

February 21, 2021
9:30 a.m. Worship Service
First Sunday in Lent



Good Samaritan

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Waukesha, Wisconsin

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+ GATHERING +

CALL AND RESPONSE

P: Come to God's house

C: And walk in the light.

P: Speak truth and spread goodness,

C: Do not slander your neighbors.

P: Honor the Lord and keep your word.

C: And God will guard your steps.

GATHERING SONG

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

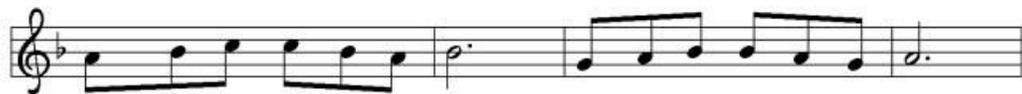
Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their feet:



Refrain

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins *before God and* one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: God of mercy,

C: Jesus was faithful even in the face of death, yet we so often fail you in day to day living. Our commitment is shaky, our promises are unreliable, and our actions are questionable. We quit when discipleship becomes difficult and complain that we don't get enough credit. Forgive us our neglect of your mission and our lukewarm devotion and wake us up to the urgency of your gospel.

P: God is gracious and pardons all our shortcomings. May the giver of life forgive us our sins and restore us to the joy of discipleship and service, for the sake of Jesus our faithful Lord.

All: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace: a handshake, hug, high five, or however your neighbor is comfortable.

If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.

Peace

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

God of wisdom, You challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world. Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be, and to open ourselves to having our minds changed and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ WORD +

FIRST READING: Psalm 15

- 1 Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?
Who may enter your presence on your holy hill?
- 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right,
speaking the truth from sincere hearts.
- 3 Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors
or speak evil of their friends.
- 4 Those who despise flagrant sinners,
and honor the faithful followers of the Lord,
and keep their promises even when it hurts.
- 5 Those who lend money without charging interest,
and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent.
Such people will stand firm forever.

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION



☒ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

SECOND READING Luke 10:25-42

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?” 26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?” 27 The man answered, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” 28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!” 29 The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30 Jesus replied with a story: “A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. 31 “By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side of the road and passed him by. 32 A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. 33 “Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. 34 Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. 35 The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, ‘Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I’ll pay you the next time I’m here.’ 36 “Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?” Jesus asked. 37 The man replied, “The one who showed him mercy.” Then Jesus said, “Yes, now go and do the same.” 38 As Jesus and the disciples continued on their way to Jerusalem, they came to a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 Her sister, Mary, sat at the Lord’s feet, listening to what he taught.

40 But Martha was distracted by the big dinner she was preparing. She came to Jesus and said, “Lord, doesn’t it seem unfair to you that my sister just sits here while I do all the work? Tell her to come and help me.” 41 But the Lord said to her, “My dear Martha, you are worried and upset over all these details! 42 There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.”

P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “The Person in Front of Me” Pastor Andy Fetters

A brief silence follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed
 3 Christ, you lead - and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die - in all of
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.
 bod - y of our Lord.
 riv - er, you the sea.

One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.

General

Light of life beyond conceiving,
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;
 give new strength to our believing,
 give us faith to live your word

Lent 1

From the dawning of creation
 you have loved us as your own;
 stay with us through all temptation,
 make us turn to you alone.

Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,
 may we be a blessing true;
 may we live and die confessing
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,
 be the fountain of each soul;
 springing up in new creation,
 flow in us and make us whole.

Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;
 make us children of your light;
 Give us hearts to live more nearly
 as your gospel shining bright.

Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,
 God who lives beyond our death,
 hold us close through each tomorrow,
 love as near as every breath.

APOSTLES' CREED

L: Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

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



WE BELIEVE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns in the prayer request box prior to the hymn of the day. If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship. We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;". The second system of music has the lyrics: "Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

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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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver

us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,

forever.

Amen.

OFFERING *We give thanks for our continued offerings during this time when we are unable to gather together physically. 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.*

*As part of our Lenten disciplines and faith practices, you are invited to share a **special offering for ELCA World Hunger** to impact those facing hunger and poverty. Donate online by clicking [here](#) or by mailing a check to St Mark's office. Make the check payable to St Mark's with "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line.*

OFFERTORY SONG

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

We please you when we serve your children in need. Use these offerings to provide for the lack of others, and to carry out your justice upon the earth.
Amen.

+ MEAL +

A WORD ABOUT COMMUNION

As we remain connected to God and one another through our online worship on Sundays, the church building will remain closed until further notice. Our leadership is continually conversing on this subject. We celebrate Holy Communion at this table and invite you to celebrate this meal at home in your own OIKOS (household). Please feel free to set out some bread or crackers and a fruit of the vine drink such as wine or grape juice and commune one another or yourself. You are also invited to come to the drive-up Communion.

The next drive-up communion will be Sunday, March 7th from 1pm-1:30pm and Wednesday, March 10th from 6pm-6:30pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SEE BELOW LAST PAGE

BLESSING

P: 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.

C: Amen.



SENDING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



- 1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
- 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
- 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
- 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares,
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where to find information:

- Welcome2stmarks.com
- facebook.com/welcome2stmarks
- Church email address is: welcome2stmarks@gmail.com
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact Marcia at marcia1@wi.rr.com)

Cultivating Curiosity

- Explore questions and topics that our community is curious about. Simply send in your curiosity questions to the office email (welcome2stmarks@gmail.com) and we will post them in the Lookout and email blast with answers from our leadership.

Upcoming:

- Together in Mission (Zoom meeting) Join us on Zoom for workshops on current ministry topics spread out over three Saturday mornings (February 20 and 27). More info [here](#)

Lent began on February 17

Lent is a season of reflection of our life with God as we journey with Jesus to the cross. You are invited to participate in some upcoming Lenten practices:

- *Midweek Lenten Taize Worship* on Wednesdays at 6:30pm beginning February 24 on Facebook
- *Daily Midday Water Marks devotions* with Pastor Andy beginning February 17 on Facebook Live at noon

For the Good of the Community:

- We remain worshipping online. Our Council is using the WCC recommendations and the infection rates of our county to guide when we might return to in-person worship.

Opportunities for offering:

- Special Lenten Offering for ELCA World Hunger. Donate online by clicking [here](#) or by mailing a check to St Mark's office. Make the check payable to St Mark's with "ELCA World Hunger" on the memo line.
- Stock our Blessing box with dry goods for our community needs.
- Drop off food for the Waukesha Food Pantry near the main entrance of church.
- Special Music (pre-recorded and shared in worship).

Opportunities for Mission:

- Help us Gather (Worship, Property, Finance)
- Help us Grow (small group ministries and faith formation)
- Help us Go (evangelism and community connections)

Opportunities for responding to God's promises:

You have made a public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people, (Live among God's faithful people, let Iron sharpen Iron, the stories of our lives reflect God's story in the world. True Christian community.)
- to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, (Let God's word sink into our lives as affirmation as God's children and a calling to account to change the ways we live, even as it bears witness against the ways we live... participating in hatred and violence. Living in systems that are unequal to our brothers and sisters of different colors and race. That God's word might comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable.)
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to share the good news. (Tell the ways in which God has transformed you. Let your life be the sermon the people you know hear and see. Walk wet in your baptism.)

- serve all people, following the example of Jesus, (Let us serve all people. We will need to establish relationships with people different from ourselves... POC, Who understand sexuality different than hetero, people who live in different economies,)
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth (To strive for justice and peace. When we pray Your kingdom come, we insist that our calling is to renounce evil and the evil one and make the world look more like the kingdom of God.)

This Week at St Mark's

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Staff Meeting at 11:00am
- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live
- Bible Study at 3:45pm Zoom ID: 551 505 314 Pass: 080977

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Bible Study at 10:00am Zoom ID: 551 505 314 Pass: 080977
- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live
- Growing Grace discipleship huddle at 3:30pm

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- Daily Water Marks devotion at Noon on Facebook Live

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Worship at 9:30am on Facebook Live
- Pastor Andy Fetters preaching

What Needs Announcing?

Please reach out to Pastor Andy to add announcements.

God's Story™ Our Story™



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Luke 10:25-42

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotion.



Pray: Light a candle. Open your devotion with prayer.

God of wisdom, you challenge us to expand our minds to your inclusive view of the world. Teach us to welcome the stranger whoever they may be, and to open ourselves to having our minds changed and our hearts transformed, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Read: Read the key verses from Sunday's reading.

"Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:36-37)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Through the parable of the Samaritan and his words to Martha, Jesus challenged his hearers to think differently, to open themselves to the possibility that their ideas of right and wrong might be off just a bit.

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Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

Are you set in your ways? What ideologies might you challenge in yourself? What might you be wrong about?

What is hospitality? In what ways are you hospitable? Who is easy to host? Who is difficult? Why?

For the littles: What's your favorite way to help?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God shake your beliefs about right and wrong. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Talk to someone of a different faith tradition about their faith. How does it shape them? What is different about your traditions? What is similar?



Go Deeper: Visit clergystaff.com/daily-devotions.

Monday: *The Lord's Prayer and Persistence in Prayer*, Luke 11:1-26

Tuesday: *Jesus Critiques Pharisees and Lawyers*, Luke 11:27-54

Wednesday: *Parable of the Rich Fool*, Luke 12:1-21

Thursday: *Do Not Worry*, Luke 12:22-34

Friday: *Be Alert*, Luke 12:35-48

Saturday: *Jesus the Cause of Division*, Luke 12:49-59

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