

*First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024*

Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers.

Church Bells - Organ Prelude - Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 334, 1 – 3: Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

Pastor (P): In the name of God, the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Let us begin with a time of silent reflection.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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.

Kyrie pg. 203 (*sung by all*):



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 25:

P: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.

P: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame;

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

P: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.

C: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

P: Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

P: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.

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A reading from Genesis 9: 8 – 17: *God's bow in the clouds*

Hymn 334, Lent 1: From the dawning of creation

The Gospel according to Mark 1, 9 – 15: *In the desert*

Congregation: (response after the announcement) **Glory to you, O Lord.**
(response after the conclusion) **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 496: One Bread, One Body

P: With the whole church 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 again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

Sharing of Peace

Prayers of Intercession

Concluding: Lord, in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Benediction - Announcements

Sending Hymn # 326: Bless Now, O God, the Journey

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Announcements

We invite you to attend the AGM Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 12:00 pm. (After a joint worship service, beginning 10:30 am). Invitations with annual reports have been sent separately.

Location: Sanctuary of St. Mark's Church. 1593 E - 18th Ave (handicapped access provided).



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