

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

Hymns, Readings, and Announcements Insert

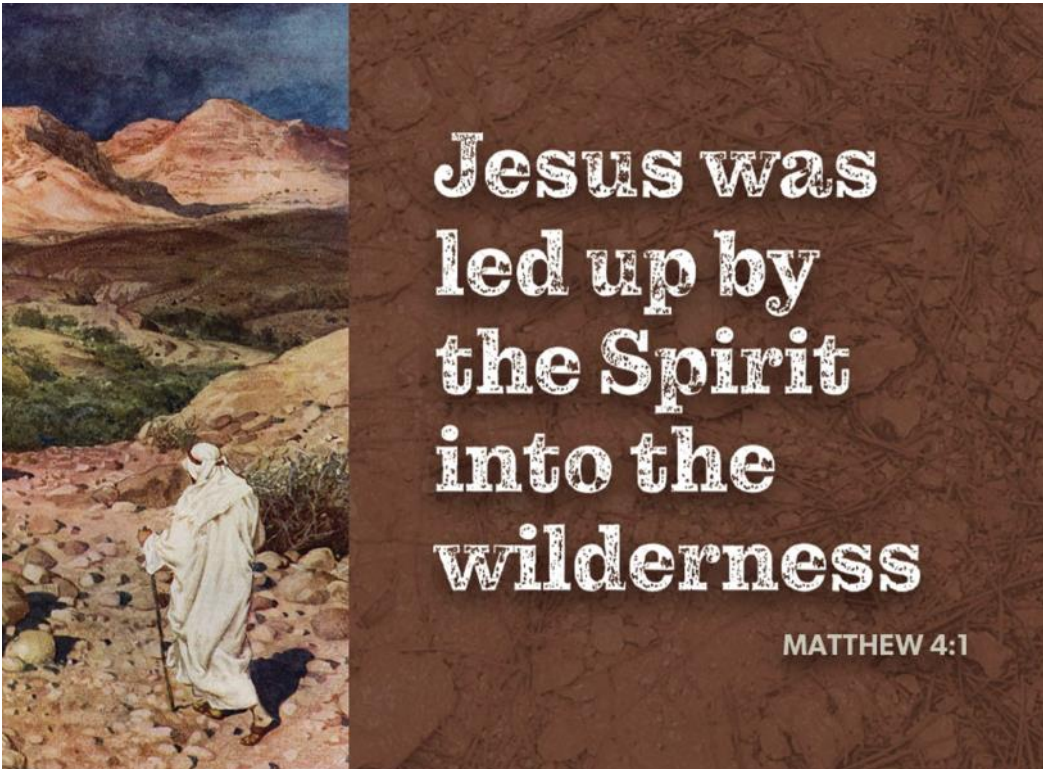


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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA
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Gathering Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

ELW 504



1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
your us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Deuteronomy 4:5–9, 13–14

See, just as the LORD my God has charged me, I now teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to enter and occupy. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children. He declared to you his covenant, which he charged you to observe, that is, the ten commandments; and he wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD charged me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances for you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn of the Day

When We Are Tested

ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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Communion Special Music

These Bodies

The Many
performed by OHANA Youth

Chorus 1

You gave us these bodies
And you called them good.
You gave us these bodies
And you called them good

Verse 1

We are easily damaged.
Have you seen the scars?
That's just scratching the surface.
More beneath where those are.

Chorus 2

You gave us these bodies
And you called them good.
You gave us these bodies
And you called them good
May we love them as you do;
Let us love them as you do.
Inside outside through and through
Let us love them as you do.

Verse 1

But we do so much damage;
Have you seen the scars?
We keep hurting each other,
Sometimes that's just how we are.

Bridge

These bodies these bodies;
They are fearfully wonderfully made.
Don't believe the lies some will say.
No, our flesh and bones, our hearts and hands
Are loved in every way.
Our flesh and bones, our hearts and hands
Are loved in every way.

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+Sending Hymn

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

ELW 536



- 1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you.
- 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you.
- 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,



with a shep-herd's care en - fold you;
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Text: Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1828–1904

Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833–1896

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! We are so glad to have you with us today! The Welcome packet in the pew is for you. It has information about our faith community and the many ways we support our local community. Feel free to take it home and come back to worship with us again. For more information, call the church office at 303-366-9702 or email admin@stmarksaurora.org.

SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
January, 2023			
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	\$16,731.17	Total Income	\$16,731.17
Total Expenses	-\$16,818.95	Total Expenses	-\$16,818.95
Net Income	-\$87.78	Net Income	-\$87.78
BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING			
<u>Monthly Budget Amount</u>	<u>Actual Current Month</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>
\$12,346.39	\$9,778.33	\$12,346.39	\$9,778.33
Over/Under Budget	-\$2,568.06		-\$2,568.06

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

Weekly Enews If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list.

This Week at St. Mark's (February 26–March 5, 2023)

Today 2/26:	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
	Worship – Fellowship Hall – 10 a.m.
	Faith Formation – Center Room – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m.
	Casa de Oración (House of Prayer) Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.
Monday 2/27:	Maintenance Breakfast Club – Outdoors – 10 a.m.
	Bible Study – Zoom – 9:30 a.m.
	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m.
Tuesday 3/1:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m.
	Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/2:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6–7 p.m.
	Lent Wednesday Service – Sanctuary – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 3/3:	Coffee, Conversation, and Prayer – Zoom – 9:30–10 a.m.
	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m.
	Quilters – West Room – 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	OHANA Youth Advocacy – Center Room/Fellowship – 4–7 p.m.
	Casa de Oración Music Practice – West Room – 7–9 p.m.
Friday 3/4:	Food Pantry Open – Center Room – 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m.
	Seventh Day Adventist Prayer Service – Sanctuary – 7–9 p.m.
Saturday 3/5:	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday 3/5:	<i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>
	Worship – Fellowship Hall – 10 a.m.
	Faith Formation – Center Room – 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.
	Youth Group – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
	ICC Worship – Sanctuary – 2 p.m.
	Casa de Oración Worship – Sanctuary – 4 p.m.

Save the Date: Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: Midday Lent Service, soup lunch

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the 'Recent concerns' list for four Sundays.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, & concerns:

Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health, hospitalization*)
Hugo Redlin (*hospitalization*)
Patrick Stephenson (*metastasized cancer*)
Horacio Rentería (*Arteriovenous Malformation in brain*)
Carol Bath (*hospitalization*)
Clarence Pedersen (*Ellie Weaver's uncle, pneumonia*)

For homebound members & friends:

Carol Bath Joan Chambers
Dawn Hines
James & Marie Hughes
Wilma Langford
Christel Loftesness
Dorothy Parker Irene Seelmeyer
Vernita Wild

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Maria Gomez (*Leo Bañuelos' great-aunt*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Alec (*Joan Gustafson's relative, recovery from seizures*) Dina Hammerand (*Susan Saengling's cousin, cancer*)
Julie Ann Zamora (*friend of church, shoulder surgery*) Nancy (*Dorie Gerhardt's sister, health*)
Jean (*Jackie Kirk's sister, dementia*) Anastasia and family (*friend of Chris Prillwitz*) and
Ramona Gomez (*Leo Bañuelos' grandmother, health*) all Ukrainian refugees
Lotus Alexander (*broken finger recovery*) Sheryl and Darlene Feller (*Karl's sisters-in-laws, cancer*)
Anne Barger (*recovering from heart surgery*) Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)
Ron Fogg (*health*) Doug Benson (*health*)
Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, tumor behind ear*) Alice Thurlow (*health*)
Michael DeLong (*recovering from RSV, pneumonia*) Jean Rose (*health/pain management*)
Diane Ratliff (*hip surgery recovery*) Anne Hermanson (*friend of church, brain tumor*)
Linda Russell (*Elaine Stanger's sister, breast & bone cancer*) Jeff Martin (*health*)
Julie Bays (*Sara Jensen's friend, Alzheimer's*) Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)
Chris Prillwitz (*asthma, feet issues, skin cancer, pending knee replacement, back pain*) Gene (*Joan Gustafson's son-in-law, partial paralysis*)
Chris Elbert (*home recovery after a fall*) Ollie Daniels (*pain/breathing issues*)
Sandy Day (*pain, health, kidney infection, foot fractures*) Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/update.



Living the

Promise

A Lenten Journey of Remembering Our
Baptisms

This this year for Lent we are going to be focusing on the five baptismal promises found in our affirmation of baptism rites (ELW p. 236):

- 1) To live among God's faithful people.
- 2) To Hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper.
- 3) To proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed.
- 4) To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.
- 5) To strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Wednesdays in Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29):

-11:30 a.m. Liturgy and 12:00 p.m. lunch (St. Mark's)

-6:00 p.m. Dinner and 7:00 p.m. Liturgy (Holy Love and All Saints)

Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Mary Stephenson
Lector	Susan Saeugling
Acolyte	
Communion Assistants:	_ & _
Usher	Ellie Weaver
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia Villalpando
Cameras	

Are you willing to help with worship next Sunday?

Please sign up at:

bit.ly/2023-03M-SMLC-Worship



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Important Information About St. Mark's

Sunday Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Office: 303-366-9702

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Youth & Family Minister: Kinna Kemp

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St. Mark's Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Arapahoe, Lipan Apache, Ute, Cheyenne, and Dakota peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.