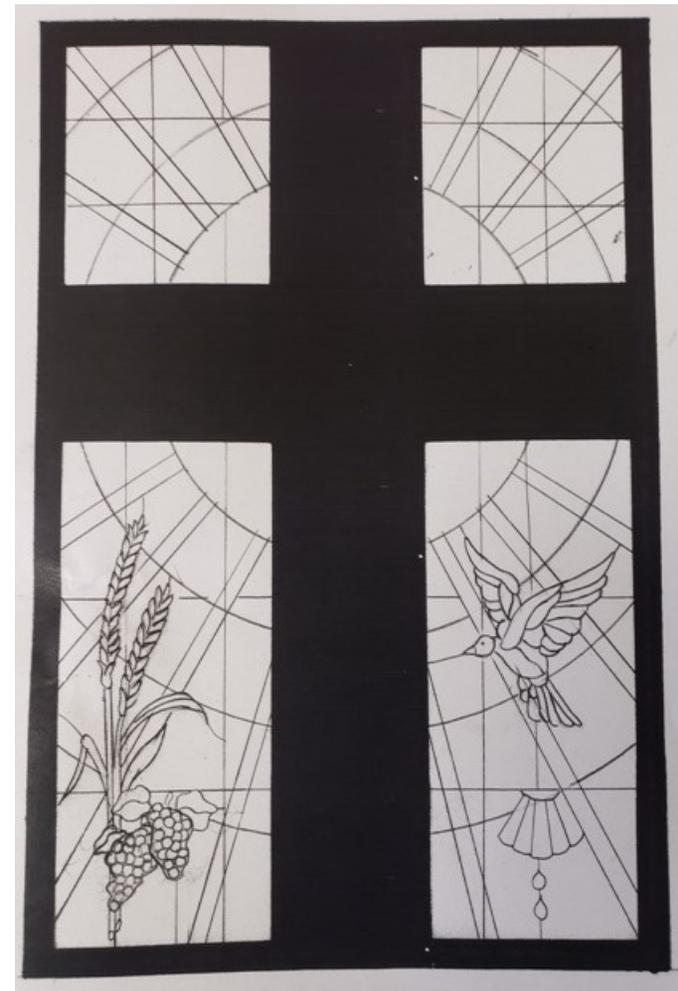
All donations are welcomed.

Make checks payable to St. Mark's Church
and reference Stained Glass Fund.

Option 1 - Crown of Thorns



Option 2 - Wheat and Dove



Made especially for St. Mark's 75th Anniversary



Hand made glass Ornament

\$20 each

19"x 25" Cotton Towels

\$10 each

Church Cookbook

\$20 each

Package Deals

A. - \$50 - 1-Ornament; 2-Towels (1 of each print); 1-Cookbook.

B. - \$35 - 1-Ornament; 2-Towels (1 of each print).

C. - \$50 - 3 Cookbooks

10% discount for 4 or more of either towels or ornaments

Options to purchase any of the items:

1. Message St. Mark's Church on Facebook.
2. E-mail stmarkschurch@northfieldwifi.com.
3. Call or Text Dixie at 612-578-8743

All items can be picked up at Dixie's house.

Address: 27819 Donnelly Ave, Randolph MN 55065

75th Anniversary Celebration will be May 23, 2021

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