

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 14, 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

"Amazing Grace" ELW #779 v.1,3,5

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: God of love,

We forget the beginning of the story—

That we were made from love, to be love, to give love.

Instead of rooting our narrative in the goodness refrain of creation,

We skip ahead and find our worth at the fall,

With Cain and Abel, lost in the wilderness.

We forget that first there was you, and you are love.

We forget that out of that love you created us.

We forget that from the very first day, you loved first.

We forget, because a love like that doesn't make sense to us.

Forgive our low self-esteem.

Forgive our resistance to love ourselves.

Forgive our hesitation to trust that even we could be made good.

And forgive our tendency to pass that doubt on—

from generation to generation. Write a new beginning for

us that roots our confidence in your unrelenting love.

With hope we pray, again and again. Amen.

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

Family of faith, no matter what we do, where we go, or what we tell ourselves—
God is love, and God is loving us. Again and again, we are claimed, held, forgiven, and cared for.
In the name of the Lover, the Beloved, and Love itself—thanks be to God. Amen!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Give Me Jesus"

Jeff Johnson and Kent Barnard

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING*

Numbers 21:4-9

PSALM*

Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:1-10

HOLY GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"For By Grace You Have Been Saved" *ELW #598*

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

"My Faith Looks Up to Me" *ELW #759 v. 1,2*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"What Wondrous Love is This" *WOV #666 v. 1,3,4*