



ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**5th Sunday after Epiphany
February 9, 2025
Worship Service 9:30 am**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Visitation Pastor
Rev. Dick Hanson

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Welcome Pads – are located at the end of pew, please sign and pass to your neighbor.

Nursery – is staffed and located across from the Children's Clubhouse.

Nursing Nook – A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator.

Noah's Ark for Children – There are books, puzzles, lacing and tracing cards, and weekly activity packets for use during the service for children. Re-useable items are returned to the ark at the end of the service.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life. **Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin. Merciful God, **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG

"Here I am to Worship"

Praise Band

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

The congregation may be seated.

SECOND GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE – BIBLE BLESSING

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!” ⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; ¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. ¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.” The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—

unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL: Luke 5: 1-11

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got

into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated.

MESSAGE

Pastor Bob Rasmus

Please stand as you are able.

SONG OF THE DAY

“Gather at the Water”

Praise Band

HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love and obedience to the will of God.

Parents: *We present Emerson Thomas Lane for baptism.*

Pastor: As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with them among God’s faithful people, bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, teach them the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments, place in their hands the holy scriptures, and nurture them in faith and prayer, so that your children may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ

through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Emerson grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: *We do.*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Emerson in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of his baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsor: *We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Emerson and pray for him in this new life in Christ? **We do.**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? **I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father? **I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregation may be seated.

Emerson Thomas Lane, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Emerson, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Receive this lighted candle. Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Therefore, let your light shine before others so they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Emerson with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized. **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.**

SENDING OF YOUTH QUAKE

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

God of Grace, **hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"This Little Light of Mine"

Hymn#677

OFFERING PRAYER

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION AT HOME

COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR & IN THE PEW

If you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you. Children who have not been confirmed or received instruction in Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing. Adults who are not baptized are invited to come forward for a blessing. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will give you a wafer. Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor where you will be offered a tray with wine (dark colored) or grape juice (light colored) and in disposable cups which can be thrown away in receptacles.

COMMUNION SONGS:

Praise Band

“Gratitude”

“Revelation Song”

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

"Freedom"

Praise Band

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve and love the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**



The Baptized

Emerson Joseph Lane

Parents: Emma & Joseph Lane

Sponsors: Meredith & Jim Lane and Michelle & Glen Paulus

Grandparents: Nancy & Robert Larson and Kathy & Tim Lane

SENDING OF YOUTH QUAKE

The following young people and adult leaders are headed to a Youth Quake in the Wisconsin Dells next weekend, February 14-16. Today, near the end of our worship service, we will invite all trip participants forward for a blessing. We ask the congregation to pray for traveling mercies, good health and safety on their journey and that all participants grow in love for Christ and each other during their time together. We are excited to tell you all about the experience when we return!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Erika Schierer
Bethany Marshall
Mason Gilmore
Elise Moore
Andrew Crawford
Bobby Radtke
Clayton Tassart
Austin McCoy

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH

Olivia Moehling
Justin Crawford
Beck Westphalen
Rylan Sutter
Graham Roxworthy
Sam Pudik
Caleb Earle
Evan Goettler

ADULT LEADERS

Cindy Marshall
Mary Hills
Jill Goldhammer
Mike Griffith
Nate Fleming
Josh Sutter

SERVING TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

USHERS	Glen Calvert, Cindy Calvert, Pat Wagner
DEACONS	Dave Rest, Carol Rest, Lori Tigue, Gary Uftring, Pat Wagner
READER	Dan Funcannon
FELLOWSHIP	Cathy Leach, Diana Lindahl, Marsha & Tom Rigg, Youth
NURSERY	Karen Kremer, Marsha Rigg
AUDIO/VISUAL	Bobby Radtke, Bethany Marshall, Steve Demma
ALTAR GUILD	Dave & Carol Rest
ACOLYTES	TBA



The Altar flowers are sponsored today by Dee Mertens in loving memory of my parents, Bob and Ellen Clarin.

Altar Flowers

Dates available to sponsor altar flowers: March 9th, 30th & April 27th.
Sign up in gathering space or contact the church office.

HEART HEALTH PROGRAM
February 27, 2025
7:00 pm
Family Life Center
Dr. Larry Lindahl will be presenting & talking about heart health.

PARISH NURSE NEWS
Mary Hills is collecting useable sleeping bags to be donated to the homeless. Donations can be dropped off at the church office.

WHIP February Donations SOUP
Drop off donations in Beckwith Hall. We are also collecting plastic grocery bags.



150 Acts of Kindness

LIFTING UP OTHERS WITH ACTS OF KINDNESS!

Serve one another humbly in love. GALATIANS 5:13



Hearts for the Homebound

SEND VALENTINES TO OUR HOMEBOUND CHURCH MEMBERS.

We are challenging the congregation to join us in completing 150+ Acts of Kindness for the completion of our 150th Anniversary Celebration.

We will have special events for everyone to participate in but encourage you to think outside the box and comfort zone in lifting up others with Acts of Kindness. When you complete an Act of Kindness write it on a balloon in the FLC so we can encourage one another in serving & lifting up others.



Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser

YOUTH BAKE SALE

SUBS FOR SUPERBOWL SUNDAY

DRAWING FOR HANDMADE QUILT

ALUMNI SERIES

PASTOR DAN DOERING



LEADERSHIP COUNTS

MAKE IT COUNT – MAKE YOUR MARK



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 150 YEARS AND COUNTING

Pastor Dan Doering was a member of St. Mark's for eleven years (1994 – 2005). Since graduating from the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and being ordained at St. Mark's in 2005, he has served two congregations. Pastor Dan was the Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca, MN from 2005 until 2010. In 2010, he accepted the call to be the Pastor at People of Hope Lutheran Church in Rochester, MN and has been engaged in ministry there ever since.

While at St. Mark's, Pastor Dan was the Contemporary Worship Coordinator. He also served as an adult leader with the high school youth ministry. His spouse Karen (Lindahl) served as the Youth Director.

In his own words:

"I credit my experiences in leading worship and with youth ministry leading me to pursue ordained ministry. I am very thankful to the members of St. Mark's who saw gifts and talents in me and who encouraged me to pursue the ministry.

There are many people at St. Mark's who have inspired my faith journey. My in-laws, Dr. Larry and Diana Lindahl, accepted me early on and continue to be an inspiration. My many conversations with Pastor Beckwith continually reminded me of God's love for everyone (including me). Pastor Gwinn was highly supportive of me as I was entering seminary and ministry. Finally, Marty Aberle and Elaine Lucas were very encouraging to me as a young person at St. Mark's and remain close friends to this day."

In keeping with his commitment to community service and Christian outreach, Pastor Dan was recently elected to the Rochester City Council. "I am excited to serve the community in this capacity while still being engaged in full-time ministry. I appreciate the invitation to come back to St. Mark's and am looking forward to it!"

Pastor Dan will be presiding over our worship service on Sunday, February 23rd. There will be light refreshments provided in the Fellowship Hall following worship. Please come to greet Pastor Dan and thank him for his Christian leadership and service.



Pray for	Reason for prayer	Requested by
Bob Page	Health	Laurie Mathes
Reed Fry	Health	Joe & Carol Madden
Marjorie Vogelsong	Healing	Mary Wilson
Bill Pribble	Healing	Ruth Alt-Lauterbach
Ed Pribble	Health	Ruth Alt- Lauterbach
Rodney Johnson	Healing	Pastor Hanson
Jackie French	Health	Roger French
Shirley Gerken	Health	Paul Gerken
Arlene Johnson	Health	Sue Essig
Kayla Strehlow	Health	Linda Keys
Eric Bell	Safe Deployment	Kathy Bell
Terry Hill	Health	Gloria Busman
Mary Christ	Healing	Barb Spring
Olsen Osterloo	Health	Lori Fuller
Steve Onion	Healing	Pam Marcoline- Griffith
Rich Gunther Jr.	Health	Sue Yocum
Dawn Mauschbaugh	Health	Sandy Jackson
Eva Schierer	Health	Mary Hills
Chris Bomstad	Health	Karen Kremer
Michael Moore	Health	Margie Ary



STUDY OF LUKE

NO CLASS TODAY!

Class will resume next week!

Sundays @ 10:45 am

Conference Room

with Pastor Bob

Everyone is Welcome to Join!



STUDY OF REVELATIONS

2nd & 4th Saturdays

@ 9:00 am

Conference Room

with Pastor Hanson

Everyone is Welcome to Join!

SERVING FEBRUARY 16th

USHERS	Steve Barton, Annette & Kevin Wagner, Dave Rest, Bruce Mathes
DEACONS	Margie Ary, Steve Barton, Sue Ann Billimack, Dean Zobrist
READER	Jill Hermann
FELLOWSHIP	Glen Calvert, Cindy Calvert, Quentin Scherr
NURSERY	No Nursery
AUDIO/VISUAL	Barry Moore, Emily Jacobson, Joe Gleason
ALTAR GUILD	Dave & Carol Rest

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, February 9

8:30 am: Choir Rehearsal
 9:30 am: Worship Service
 10:45 am: Annual Meeting,
 Juvenile Diabetes Fundraiser,
 Hearts for the Homebound

Monday, February 10

11:00 am: Staff Meeting
 8:00 pm: Washington AA

Tuesday, February 11

9:30 am: Piece & Comfort Quilters
 10:00 am: 150th Meeting
 6:00 pm: Pickleball

Wednesday, February 12

6:30 pm: Cross Trainers & Confirmation

Thursday, February 13

8:00 pm: Washington AA

Friday, February 14

1:00 Youth Quake Departs

Saturday, February 15

9:30 am: Council Retreat



**Until your love reaches
 every neighbor.**



You can give online at lwr.org/fires or
 mail a check to **Lutheran World Relief,**
PO Box 17061,
Baltimore, MD 21297-1061
Write fires in the memo.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

SAVE THE DATE

150TH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Join us for St. Mark's 150th Anniversary Celebratory Banquet Sunday, April 27, 2025 starting at 11:30 AM following our special anniversary worship service. The event will be at the Countryside Banquet Facility in Washington with a catered-plate dinner with music and special guests.

TICKETS

Our 150th Special Appeal donations will cover most of the meal. However, to guarantee your committed attendance, adults 18 years and older will purchase a **meal ticket for \$10**. 18 years old and under will be free, but must register.

Watch for additional information in March 2025 to make your reservation and buy tickets. This special banquet will be the culmination of the past year of our "Making a Difference for 150 Years and Counting" campaign.

We are looking forward to celebrating together!



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MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR 150 YEARS AND COUNTING
MAKE IT COUNT – MAKE YOUR MARK



Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) is aware of inflammatory and misleading statements that were made on social media regarding Lutheran social service organizations nationwide and the work that we do. The statements call into question the bedrock of our collective missions to provide services to our neighbors in need. During our 157-year history, LSSI has partnered with federal and state government to provide critical services for decades.

Federal funding that LSSI receives goes directly toward delivering services, and we are accountable for every dollar received. All of this funding is approved by the Federal government and appropriated by Congress. We follow all regulations of the funding and are subject to federal audit and our own internal auditing. Our more than 1,000 employees are committed to our work and provide our services with excellence and in compliance with all funding guidelines. Additionally, we have a base of committed donors who consistently make charitable contributions to supplement and enhance government funding to continue our programs.

LSSI annually provides social and human services to over 56,000 children, adults, and seniors, including: foster care, mental health services, alcohol and drug treatment, affordable senior housing, home care services for older adults, residential programs for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and programs that help people and families impacted by incarceration. LSSI does not receive funding for refugee resettlement or Head Start services, vital programs that appear to be the primary targets for the most recent misleading social media statements.

We realize extreme, even demeaning rhetoric, may continue along with ongoing scrutiny of the funding we, and similar faith-based organizations, receive.

The mission of LSSI is to provide healing, justice, and wholeness to people and communities. Our employees live out this mission every day through the positive impact of their work. LSSI holds firm to our mission and faithfully provides critical services that bring dignity, health and well-being, and the promise of reaching one's full potential to our clients.

Mark Stutrud

President and CEO, Lutheran Social Services of Illinois

Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), issued a statement [here](#) commenting on the impact of this rhetoric on Lutheran organizations across the country.