

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19, 2023

Hymns, Readings, and Announcements Insert



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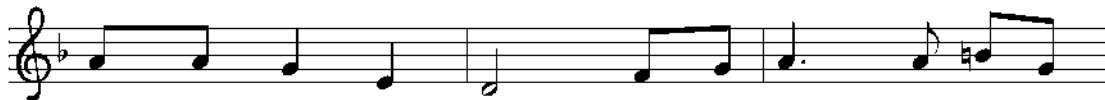
Gathering Hymn

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery (v. 1-3 & Lent 4)

ELW 334



1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling



death we are re - born; though you die in all of
on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
though our steps may be; one with you in joy and



his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the



rise with ev - 'ry morn.
bod - y of our Lord.
riv - er, you the sea.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
make us children of your light.
Give us hearts to live more nearly
as your gospel shining bright.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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WORD

Scripture ♦ Luke 9:1–2, 12–17

To serve all people, following the example of Jesus.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal.

The day was drawing to a close, and the twelve came to him and said, “Send the crowd away, so that they may go into the surrounding villages and countryside, to lodge and get provisions; for we are here in a deserted place.” But he said to them, “You give them something to eat.” They said, “We have no more than five loaves and two fish—unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.” For there were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, “Make them sit down in groups of about fifty each.” They did so and made them all sit down. And taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces.

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Hymn of the Day

Amazing Grace

ELW 779



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5
Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Communion Special Music

Hurry

performed by OHANA Youth

I give you permission to interrupt my
plans

I know Yours are better than all the ones
I have

I'm slowing down

Tuning out everything but you

There's no rush

You're welcome to take up all the room

I put aside distraction and lay down all
my cares

I give You my attention
God, make me so aware

That when you're near

Like you are now, everything can change

There's no rush

You're welcome here to have Your way

repeat Chorus

CHORUS

I don't wanna be in a hurry

I don't want time to get in the way

I just wanna give you the space

To move in this place

I don't wanna be in a hurry

I don't wanna miss what You wanna say

I just wanna give You the space

To move in this place

BRIDGE

Spirit of the living god

Fall afresh and fall on us

In your presence we're undone

Come like a fire, come like a flood

repeat Chorus

repeat Bridge

repeat Chorus

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+Sending Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

ELW 793



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Elly Sinaga in remembrance of her brother's birthday on March 16, and by Mary Katherine Smith both in honor of her late mother and in celebration of her own birthday.

If you wish to sponsor flowers to commemorate a special occasion, please sign up on the calendar outside the library. Questions? contact Marlis Feller or the church office.

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 (March 19–26, 2023)

Today 3/19:	<i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> Worship – Fellowship Hall – 10 a.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 3/20:	Bible Study – Zoom – 9:30 a.m. Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 3/21:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Women's AA Meeting – West Room – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday 3/22:	Zumba Class – Fellowship Hall – 9–10:30 a.m. & 6:30–7:30 p.m. Lent Wednesday Service – Sanctuary – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday 3/23:	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 3/24:	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 3/25:	Seventh Day Adventist Worship – Sanctuary – 9 a.m.–8 p.m.
Sunday 3/26:	<i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i> Worship – Fellowship Hall – 10 a.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: April 6: Maundy Thursday
April 7: Good Friday
April 9: Easter Sunday



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 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)

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:

Julie Smith (*Feller's daughter, removal surgery for tumor behind ear*)
Ron (*The Jensen's friend, skin cancer*)
Sharon (*Kinna Kemp's great aunt, heart surgery*)
Doris Hendrickson
Karen Arensen (*foot injury*)

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 Sheryl Feller (*Karl's sister-in-law*)
Ramses and Jennifer Olivas and the family of their son Ty (*friends of Laura Garcia*)
Family of Manuel Molina (*Marita Rember's brother*)
Family of Clarence Pedersen (*Ellie Weaver's uncle*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

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

Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Music Leader	Stephen Geisler
Assisting Minister	Mary Stephenson
Lector	Mary Stephenson
Acolyte	Patrick Stephenson
Communion Assistant:	
Usher	Ellie Weaver
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Mary Katherine Smith

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

Website: www.stmarksaurora.org

Pastor: Nic Leither

Youth & Family Minister: Kinna Kemp

Office Hours: 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. M–Th

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E-mail: pastor@stmarksaurora.org

For pastoral emergencies call: 320-220-1384

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Phone: 303-889-9844

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.