

St Mark Lutheran Church

Service of Holy Communion



Welcome to this divine service of worship!

Plain font indicates portions of the liturgy shared by worship leaders.

Bold font indicates portions of the liturgy shared by the congregation.

The obelisk (†) invites the congregation to stand as it is able.

The double obelisk (‡) invites the congregation to kneel or sit as it is able.

February 18, 2018: First Sunday in Lent

8:00/11:00am

Organ Meditation

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

†Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven,
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have sinned by my own fault in thought, word, and deed.
I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me,
forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life.

**Almighty and merciful God grant you healing, pardon,
and forgiveness of all your sins. Amen.**

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†Hymn: *Bless Now, O God the Journey*

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993
 Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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†Greeting

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

And also with you.

†Kyrie: *Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord*

Grant peace, we pray, in mer-cy, Lord; peace in our time, oh, send us!

For there is none on earth but you, none oth-er to de-fend us.

You on-ly, Lord, can fight for us. A-men.

Text: Medieval antiphon, adapt. Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. *Laudamus*, 1952
Music: VERLEIH UNS FRIEDEN, plainsong mode I; *Gesangbuch*, Nürnberg, 1676
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†Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Genesis 9:8-17*

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody: *Psalm 25:1-10*

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

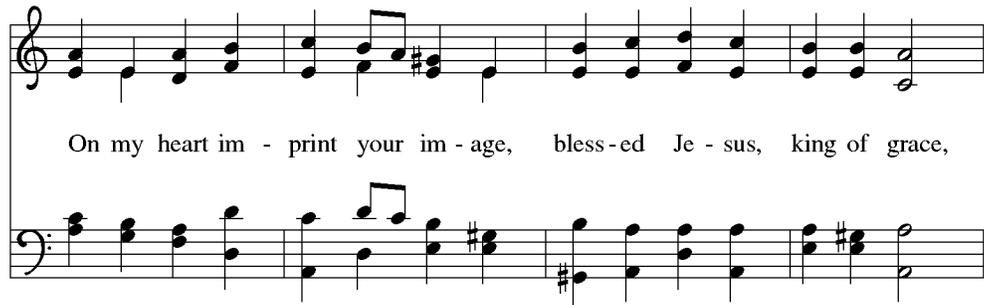
**You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.
You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.
All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies.**

Second Reading: *1 Peter 3:18-22*

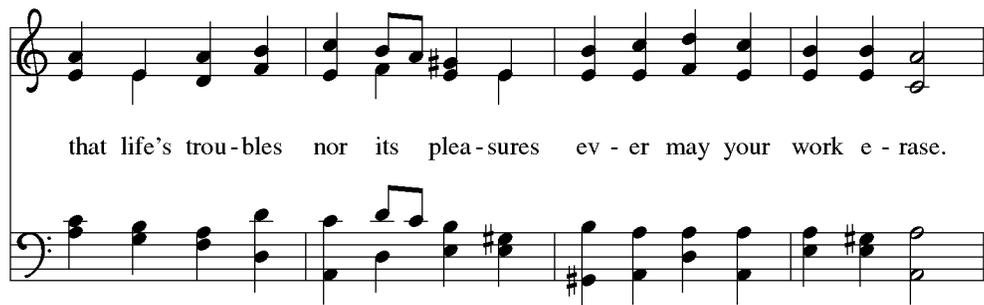
Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Gospel Acclamation: *On My Heart Imprint Your Image*



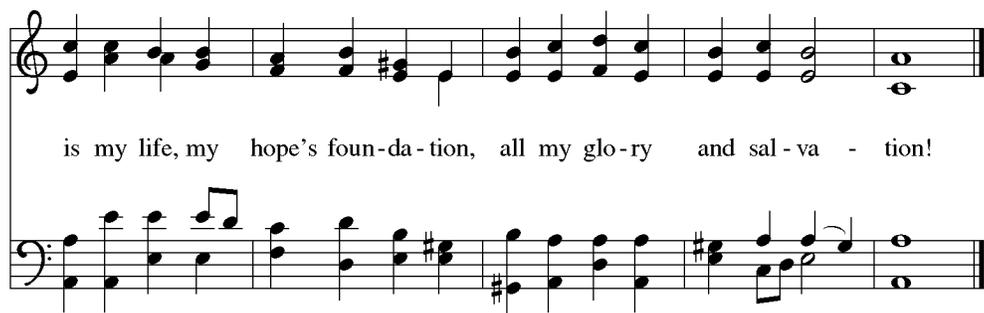
On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, king of grace,



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. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Music: DER AM KRÉUZ, Johann B. König, 1691–1758

†Gospel: *Mark 1:9-15*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Exploration of Faith in Youth

Sermon

Pastor Joel Neubauer

†Hymn: *O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*

1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and

prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance
 faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your
 fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -
 all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal

for our sin, and free us from our past.
 skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.
 ny our - selves that we may know God's love.
 Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
 Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davison, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929-2003
 Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
 Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

†Augsburg Confession, Articles III & IV

**We teach that the Word, that is, the Son of God,
assumed human nature in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary,
so that there are two natures, the divine and the human,
inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ,
true God and true man,
who was born of the Virgin Mary,
truly suffered, was crucified, died, and was buried,
that he might reconcile the Father unto us,
and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt,
but also for all actual sins of humanity.**

**He descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day;
afterward he ascended into heaven
that he might sit on the right hand of the Father,
and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures,
and sanctify them that believe in him,
by sending the Holy Spirit into their hearts,
to rule, comfort, and quicken them,
and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin.**

**The same Christ shall openly come again
to judge the living and the dead,
according to the Apostles' Creed.**

**We also teach that we cannot be justified before God
by our own strength, merits, or works,
but are freely justified for Christ's sake, through faith,
when we trust that we are received into favor,
and that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake,
who, by his death, has made satisfaction for our sins.
This faith God imputes for righteousness in heaven's sight. Amen.**

‡Prayers of Intercession (*Petitions conclude:* "Lord, in your mercy, / **hear our prayer.**")

†Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering and Friendship Registers

Offertory Music

†Offertory Song and Prayer: *Come to the Table*



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

God our provider, **you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

†Great Thanksgiving (*Anaphora of The Apostolic Tradition [circa AD250-350] and Lord's Prayer*)

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said: "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

†Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

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, grant us peace.

Communion

Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians are welcomed to Communion.

The host will be placed in your hand. A tray will follow with both the pre-poured (juice) and empty cups for wine. The common chalice will follow for those who desire to partake in the common cup and lastly a pouring chalice for individual empty cups. Please place your empty cups on one of the tables provided at the end of the aisles. We also encourage non-communicating persons forward to receive a blessing.

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

†Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

†Nunc Dimittis



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

†Benediction

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus; in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

†Hymn: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* – see following page

†Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

†Postlude

†Hymn: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

*Our Reformation began with Martin Luther's posting of Ninety-five Theses on October 31, 1517.
As we commemorate 500 years of our Lutheran witness, we turn to our Confessions this year.*

Martin Luther's 1529 *Small Catechism*:

The Lord's Prayer: The Second Petition

Your kingdom come.

What is this? **OR** *What does this mean?*

In fact, God's kingdom comes on its own without our prayer, but we ask in this prayer that it may also come to us.

How does this come about?

Whenever our heavenly Father gives us his Holy Spirit, so that through the Holy Spirit's grace we believe God's holy word and live godly lives here in time and hereafter in eternity.

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