Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost October 24, 2021

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.
- Please cover your cough or sneeze.
- The water fountains are off. We apologize for the inconvenience.
- 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

Please stand as you are able.

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

Gracious 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



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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

Let us pray.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:7-9

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⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,

and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;

proclaim, give praise, and say,

"Save, O LORD, your people,

the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,

and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,

among them the blind and the lame,

those with child and those in labor, together;

a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,

and with consolations I will lead them back,

I will let them walk by brooks of water,

in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;

for I have become a father to Israel,

and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 126

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever.

²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.





GOSPEL:

Mark 10:46-52

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lue Moua

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

Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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 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.

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

Amen.

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,

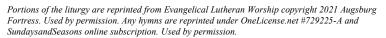
and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.



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SENDING SONG

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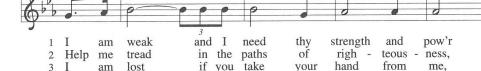
Lead Me, Guide Me

















DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

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.

Prayer Requests

Marge Blank, Sherry Ewton, Diane Trapp, Pam Soth (friend of Dorry Wallof), Tony Nicolai, Chad Holtz and Marilyn Ries (Chicky Otte's mom),

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, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Marie Norstad, Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

Events this Week:

Worship - Sunday 10:00 am
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am
Quilting - Tuesday 10:00 am
Food Shelf - Tuesday 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
Church School - Wednesday 6:00 pm
Confirmation - Wednesday 7:00 pm

Announcements

Thank you to Caroline & Frieda

Thank You, Thank you, Thank you

to Caroline Priore Devney and Frieda Helgerson for playing piano for our worship services while we were searching for a new full time musician. Please join us for coffee & cupcakes after the service!

Next Sunday, the 31st Lisa Molitor will start her new position here at St. Mark's Church.

Confirmation and Reformation Sunday October 31, 2021

Confirmation at St. Mark's is celebrated on Reformation Sunday, which we commemorate the day Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on a church door. This act ignited the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s.

On Reformation Sunday, the liturgical color of the day is red. Red is used to symbolize the Holy Spirit. You are invite to wear red on Sunday, October 31st, to symbolize how God continues to move, inspire, and ignite us in our faith.

St. Mark's 75th Anniversary Items



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 or at church.

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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 4 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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