

LENT – Sunday Liturgy

February 25–March 29, 2026

Service of Holy Communion –ELW Setting 3



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St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

WELCOME! It is good to be together for worship today.

–We ask all in attendance to please sign in on the clipboard by the front door as this helps our office with attendance record keeping. If you are a visitor, please also complete one of our blue welcome cards and place it in the offering plate or hand it to an usher, as we want to come to know you better.

–We stand quite often during our service; please feel free to remain seated as necessary.

–**Worship Aids:** Please ask an usher if you need a listening device to assist with hearing the service, or a large-print bulletin for those with reduced vision. We also have special earbuds, that work with the TimeKettle app you can install on your phone for free, to translate the service into other languages; we have simple bulletins in Spanish too.

–**Bibles:** There are Bibles in every pew; the translation in the pew (Good News) is different from what is printed in the bulletin and read by the lector (NRSV), and the contrast can be interesting.

–**Offering:** Those who wish to give cash or check donations are invited to secure your gift in an offering envelope (please provide at least your name on the envelope) and place the envelope in the collection plate located at the back of the sanctuary as we enter. If you wish to wait to give following the service, a second collection plate will remain in the back following the bringing forth of the offerings during the service.

You may also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely

or by scanning this QR code:



–**Holy Communion** is the body and blood of our Savior Jesus Christ given with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sin and strengthening of faith. The Lord welcomes all to the Table. All visitors are welcome at the Lord's Table. Grape juice (white) and gluten-free wafers are available. We also provide pre-packaged communion sets, available at the entry to the church, for those who prefer a reduced contact experience.

All who proceed to the railing for communion are encouraged to make use of the available hand sanitizer to help us keep each other healthy.

–All are invited for coffee and fellowship after worship.

–Please turn off or silence your cell phones during worship. Thank you!

***Please note:** This booklet has the elements of the liturgy that we will use each Sunday of Lent; please refer to each Sunday's specific insert booklet for the hymns and elements of worship that vary from week to week.*

GATHERING

+Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all
offenses

Silence for reflection.

P For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you: Gracious God,
C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: Gracious God,
C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For failing to recognize your coming reign, and for hindering the work of the
Spirit: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdainng the
living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P For disregarding voices from the margin, and for distrusting signs of your
healing and hope in the world: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

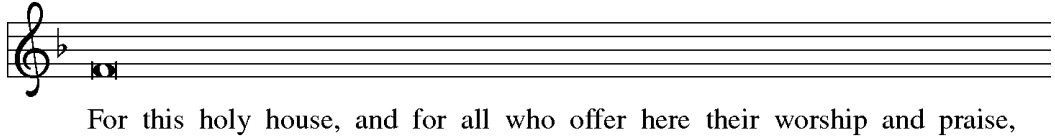
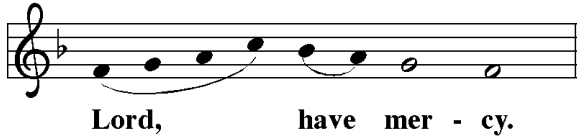
P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent, and for disregarding Christ's
call to come forth to life: Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

See first page of this Sunday's Celebrate

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture

See first page of this Sunday's Celebrate

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

+Hymn of the Day

→ See this Sunday's *Hymns and Announcements Insert*

+Apostles' Creed

Please feel welcome to recite in the language of your preference.

**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.**

Credo Apostólico

**Creo en Dios Padre todopoderoso,
creador del cielo y de la tierra.**

**Creo en Jesucristo, su único Hijo,
nuestro Señor.
Fue concebido por obra del
Espíritu Santo y nació de la
Virgen María.
Padeció bajo el poder de Poncio
Pilato, fue crucificado, muerto, y
sepultado.
Descendió a los muertos. Al
tercer día resucitó, subió a los
cielos,
y está sentado a la diestra del
Padre.
Volverá para juzgar a los vivos y a
los muertos.**

**Creo el Espíritu Santo, la santa
iglesia católica,
la comunión de los santos, el
perdón de los pecados,
la resurrección del cuerpo, y la
vida eterna. Amén.**

+Prayers of Intercession

See last page of this Sunday's Celebrate

+Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

MEAL

+Offertory Hymn

Go, Make Disciples

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“Go, make dis - ci - ples, bap - tiz - ing them, teach - ing them.



Go, make dis - ci - ples, for I am with you till the end of time.



Go, be the salt of the earth. Go, be the light for the world.



Go, be a cit - y on a hill, so all can see that you're



serv - ing me. Go, make dis - ci - ples.”

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GO, MAKE DISCIPLES, Handt Hanson

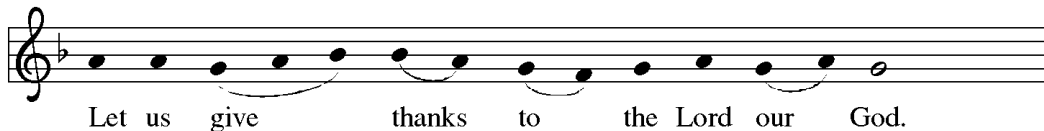
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+Offerory Prayer

- A Let us pray.
O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your
Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
- C Amen.

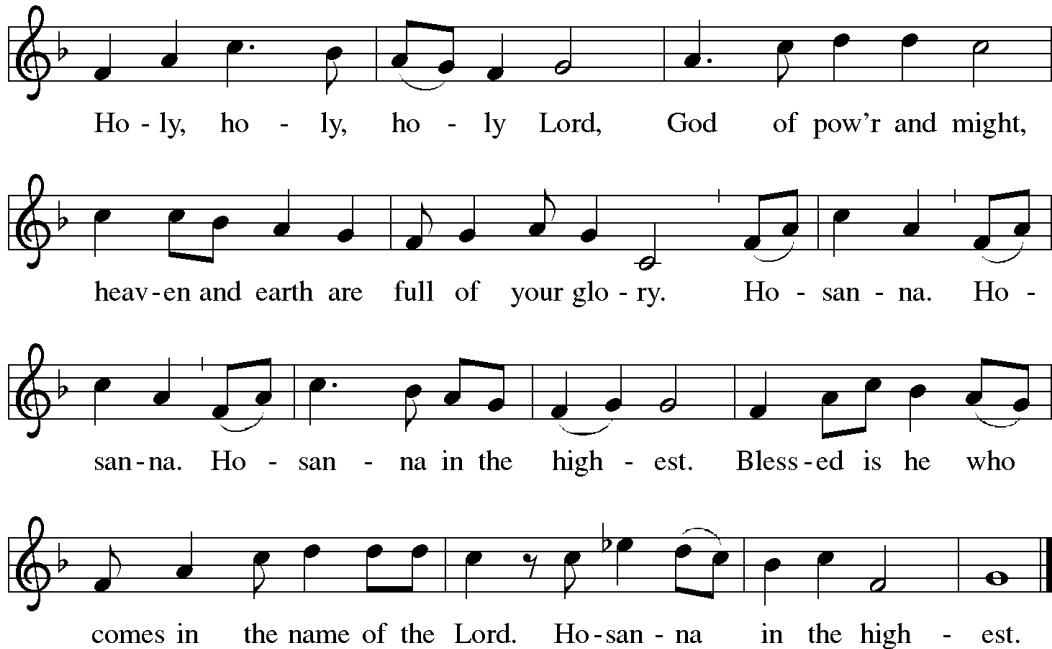
+The Great Thanksgiving



Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

C Amen.

+Lord's Prayer

Padrenuestro

Please feel welcome to pray in the language of your preference.

P 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.

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,

santificado sea tu nombre;

venga a nos tu reino;

hágase tu voluntad, así en la

tierra como en el cielo;

el pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;

y perdónanos nuestras deudas

así como nosotros perdonamos a

nuestros deudores;

y no nos dejes caer en la

tentación;

mas líbranos del mal.

Porque tuyo es el reino,

el poder y la gloria

por los siglos de los siglos.

Amén.

Communion

P Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. You will come forward, starting at the front pews of the church and progressing to the back, via the side aisles to kneel at the communion rail. You will receive a wafer followed by a small cup of red wine or white grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Please make the pastor aware if this is your preference. Those who wish to receive communion but cannot come to the table will be communed in their seats; please raise your hand when communion is brought out into the pews.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion Hymns

→ See this Sunday's *Hymns and Announcements Insert*

Post-communion Canticle

“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”

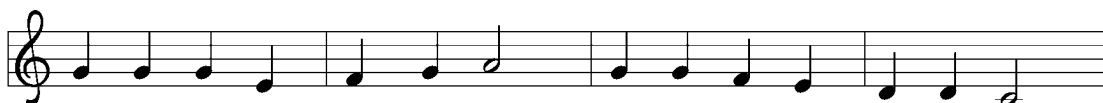
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On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



that life's trou - bles nor its plea - sures ev - er may your work e - rase.



Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, all my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KREUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

+Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

C **Amen.**

A Let us pray

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord

C **Amen.**

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✝ bless you now and
always.

C Amen.

+Sending Hymn

→ See this Sunday's *Hymns and Announcements Insert*

+Dismissal

A Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

Please do not discard this booklet as you leave today!

Look for the basket as you leave the sanctuary to deposit this booklet in so
it may be used again next week.



You are welcome to take home the Sunday insert, or you may place the
insert in the recycling box beneath the offering table at the back of the
sanctuary.

Everyday Contemplation

Practices in daily life



Lent invites us into a season of reflection, prayer, and turning again toward God.

This year, our midweek services will focus on simple contemplative practices designed for everyday life. Come for a simple meal and worship as we walk this Lenten journey together.

Wednesdays in Lent (February 25, March 4, 11, 18 & 25):

-12:00 P.M. Worship service, grab-and-go lunch afterwards (St. Mark's)

-6:00 P.M. Dinner and 7:00 P.M. Liturgy (Holy Love and All Saints together at Holy Love Lutheran, 4210 S. Chambers Rd, Aurora)

Miércoles de Cuaresma (25 de febrero, 4, 11, 18 y 25 de marzo):

-12:00 P.M. Servicio de adoración, almuerzo para llevar después. (St. Mark's)

-6:00 P.M. Cena y 7:00 P.M. Servicio de adoración (Holy Love and All Saints juntos en Holy Love Lutheran, 4210 S. Chambers Rd, Aurora)



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Important Information About St. Mark's

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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.