



**Gathered Together by God to Grow and Go Out!**

**March 15, 2026**

**Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**9:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Sunday Worship In-Person and Online at Facebook and YouTube**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin**

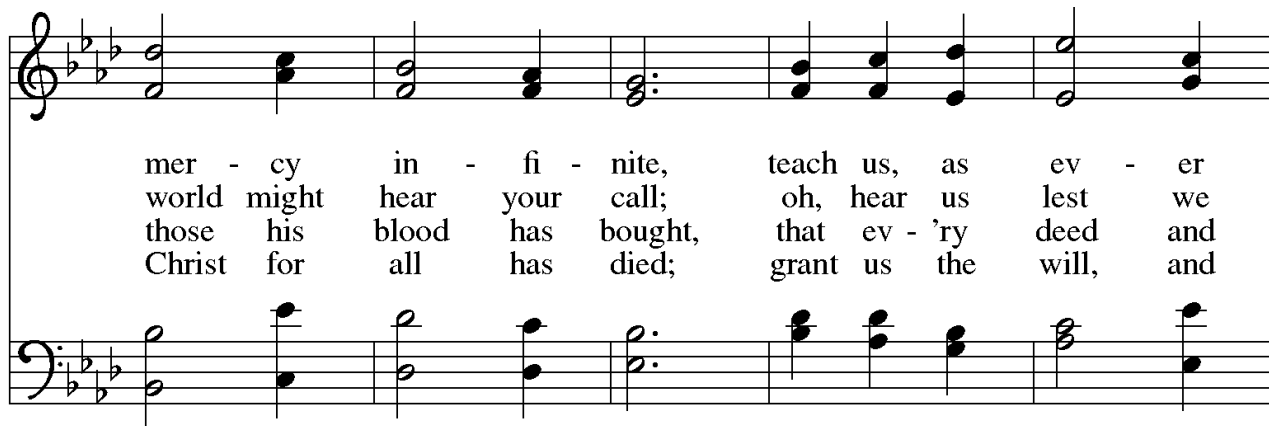
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GATHERING HYMN (please rise as you are able)

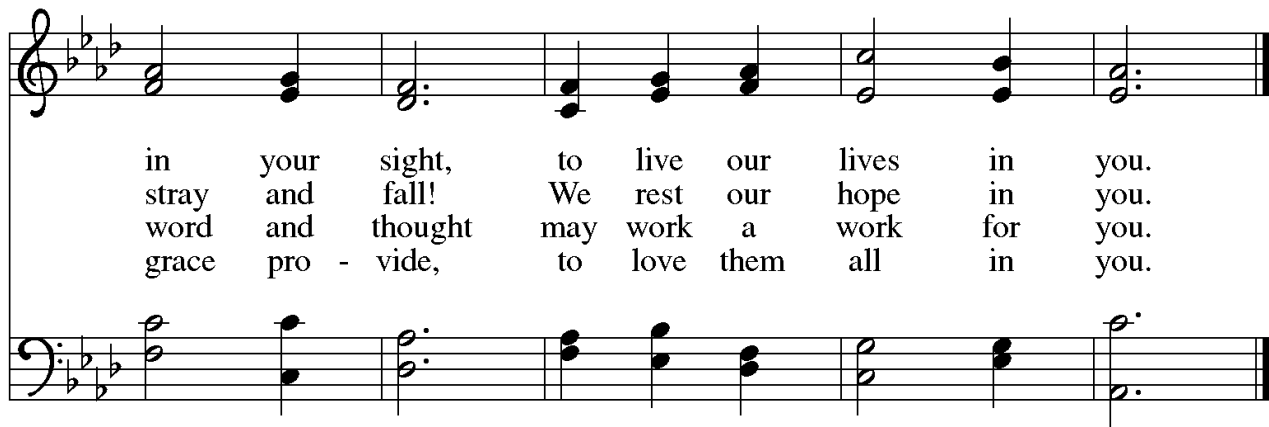
# O God of Mercy, God of Light



1 O God of mer - cy, God of light, in love and  
2 You sent your Son to die for all, that our lost  
3 Teach us the les - son Je - sus taught: to feel for  
4 For all are kin - dred, far and wide, since Je - sus



mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and



in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
and blots out all offenses.

*(Silence is kept for reflection after each petition.)*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God,

you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.

**Amen.**

## PEACE


P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace. If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.*

## KYRIE

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the

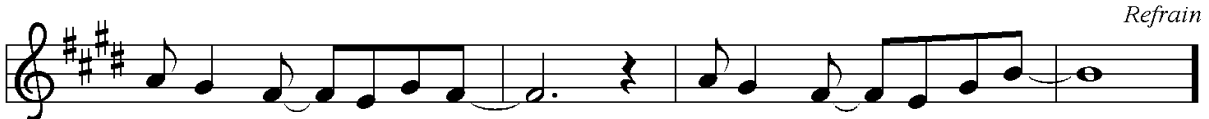


u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

*Refrain*



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## **GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**+ WORD +**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR** *(you may be seated)*

### **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

A: A reading from First Samuel.

1 The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'" 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the LORD." 7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is

the one.” 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

A: 1 The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.

C: **2 The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

A: 3 You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

C: **4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no  
evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

A: 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

C: **6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(please rise as you are able)*



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## John 9:1-41

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 9th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" 3 Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, 7 saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. 8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" 9 Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." 10 But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" 11 He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." 12 They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." 16 Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. 17 So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" 20 His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, 21 but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." 22 His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." 25 He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." 26 They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" 27 He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" 28 Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes

from.” 30 The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **MESSAGE**

*A brief silence follows the sermon.*

## **PRAYER FOR INDIVIDUAL HEALING**

*Those who sense the need for God’s healing in any aspect of their lives may receive the gifts of prayer, anointing with oil, and of the laying on of hands. These signs, first given in baptism, tell us again that we are sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked forever with the cross of Christ, who is health and salvation for the whole world.*

*Meanwhile, the congregation sings hymns of healing and prays silently for their own healing and the healing of others. If desired, you may light a candle as a way to remember that God’s light shines into our lives no matter what illness, pain, or grief we may face.*

# Come, Bring Your Burdens

Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom -  
Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in D major. The treble staff has a melody with lyrics underneath. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U -  
bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God, for

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody includes a slight change in phrasing. The bass staff accompaniment remains consistent in style.

ye - s' a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.  
Je - sus will nev - er say no.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff melody ends with a final cadence. The bass staff accompaniment also concludes with a final chord. The piece ends with a double bar line.

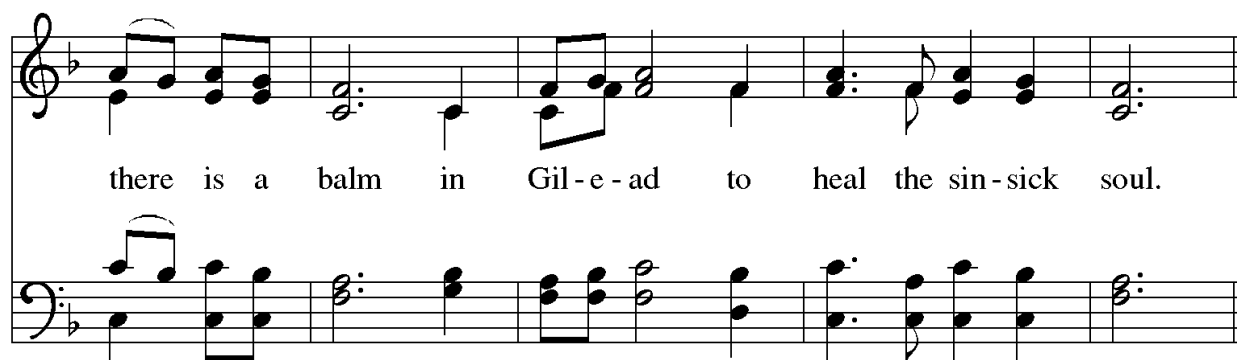
Text: South African; English text Barbara Clark, Mairi Munro, and Martine Stemerick  
Music: WOZA NOMTHWALO WAKHO, South African melody; arr. Welile Sigabi  
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# There Is a Balm in Gilead

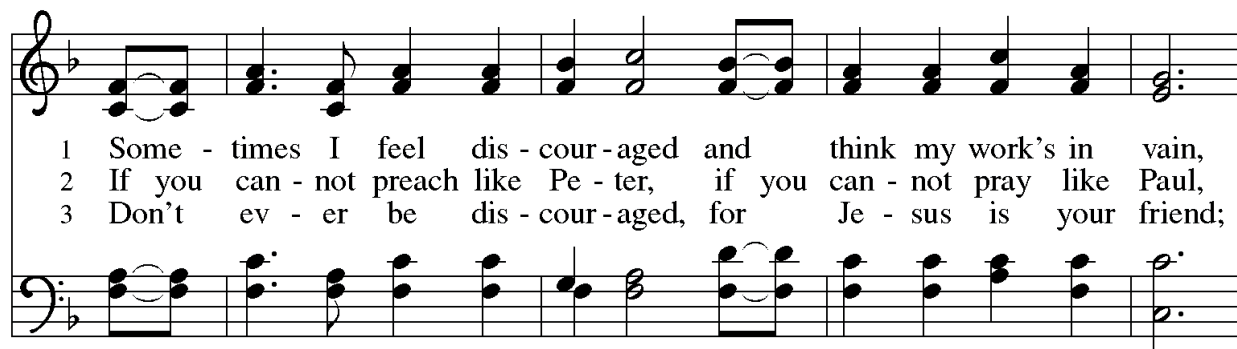
*Refrain*



There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,  
2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,  
3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

*Refrain*



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.  
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."  
and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

# Jesus, Remember Me

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus, Remember Me". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 7/8. The lyrics are: "Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

Text: Luke 23:42; Taizé Community  
Music: REMEMBER ME, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994  
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**P:** Let us pray.

Almighty God, who is a strong tower to all, to whom all things in heaven and on earth bow and obey, be now and evermore our sure defense, and help us to know that the name given to us for health and salvation is the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**A:** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us confess our faith:

**C:** 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 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 INTERCESSION**

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

God our shepherd, we pray that you guide all Christians. Lead your people in right paths for your name's sake here at St. Mark's and across the globe, especially our synod partners in Tanzania and El Salvador. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Rescue endangered animals and plants, preserve threatened ecosystems, and save creatures from natural disasters. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Bring an end to war and violence, and raise up leaders in governments, courts, businesses, schools, and community organizations who seek goodness and mercy. We pray especially for all involved in the upcoming April election. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Uplift all who are made to feel unimportant, and transform the hearts of all affected by bigotry and prejudice. Care for all in special need this day, especially those we name now, silently or aloud . . . . Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us, especially those with physical and mental disabilities. As Jesus teaches us, your works are revealed in their lives. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and stir up a spirit of understanding, celebration, and welcome for all. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Grant us faith to live until we too dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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**

## MISSION MOMENT AND OFFERING *(please be seated)*

*We give thanks for our continued offerings that invest in God's work in and through St Mark's. You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to text your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338. We are very grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God, the giver of all things.*

## OFFERTORY SONG



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERING PRAYER (Please rise if you are able)

A: Let us pray.

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

## + MEAL +

### DIALOG

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
we praise and glorify you, we worship and adore you.

You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.  
You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed your chosen people and cherished them as your own.

You called to us through the life and death of Jesus  
so that we too, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.  
We await his coming,  
when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom,  
all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

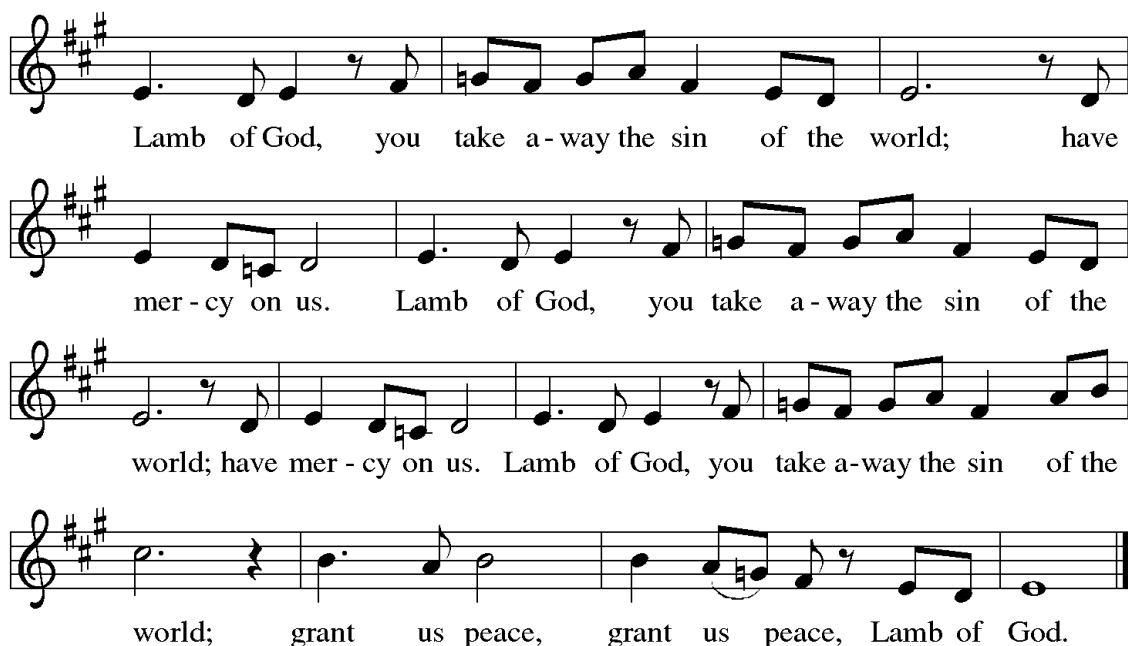
### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

### COMMUNION *(you may be seated)*

*The table of Holy Communion is inclusive, all people are welcome to receive this free gift of God. You will be invited by welcome team members to come forward down the center aisle. Bread is distributed at the center, with gluten free options at request. Your choice of grape juice or wine is available to you as you move toward either direction to return to your seats. Baskets for your empty cups are in the aisles as you return to your seats. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let a welcome team member know and the pastor or the assisting minister will commune you in your seat.*

**Prayer Partners** *(wearing a red badge)* are available for confidential prayer for yourself or others in the front and back of the sanctuary.



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, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION HYMN

# Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931  
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## TABLE BLESSING *(please rise as you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray.

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

## BLESSING

P: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:

God, who calls all things into existence,

Jesus Christ ✝, who redeems us,

and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,

bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### In the Cross of Christ I Glory

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing  
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -  
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and  
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the

o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of  
ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the  
love up - on my way, from the cross the  
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that

sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.  
cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.  
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.  
knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

## DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Pastor Laura's Sabbath Day is Friday.

**Deacon: Marcia Marquardt ([marcia1@wi.rr.com](mailto:marcia1@wi.rr.com), 262-784-2062)** Deacon Marcia's Sabbath Day is Friday.

**Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla**

**Assisting Minister: Brian Trautman**



*Altar Flowers given by Marilyn Timper in memory of George Timper.*

**Our Sanctuary Hearing Loop System** is a wireless technology that works with telecoil hearing aids and cochlear implants. For the technology to work, you need a hearing aid that has a t-coil. The t-coil must be activated by your audiologist. Newer hearing aids may have a Bluetooth setting that allows you to turn on the t-coil yourself with your phone. Once it is activated, there is nothing else to do, but sit back and listen to the clear sound.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Where to find information:

- [Welcome2stmarks.com](http://Welcome2stmarks.com)

- facebook.com/welcome2stmarks
- Church email address is: welcome2stmarks@gmail.com
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact us at [welcome2stmarks@gmail.com](mailto:welcome2stmarks@gmail.com))
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at [lrdecoto@gmail.com](mailto:lrdecoto@gmail.com). Others will pray confidentially for you.
- Council & Financial reports are on bulletin board at fellowship hall entrance
- Past sermons at youtube.com (search St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, WI)

## **Join us for Lenten Midweek Worship in the sanctuary or online**

**2/25 - 3/25 12:00 p.m. - Wednesdays**

Our Lenten midweek worship for 2026 is based on the centuries-old Sarum Prayer:

God be in my head and in my understanding.  
 God be in my eyes and in my looking.  
 God be in my mouth and in my speaking.  
 God be in my heart and in my thinking.  
 God be at my end and at my departing.

Members will offer devotional messages at each Lenten midweek worship related to the themes of the Sarum Prayer.

### **Special Lenten Offering: Water For Life**

The stewardship team invites our special gifts during Lent to provide access to clean and safe water for people living around the world through ELCA Good Gifts. We hope to donate \$2500 or more to provide a simple water well for a community. A simple water well or other water point can help as many as 500 families gain access to clean, safe water. You can write a check to St Mark's Lutheran Church with "Lenten Offering" on the memo line. You can give online by using the giving tab at the church's website. Simply scroll down on the giving tab and select "Lenten Offering 2026 Water for Life." Thank you for sharing God's love through the gift of clean water for people around the world. **We have already received \$1785.**

### **Church Council met with GMS Representative Pastor Kristin Nielsen**

Our Council Zoomed with Pastor Kristin Nielsen Tuesday, March 10th. She was helpful as she described our next steps to hire either a part time Deacon or Pastor. We will start working toward this at our next Council meeting on March 16th. Council will strive to determine what support we will be wanting in the near term with a Transition Deacon or Pastor, start initial steps regarding the MET and Call process, a description of the position we hope to fill, and what God is calling us to do as we move forward.

### **Coffee with the Council Today**

The next coffee with the council will be March 15. The council members will once again be over by the fireplace. Join them with any questions or concerns.

### **Mail Being Returned to Sender**

We have become aware of mail being returned to sender recently. We are investigating with the Post Office to determine where the error is happening. If you continue to experience an issue mailing to our address, please reach out to Courtney in the office.

### **Symposium on Aging - March 19-20 at church in Milwaukee**

St. John's on the Lake Episcopalian Church in Milwaukee will hold its 9th annual Symposium on Aging on March 19 & 20. The Symposium is an opportunity to share ideas, research outcomes, and lessons learned to strengthen resilience and celebrate aging. This event is free, and you can sign up for one or both days. For more information or to register, go to [symposiumonaging.org](http://symposiumonaging.org).

### **Scholarship Applications Deadline is Today!**

\$7000 will be given out this year. To Access, go to [Waukeshafoundation.org](http://Waukeshafoundation.org), drop down for scholarships, drop down to available scholarships, and look for Pastor James and Nadine Wilch Scholarship Fund. **Deadline for applications is March 15.**

### **PALM PLANTS for PALM SUNDAY/EASTER**

If you are interested in donating a palm plant which you can take home after Easter Sunday.... you can do that!

The cost is \$20.

Please contact Barb Helling (414-378-8435) if you are interested.

### **EASTER GARDEN DEADLINE IS TODAY!**

It is time to order flowers for our Easter Garden. Pink envelopes will be available at the Flower sign up in the Narthex.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER is March 15th, 2026**

Easter Lily - \$24

Hydrangea - \$58

Mum - \$24

Azalea - \$54

Kalanchoe - \$14

Calandiva - \$14

Flowers can be picked up after the service on Easter Sunday. They will be labeled. Any questions...contact Barb Helling 414-378-8435

### **Earth Day Celebration**

Join us Sunday April 19th - 11:30 AM, North of the Sunset Petco/Target in Waukesha  
Petco Address: 1240 W Sunset Dr #102, Waukesha, WI 53189

Rain or shine, let us celebrate Earth Day together! We will gather to talk about what Earth Day means and what we can do in our own lives to make a difference. Snacks will be provided, but please bring your own water. After a 15-20 minute conversation, we will enjoy the Fox River trail and boardwalk. Please reach out to [jerbjjer@gmail.com](mailto:jerbjjer@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Prayer Workshop**

Do you feel moved to pray for others? Would you like to learn more about prayer? Come to the Prayer Workshop on Sunday, April 26 at 10:45-11:45am in the gathering room (next to the elevator on the lower level). Deacon Marcia will offer practical teaching about praying for others and share about the prayer chain and prayer partner ministries. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact, Deacon Marcia, Deb Gerner, or Lana DeCoto.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

- Healing service - March 15
- Serving meal at Hope Center - March 27
- Palm/Passion Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. - March 29
- Maundy Thursday worship at 6:30 p.m. - April 2
- Good Friday worship at Noon - April 3
- Easter Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m. - April 5
- Senior Connection - April 15
- Earth Day celebration at Fox River Trail & Boardwalk - April 19
- Prayer Workshop - April 26
- Deacon Marcia's Retirement Celebration - May 3

### **Hospital Visits**

If you find yourself in the hospital or a rehab facility for a few days or weeks and would like a visit from Pastor Laura or Deacon Marcia, let us know! Sometimes people are in the hospital and we don't learn about it until the hospital stay is over. You can also request a visit over the phone instead, if you don't want Pastor Laura to see you in a hospital gown! If you know in advance you'll be in the hospital or your stay is an extended one, you can reach out to the church office to request a visit (262-547-8213). If it's urgent, you can call or text Pastor Laura directly (608-424-8738).

**Zoom Meeting Numbers: Faith Formation** Zoom: 817 7030 6574

**Church Meetings** Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

### **THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S**

#### **SUNDAY, MAR 15th**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on Facebook Live and in the sanctuary

- Healing Service
- Practice for Passion Narrative Reading at 10:45am in the Sanctuary
- Coffee with the Council at 10:45am in the Fellowship Hall

**MONDAY, MAR 16th**

- Quilters at 8:30am in the Fellowship Hall
- Strong Bodies exercise group at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Council Meeting at 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall

**TUESDAY, Mar 17th**

- Staff meeting at 10:00am

**WEDNESDAY, MAR 18th**

- Mid-Week Lenten Worship Service at 12:00pm on Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Ruth Circle at 1:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Strong Bodies exercise group at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Teen Single Parent support group at 6:00pm in the Lounge

**THURSDAY, MAR 19th**

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in the Fellowship Hall and Zoom

**SUNDAY, MAR 22nd**

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Sunday School
- Confirmation at 10:45am in the Conference Room

