

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

Second Sunday in Lent
Sunday, February 28, 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

INTRO TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG

“Oh Lord, Throughout these Forty Days” *ELW #319*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Often the first step to change is listening.

We have to listen to those we've hurt.

We have to listen to creation as she cries.

We have to listen to the voice of the oppressed, If we ever hope to make things right.

So today as we begin our prayer of confession,

We will start with a moment of silence—

A moment to listen.

And then we will pray together trusting that God is always listening to us,

And that God's ears listen with love.

So let us confess, silently and then together...

L: Listening God,

Take what is closed in us and open it. Take what is distracted in us and settle it. Take what is hurting in us and hold it.

Take any and all parts of us that create distance from you. For we are like Peter, O God.

We argue what we don't know. We fear what we cannot see. And we almost always speak sooner than we listen.

So open us, settle us, hold us, and forgive us. We long to hear you more clearly.

We long to know you more fully. With hope we pray, And with gratitude we confess. Amen.

L: Siblings in Christ,

We confess with gratitude because we know that God already has heard and forgiven us. No matter what we have done or left undone, we are held in God's hand. So rest in this good news:

All: God invites us in. God meets us where we are. God hears our prayers. God forgives us.

L: Thanks be to God for a love like that.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Lamb of God”

Trisha Niesche

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

PSALM*

Psalm 22:23-31

SECOND READING*

Romans 4:13-25

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” *WOV #734*

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

“Our Father we have Wandered” *WOV #733 v.1,3*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus” *ELW #802*