

Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.



SAINT MARK
Evangelical Lutheran Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

Fifth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 21, 2021

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at stmarkcp.org or our Facebook page "St.MarkCP".

All words for music will be in the Worship video.

** denotes additional resources not used in worship*

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"Because He Lives"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In the gospel of John, a group of Greek people approach the disciples and say, "We would like to see Jesus." It's a brief, beautiful moment that the text doesn't spend a lot of time on, And yet, it always catches my eye. It catches my eye, because the phrase, "I want to see Jesus," Feels like it should be my constant prayer. Help me see Jesus. I'd like to see Jesus. Bring me closer to Jesus. In the prayer of confession, We take a moment to recognize how much space exists between us and those words, Trusting that even when we forget to seek out God, God is seeking us out. So join me in the prayer of confession today as we take one step closer to the Divine . . .

Gracious God,

We want to see you. We want to be known as the people who look for Jesus; but not only that, we want to be people who have your covenant written on our hearts. Why do we feel so far away from that at times? What went wrong? Where did we lose our way? Could you, wouldn't you, once again, write on our fragile hearts? We would be so grateful. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, despite our wonderings, Despite our distractions, Despite wrong turns time and time again, We are known and loved by God. Like a lighthouse keeper by the sea, God will never stop waving us home. So hear and believe the good news of the gospel, Our fragile bones are held by the Great Creator. Our fragile hearts are loved by the Great Creator. Our tender spirits are forgiven by the Great Creator. Today is a new day. Again and again, we are forgiven; Again and again, we are reformed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Redemption"

Greg Hanson and Daryl Frieburg

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

PSALM*

Psalms 51:1-12

SECOND READING*

Hebrews 5:5-10

HOLY GOSPEL

John 12:20-33

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“Just a Closer Walk with Thee” *ELW #697*

APOSTLES’ CREED

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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Each petition will end with the words, “Hear us, O God,”

Please respond with “Your mercy is great.”

PEACE

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God’s peace with them.

OFFERING

We have a generous God who provides for us richly. We honor God in return with our offering.

Thank you for giving generously to St. Mark.

We invite you to try our “Text to Give” option. Text the dollar amount to 763-296-067. If this is your first time using “Text to Give”, you will be asked to fill out your card information.

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"As the Grains of Wheat" ELW #465

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"Lead Me Guide Me" ELW #768