



Sunday, November 3, 2024
All Saints Sunday



WELCOME TO
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

St. Mark's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you to our worship today & hope you will worship with us again soon!

Our worship service is also available online each Sunday at 10 AM as well.

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Mission of the Month - PADS



PADS Lake County is a community-based organization that provides trauma-informed support, resources, and shelter to individuals and families experiencing a housing crisis.

We envision a community in which homelessness is rare, brief, and non-recurring; one in which anyone who may experience a housing crisis has timely access to the proper resources and services based on their individual needs.

We help individuals and families reach their full potential by providing a comprehensive approach to reducing homelessness. Our holistic services seek to help our neighbors create sturdy foundations in stable homes so that they can build brighter futures for themselves and contribute to our community.

Please refer to the September-December issue of the Messenger for further information regarding the mission of the month.



Pastor Colin Cranmer - Welcome

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Pastor Colin Cranmer - Opening Message

Gathering Song - In Heaven Above

1 In heav'n above, in heav'n above,
where God our Father dwells:
how boundless there the blessedness!
No tongue its greatness tells.
There face to face, and full and free,
the ever-living God we see,
our God, the Lord of hosts!

2 In heav'n above, in heav'n above,
what glory deep and bright!
The splendor of the noonday sun
grows pale before its light.
The mighty sun that goes not down,
before whose face clouds never frown,
is God, the Lord of hosts!

3 In heav'n above, in heav'n above,
no tears of pain are shed,
for nothing there can fade or die;
life's fullness round is spread,
and like an ocean, joy o'erflows,
and with immortal mercy glows
our God, the Lord of hosts!



4 In heav'n above, in heav'n above,
 God has a joy prepared,
 which mortal ear has never heard,
 nor mortal vision shared,
 which never entered mortal thought,
 in mortal dreams was never sought,
 O God, the Lord of hosts!



Poem “For Grief” by John O’Donohue

When you lose someone you love,
 Your life becomes strange,
 The ground beneath you gets fragile,
 Your thoughts make your eyes unsure;
 And some dead echo drags your voice down
 Where words have no confidence.

Your heart has grown heavy with loss;
 And though this loss has wounded others too,
 No one knows what has been taken from you
 When the silence of absence deepens.

Flickers of guilt kindle regret
 For all that was left unsaid or undone.

There are days when you wake up happy;
 Again inside the fullness of life,
 Until the moment breaks
 And you are thrown back
 Onto the black tide of loss.

Days when you have your heart back,
 You are able to function well
 Until in the middle of work or encounter,
 Suddenly with no warning,
 You are ambushed by grief.

It becomes hard to trust yourself.
 All you can depend on now is that
 Sorrow will remain faithful to itself.
 More than you, it knows its way
 And will find the right time
 To pull and pull the rope of grief
 Until that coiled hill of tears
 Has reduced to its last drop.

Gradually, you will learn acquaintance
 With the invisible form of your departed;
 And, when the work of grief is done,
 The wound of loss will heal
 And you will have learned
 To wean your eyes
 From that gap in the air
 And be able to enter the hearth
 In your soul where your loved one
 Has awaited your return
 All the time.

ALL-SAINTS DAY Liturgy

A thousand days are but a moment to God;
All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,
And reluctantly give them back to God.

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.
Let us worship God.

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
And let us worship God.

We gather this morning to remember our call:

To do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with God.

We bring with us the events of the week in the world and in our lives, Trying to know how to be just and loving and humble in the midst of it all. We gather here, and see those who are doing justice, who are kind beyond measure, who set the example for humility. With gratitude for living saints, with thankfulness for the purpose of faith,

let us worship God.

“Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her website, ‘Hold Fast To What Is Good’”.

Lighting of the candles

Schumann - Träumerei, from Kinderszenen No. 7

Played on Cello by Eric Aho and Piano by Victoriya Berenzha

Song - Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1. Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
he hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

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.**

Peace

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

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation - Let Your Steadfast Love

Let your steadfast love come to us O Lord
 Let your steadfast love come to us O Lord
 Save us as you promised, we will trust your word
 Let your steadfast love come to us O Lord



The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - "Whole Heart (Hold Me Now)"

Hold me now
In the hands that created the heavens
Find me now
Where the grace runs as deep as Your scars
You pulled me from the clay
You set me on a rock
Called me by Your Name
And made my heart whole again

Lifted up
And my knees know it's all for Your glory
I might stand
With more reasons to sing than to fear
You pulled me from the clay
Set me on a rock
Called me by Your Name
And made my heart whole again

So here I stand
High in surrender
I need You now
Hold my heart
Now and forever
My soul cries out

Once I was broken
But You loved my whole heart through
Sin has no hold on me
'Cause Your grace holds me now

And that grace
Owns the ground where the grave did
Where all my shame remains
Left for dead in Your wake

You crashed those age-old gates
You left no stone unturned
You stepped out of that grave
And shouldered me all the way

So here I stand
High in surrender
I need You now
Hold my heart
Now and forever
My soul cries out

Once I was broken
But You loved my whole heart through
Sin has no hold on me
'Cause Your grace holds me now

Healed and forgiven
Look where my chains are now
Death has no hold on me
'Cause Your grace holds that ground
And Your grace holds me now
Your grace holds me now
Your grace holds me now
Your grace holds me now

So here I stand
High in surrender
I need You now
Hold my heart
Now and forever
My soul cries out

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Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A moment of silence

Lord of all the saints, we remember today all of our ancestors who have traveled before us, leading the way so that we could partake in life and its joys and sorrows.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every space, we remember the earth and its dying places. We pray for each extinguished species and know that you remember each animal that perished.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every nation, we mourn the loss of thousands of lives to war around the world. Our world is bruised and broken from the loss of many and saddened by the fragility of our unity.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every community, we mourn for those in hardship. We feel the pain of each job lost, each hungry family, each harmful indignity, each hurting soul, and each worried and anxious moment.

Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every heart, we mourn the loss of every loved one that passed beyond our reach this year and before. We grieve each child taken too soon, each parent lost, every sibling, every spouse, and all our relatives and friends who have died.

Here us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every time, countless are the multitudes you have called by name and gathered to yourself. Comfort us as we grieve. In faith, may we know that you will sustain and bless all who mourn.

Here us, O God. Your mercy is great.

Lord of every mercy, we know that the sting of death and hardship has been removed by the power of Christ. Gather us to you, as a hen does her brood, as we remember the promise that we will see our loved ones again on the day you turn our mourning into dancing.

Amen.

Announcements

Offertory Song - The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd
 I shall not want
 He makes me lie down in green pastures
 He leads me beside still waters
 He restores my soul
 He leads me in paths of righteousness
 For His name's sake

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
 I will fear no evil
 For You are with me, Your rod and Your staff
 They comfort me
 They comfort me

You prepare a table before me
 In the presence of my enemies
 You anoint my head with oil
 My cup overflows

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
 All the days of my life
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever
 Forever
 Forever

Forever (I shall dwell in the house of the Lord)
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 I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
 I shall dwell in the house of...

The Lord is my shepherd
 I shall not want

Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you in gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives. May our offerings be a sign of hope, a source of comfort, and a way for your love to touch the lives of others. Use these gifts, and each of us, to share your light in the world and to bring healing, peace, and justice wherever they are needed. Through Christ, our source of strength and compassion, we pray.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song - Still Good, Still God

I'm not afraid of the darkness
When my eyes are fixed on You
And I'm never disappointed
When I trust that You'll come through

Cause You always do
You always do

And I say thanks for the
Things You're doing
And I say thanks for the ways You're moving
Through it all You just
Keep on proving
You're still God You're still good

You're still God
You're still good

And I will rest by the water
When I let You take the lead
And I will feast at Your table
While You fight my enemies
You fight for me
You fight for me

And I say thanks for the
Things You're doing
And I say thanks for the ways You're moving
Through it all You just
Keep on proving
You're still God You're still good

You're still God
You're still good

In the valley of the shadow
In the presence of my rivals
You are closer than a brother

You are with me in the fire
 When death is all around me
 I know You will revive me
 You're still God You're still good
 You're still God
 You're still good

And I say thanks for the
 Things You're doing
 And I say thanks for the ways You're moving
 Through it all You just
 Keep on proving
 You're still God You're still good

You're still God
 You're still good

And I say thanks
 Even in the waiting
 And I say thanks
 Even in the breaking
 If I have breath
 I will keep on saying
 You're still God You're still good

You're still God
 You're still good

Dismissal:

Go in Peace. Be a blessing in the world. **Thanks be to God.**



Altar Flowers Presented By Karen Thorstenson
 "Grateful for my mom's health"

Announcements & Events

November Sunday School Announcement

The Sunday school kids are collecting items for a Thanksgiving Meal that will be delivered to COOL on November 25th. The kids will gather items through November and on the 24th they will have a "Gratitude Party"

Thursday, November 7th

15th Annual Chili Supper

Benefit Fundraiser for COOL Food Pantry.

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$10 Adults / \$5 Children (10 & under)

Carry out available

Sunday, November 10th

Join us for our congregational meeting after worship service.

If you have not done so in the past year, please fill out a Communion Registration card next time you are at church. This card, along with a contribution of record will allow you to vote at the meeting. Completed cards can be left in the offering plate, or in the donation box located outside the sanctuary in the narthex.

Miss Jenny has offered to keep the kids later so parents/grandparents can attend the meeting. She can even take some of the 3-4 year olds.

Sunday, November 24th

Thanksgiving Worship Service

Thursday, November 28th

Happy Thanksgiving! No worship service.

Please feel free to join the following groups:

Women of St. Mark's - 1st Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Yarns of Compassion - 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reflections in the Spirit - 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM.

Reflections of the Seasons - 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12 PM.

Zoom Weekly Bible Study - Wednesday Night @ 7 PM

Gather Bible Study - 2nd Friday of the month @ 5:30 PM.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting - Fri. Night @ 7 PM in the fellowship hall.



Come as You Are, Whoever You Are

Everyone is welcome at St. Mark's, no matter what you have done, what has been done to you, what darkness or struggles you have faced, and regardless of whether you have been marginalized by society or denied involvement by other churches.

All are worthy of God's love and grace. We celebrate diversity, and seek to be inclusive of every race, ethnicity, faith background, age, economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental ability, or anything else that divides us.

Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But it is our place to love all our neighbors, aid the less fortunate, and to be a voice on their behalf.

Welcome!

“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7

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