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First Sunday in Lent

March 6, 2022

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

INTRODUCTION

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ~D. Johnson*

Stand **Hymn #326** *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*

Sung by Congregation with Mask On!

C VS 1 **Bless now, O God, the journey**
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found

**V2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
 who share this winding way;
 your hope burns through the terrors,
 your love sustains the day.
 We yearn for holy freedom
 while often we are bound;
 together we are seeking
 the road where faith is found.**

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther's Small Catechism)

**P God promises grace and every good thing to all those
who keep God's commandments
Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act
according to God's commands**

C You shall have no other Gods

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the
 Lord your God**

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

You shall not covet your neighbor's house

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or any
 thing that belongs to your neighbor**

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 creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.
Please kneel or sit as able.

P Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**
**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**
**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**
**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**
C Amen.

P Rejoice in this good news:
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
C Amen.

Greeting

p The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Spoken **Kyrie -**

**Have mercy on us, Lord and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from
despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may
begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A O Lord God, you led your people through the
wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide
us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely
through the wilderness of this world toward the life you
alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Lesson: Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the

Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks Be to God

Psalm: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty —

²**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading: Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

^{8b} “The word is near you,

on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.”

¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 4th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this

stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.' "

⁵Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,
and serve only him.' "

⁹Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written,
'He will command his angels concerning you,
to protect you,'

¹¹and

'On their hands they will bear you up,
so that you will not dash your foot against a
stone.' "

¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' " ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #319 O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days**

Sung by Congregation with Mask On!

**Vs 1 C O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,**

and free us from our past.

Vs 2 You strove with Satan, and you won;
 your faithfulness endured;
 lend us your nerve, your skill, and trust
 in God's eternal word.

Vs 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
 and fixed your mind above;
 so teach us to deny ourselves
 that we may know God's love.

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light,
 true God from true God,
 begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

A Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a
world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word
and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and
mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just
been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contact” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Extravagant God,

C you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.

Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

P It is indeed right. .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

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

Invitation to Communion

P Here is food and drink for the journey.

Take and be filled.

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the**

world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Blessed Jesus,
in this rich meal of grace,
you have fed us with your body, the bread of life.
Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope
to a world in need.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P You are children of God,
anointed with the oil of gladness
and strengthened for the journey.
Almighty God,
motherly, majestic, and mighty,
+bless you this day and always.

C Amen.

Hymn #324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Sung by Congregation with Mask On!

C Vs 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

Vs 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo, it glows with peace and joy.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of them in the Narthex in recycling can.

POSTLUDE *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* ~Spiritual

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ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday doesn't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Operating Receipts thru January 31: \$16,321

Expenditures thru January 31: \$27,214

Attendance: 02/27/2022 62

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

Anita Featherman is collecting old used Wooden Sleds any condition also Women's old Ice Skates. Call her at (717)469-0840 and she will pick them up

**REMINDER: MARCH 13TH CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS
SPRING AHEAD 1 HOUR**

Stewardship Snippet

March 6, 2032 (1st Sunday in Lent, Year C)

Luke 4:3 –The devil said to Jesus, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Our consumer culture tells us again and again that our happiness is measured in how many of our wants we can fulfill. Jesus resists temptation by remembering that we live "by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4b).

READING LESSONS for March 13, 2032:

First Lesson: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm: Psalm 27

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:17--4:1

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

Altar Flowers are in memory of Bob Swenson, Jacob Lee Lawyer, Lee Womer given by Doug & Laurie Womer & **In Memory of** Jane Reisinger given by Jane Shetrone & Jill Lehman

REMINDER: 2022 Church Envelopes are in the Narthex. Check for friends or shut-ins near you if you don't mind taking them to them.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Bob Gill; Dave Featherman

FLOWER DELIVERY - Laurie Womer

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

Fellowship is selling R&K subs and pretzel sandwiches. We are going to split the profits with the Nursery school since they are not able to conduct their fundraisers this year. Starting March 6th.

Sign-up sheets will be in the narthex or you can call the office or see Deb Banks.

Orders along with the money will be taken up until Sunday, March 27th and delivery will be Thursday, April 7th.

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ST MARK'S
EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH/FELLOWSHIP**

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	03/06	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		10:45 am	Fellowship Ministry
		11:00 am	Worship
		5:30 pm	LYF Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	03/07		
TUESDAY	03/08	10:00 am	Esther Circle
		6:30 pm	Property Committee
WEDNESDAY	03/09	10:30 am	Bible Study
		12:00 pm	Lenten Service
		6:30 pm	Lenten Service
THURSDAY	03/10	12:00 pm	Extravaganza
		6:30 pm	Evangelism Ministry
FRIDAY	03/11	10:00 am	Extravaganza
SATURDAY	03/12	10:00 am	Extravaganza
SUNDAY	03/13	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA

EXTRAVAGANZA

MARCH 10TH – 12 – 4 pm

MARCH 11TH - 10 – 4 pm

MARCH 12TH - 10 - 4 pm



FACE MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED

Birthdays for March

03/01 – Alyse Ulrich	03/11 – Sara Jane Defrank
03/02 – Donna Lee	03/14 – Lauren Heckert
Michael Martellaro	03/17 – Jennifer Towsen
03/03 – Fred Hoover	03/21 – June Judd
Alison Keith	Dani Banks
Luther Lengel	03/23 – Randy Whitaker
Arlo Powell	Bonnie Morris
03/04 – Heather Lee	03/25 – Pamela Baranowski
03/05 – Renee Carpenter	03/27 – Lore-Lee Walak
03/07 – Lorie Cleaver	Aaron Lichtenwalner
Resta Deppen	03/30 – James Dullen
Doug Womer	03/30 – Robert Gill
James Walak	03/31 –Tania Brown
Tammy Heim	Carrie Appleby
Colin Smith	Deborah Lee
03/08 – Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk	
03/10 – Hailey Himelright	

If your birthday is in March and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.



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