

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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 required. Please put on your mask before entering the church..
- 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**—



**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021**

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.

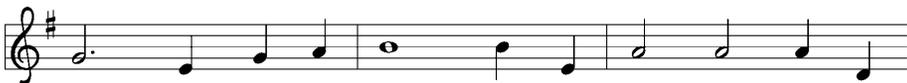
GATHERING SONG

ELW 696

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,



life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -



sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me:"
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more?"
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these?"
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922



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, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

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

FIRST READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 62:5-12

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶**God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸**Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

¹²**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

SECOND READING:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Celtic Alleluia



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:14-20

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lue Moua

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 580

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

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord



- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

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Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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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: ...Let us pray.

The congregation responds: **Have mercy, O God..**

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

Please stand as you are able.

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 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.

SENDING SONG

ELW 720

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



Refrain
 We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

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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 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

Hank Ohmann (Colleen Thompson's Uncle),
 Jodi Staub, Heather Otis and Jane Meyer (Beth Bester's Aunt).

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, Marie Norstad,
 Ray Ohmann, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and
 Wayne Weidner

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

The Family of Delores Bryson (Nora Felton's mother)

Events this Week:

- Worship - Sunday 10:00 am
- Bible Study - Tuesday 9:00 am
- Quilting - Tuesday 10:00 am
- Food Shelf - Wednesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- Council Meeting Tuesday 7:00 pm

Announcements

Annual Meeting

Today, January 24, 2021 after the Worship Service.



A Thank You from Randolph Public School

St Mark's Lutheran Church,

A heartfelt thank you to your congregation and coordination by Beth Bester in so very generously supporting a family in need during the Christmas season of 2020 as well as years prior. Thank you for showering your blessings on the Randolph School Community and letting His light shine!

With gratitude,

Lori Nicolai, School Social Worker
and the Randolph School Community

Worship Bulletin pickup

Worship bulletins will continue to be emailed weekly.

You can also find the Bulletin on our Website.

Printed worship bulletins for Sunday on-line Services can be found Friday afternoons in the mail boxes by the front doors at church.

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.

Address: 27819 Donnelly Ave, Randolph MN 55065

Community Events

Antiracism Workshop Series

The Cannon Falls Library is sponsoring a six-part workshop series on examining racism and discrimination through oral history.

The workshop series will take place via Zoom
Tuesdays from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
January 19 - February 23 from

For more information contact the
Cannon Falls Library (507) 263-2804

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 9:30 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.

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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