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We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting, and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship and faith. We represent a variety of backgrounds, political positions, races and ethnicities. We recognize that we are not of one mind or persuasion on many significant issues, and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their hymnals, bulletins, and to sing and speak loudly! We value the noise made by children!

If you have questions or need assistance, please ask. If you have concerns, please let us know. We are glad that you are here with us today.

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you. Please come again!!

*God's Blessing,
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church*

— The **BOLD** is read by the Congregation—

**Twenty Fifth Sunday after
Pentecost**

November 10, 2024

The Small Church with a **Big** Heart 

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✙ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

A moment of silence for reflection.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 679

For the Fruit of All Creation



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING:

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the LORD came to [Elijah,] saying, ⁹ “Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹² But she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³ Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 146

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas,
and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed,
and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING:**Hebrews 9:24-28**

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**ELW 142**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL:**Mark 12:38-44**

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As [Jesus] taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS SERMON**SERMON**

Pastor Lue Moua

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 790

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at-tend me, bring-ing com-fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro-vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur-dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis-dom to o-bey; I will seek your lov-ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near-er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di-vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e-vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat-ter



mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor-row, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be-tide me, you will hold me ev-er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e-ter-nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo-ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

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Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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APOSTLES' CREED

Gathered together, let us confess our faith...

**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

Each petition ends with: ...Merciful God,
The congregation responds: **Receive our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

You can send your offering through the mail to :
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church
PO Box 206
Randolph MN 55065

**or download the *Vanco Mobile* app on your mobile phone
or go to our *website* and click on the give button on the top.**

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.



BLESSING

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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 434

Jesus Shall Reign



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank You!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. We sincerely pray that the service was inspiring, and comforting. If you find occasion to worship with us again, please know that we appreciate your presence. If you are looking for a home church, please let the pastor know by phone, email, or text. Wherever you go, may God be at your side and bring you peace and joy.



Prayer Requests

Dorothy Young, Diane Trapp, Bill Richer,
Jeff Wangstad (father of Jennifer Elioff),
Justine Ohman, Elaine Orvold (Lisa Molitor's mom),
and Nicole Mies Anderson, Dureen/Tootsie Mies and her family.

When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl,
Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

Today's Stewards

Greeters/Acolyte: Olivia Haro

Reader:

Next Week's Stewards

Greeters/Acolyte:

Reader:

Communion Servers:

Events this Week:

Bible Study - Tuesday 9:30 am

Quilting - Tuesday 10:00 am

Food Shelf - Tuesday 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Council Meeting - Tuesday 7:00 pm

Confirmation - Wednesday 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Church School - Sunday 9:15 am - 9:45 am

Worship - Sundays 10:00 am

Announcements

WELCA Is On Facebook

St. Mark's WELCA has started a page on Facebook.

Find us at:

St. Mark's Randolph MN WELCA

Crafting Day Is Back!

If you need a space to work on your projects so you can get them done, this is the place for you.

Saturday, November 16th from 8:30 am to 10:30 pm

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RSVP to Stephanie Krueger @ (612) 581-7201

Cost is \$20 for the day

A soup lunch will be provided, and potluck for supper.

ANNUAL OL' COUNTRY BAZAAR

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Our Annual Bazaar is right around the corner! We already have crafters/vendors registered – some favorites from years past and some new ones. Not only do we have crafters/vendors, a huge part of the success of the Bazaar is our **Bake and Craft Sale!** For that part to be successful, we need your **help!!** Do you have a favorite recipe for cookies, bars, candies, breads, snack mixes, etc. to donate? Also if you sew, knit, crochet, do woodworking, make crafts of any kind, we'd appreciate if you could donate to our craft tables. You can drop your goodies off on Friday November 29th between 11:00 am and 1 pm when WELCA is setting up.

Our **Lunch Counter** is always a favorite but we need help in the kitchen! We ask for volunteers to help this part of the Bazaar to be the success it has always been. Many hands are needed! We will have an envelope at church for any monetary donation to help defray the cost of the food.

Another great way to help is to come and have lunch! You'll not only enjoy great food, you'll be able to visit with friends & neighbors, and put a dent in your Christmas shopping!!

This is a fun event!! Come do some Christmas shopping – have lunch –and maybe a little more shopping!!

Sunday, November 24- after church we'll be moving pews in the sanctuary & clearing the Fellowship Hall & classrooms, bringing down the Christmas decorations and do some decorating.

On **Saturday, the 30th** after the Bazaar is over (2:00 p.m.), what was taken out of the church will need to be put back for Sunday service. The more people helping – the quicker this will get done.

Thank you for your consideration!!

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