

*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**

**First Sunday in Lent**  
**Sunday, February 21, 2021**

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at [stmarkcp.org](http://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**

“Out in the Wilderness”

#### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God meets us in the night—

**All: Before the sun rises, Before the wound heals,  
Before there are answers, Before there is closure.**

L: God meets us in the light—

**All: Where joy is effervescent, Where laughter is contagious,  
Where flowers bloom from cracks in the sidewalk,  
And where people gather around the table.**

L: God meets us at the threshold—

**All: At the edge of the water, At the beginning of the wilderness,  
At the start of something new, On the edge of faith.**

L: And if God meets us in all those places, Then surely God meets us in between—

**All: Staying with us through the wilderness.**

L: We are not alone. God is all around.

**All: Let us worship the God of the here and now.**

#### **WORDS OF FORGIVENESS**

L: Family of faith, if you hear nothing else today, hear this:

God is here. God sees you. God knows you. God meets you at the edge of every new beginning,  
And God calls you beloved.

**All: We are washed by the water.**

**We are called beloved.**

**Thanks be to God for a love like that.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

#### **SPECIAL MUSIC**

“I Believe”

#### **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

#### **FIRST READING\***

Genesis 9:8-17

**PSALM\***

Psalm 25:1-10

**SECOND READING**

1 Peter 3:18-22

**HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 1:9-15

**SERMON**

**SONG OF THE DAY**

“On the Wings of a Snow White Dove”

**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, “Here 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**

“Change My Heart”

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**BENEDICTION**

**SENDING SONG**

“Your Grace is Enough”