
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11 & 12, 2023

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

LSB 430

- 1 *My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
That they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh and die?*
- 2 *He came from His blest throne
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But, oh, my friend,
My friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!*
- 3 *Sometimes they strew His way
And His sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!"
Is all their breath,
And for His death
They thirst and cry.*
- 4 *Why, what hath my Lord done?
What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run,
He gave the blind their sight.*
- 5 *Sweet injuries!
Yet they at these
Themselves displease
And 'gainst Him rise.*
- 5 *They rise and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful He
To suff'ring goes
That He His foes
From thence might free.*
- 6 *In life no house, no home
My Lord on earth might have;
In death no friendly tomb
But what a stranger gave.
What may I say?
Heav'n was His home
But mine the tomb
Wherein He lay.*
- 7 *Here might I stay and sing,
No story so divine!
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend!*

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Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Stand **Kyrie** 

LSB 204

C *Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.*

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 53:1-3

¹Who has believed what they heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
²For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
³He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 95:1-9; antiphon: v. 6

¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
Today, if you hear his voice,
⁸do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
⁹when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 26:46-56

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁶Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand."

⁴⁷While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit Hymn

How Wide the Love of Christ

LSB 535

1 How wide the love of Christ!
It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity
Within its broad embrace.

And yet upon our passing lives
Unmeasured mercy pours.

2 How long the love of Christ!
Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound
In everlasting peace.

4 How deep the love of Christ,
Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.

3 How high the love of Christ!
Beyond all thought it soars,

5 All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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Sermon

Hymn

When Peace, like a River

LSB 763

1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Refrain It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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Offering

Stand Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, You have brought us to dwell in Your house and called us to worship You in spirit and truth. Receive our praise and hear our prayers, that we would leave this place satisfied with Your living water. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, You led Your ancient people by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Lead us through the wilderness of this world by the hand of faithful pastors, that we would be refreshed by the living water flowing from the stricken side of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, You have made us righteous through Jesus Christ and made peace with us by His cross. Lead us to embrace our suffering in faith, as they shape us in His image, and prepare us to behold Your glory in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, You appointed Your Son to suffer on our behalf, that we would rejoice in the hope of glory. Make all Christian fathers to stand in Your grace, that they would live faithfully for the sake of their families and urge them always toward eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, bless the nations of the world, that both citizens and authorities would seek justice, peace and the common good of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, help the sick and suffering, especially those who desire our prayers [_____]. Surround them with Your love in Christ and, according to Your gracious will, heal them. Comfort all those who mourn, [*especially* _____] and fill their hearts with the certain hope of the resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord of hosts, grant us safe haven at Your altar, that we who bear the weight of this world and its sorrows would always long for Your courts and the blessings You have prepared for those who sing Your praise. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lord God, heavenly Father, to You all hearts are open and all sins are known. Strengthen our hearts by Your grace, that we who daily sin much would make confession boldly and then joyfully receive Your precious word of absolution; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

- A** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

LSB 849

- 1 *Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
Turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel,
Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms, and feeding thousands
With the very Bread of peace.*
- 2 *Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert's burning sand;
From this Well comes living water,
Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.*
- 3 *Let us praise the Word Incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place.
Jesus died and rose victorious
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done;
Let us praise the true Redeemer,
Praise the One who makes us one.*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Prayers

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Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi	Jane Kuhnert	Andy Schorr	Emma Ritter
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Care Center Residents

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Military Personnel & Their Families

Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.

Justin Asbury	Andrew Grab	Dustin Newton	Emily Lindenberg
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Mission Prayer

For more mission prayers, visit: www.lcms.org/worship/pray-for-us-calendar
Remember the centrality of God's Word as you pray:

- for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, that all there might grow in the Word and prepare for the proper proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments.
- for Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind., that the faculty might teach the Word in its truth and purity; and the students learn God's Word in preparation for ministry.

Bible Readings

From Lutheran Service Book Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, March 12	Genesis 27:30-45; 28:10-22; Mark 9:1-13
Monday, March 13	Genesis 29:1-30; Mark 9:14-32
Tuesday, March 14.....	Genesis 35:1-29; Mark 9:33-50
Wednesday, March 15	Genesis 37:1-36; Mark 10:1-12
Thursday, March 16	Genesis 39:1-23; Mark 10:13-31
Friday, March 17.....	Genesis 40:1-23; Mark 10:32-52
Saturday, March 18.....	Genesis 41:1-27; Mark 11:1-19

Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m. in School Gymnasium
Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in Cafeteria (No Bible Study March 5 & 12)
Kids Praise & Worship @ 9:50 a.m. in Pre-K Classroom
School Chapel @ 8:25 a.m. on Wednesdays in Gymnasium
Wednesday Bible Study—@ 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Public School Confirmation Class--@7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
Adult Choir Practice—Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.
Men's Musings Bible Class—Thursday @ 6:03 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Handicapped Accessible Service—April 6, 10 a.m.—School Gymnasium

2022 Giving Statements

The 2022 Giving Statements are available in the church office. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192.

Blanket Making

Tuesdays @ 9:00 a.m.

@the Little House

Help is Needed!!!

St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

Chicken Dinner

March 5, 2023

10:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

@ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

Adults: \$12; Children: \$6

Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls

The Youth Group is taking orders for coffee cakes and cinnamon rolls. The coffee cake flavors that are available are Cherry, Peach, Peanut Butter and Old Fashioned. This year we have two kinds of cinnamon rolls, Original and Jelly Roll. The Coffee Cakes and Cinnamon Rolls will be in 9 inch tins and the price is now \$7 per item.

To place an order, call a youth group member, the church office at 965-3192 or Rhonda Wilson at 559-0964. Deadline to place orders is March 19th and the orders will be available on April 7th between 3:30-5:00 p.m. Pick up will be a drive thru by St. Mark's School office. We are thankful for your continued support.

St. Mark's 2024 150th Anniversary Update

Plans continue for our 150th Anniversary year in 2024. The Committee will be keeping everyone informed as they proceed to make plans. Thanks to everyone for their interest!

Your Committee—Dave & Marilyn Wentz, Kim Ruebke, Jim & Debbie Mevert and Pastor Mark

Lock In @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

March 17, 9:00 p.m.—6:00 a.m.

Food & Drink will be provided.

Everyone is welcome!

Fun Activities

Show up at 9, doors will lock at 9:30.

We hope to see you for a night of fun with the Youth Group!

Any questions call Cole Diercks (618) 615-5790.

Lent / Easter Worship Schedule

March 15th, Lent Midweek 4

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

March 22nd, Lent Midweek 5

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

March 29th, Lent Midweek 6

6:30 p.m. @ Immanuel, West Point

April 6th, Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 7th, Good Friday

7:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 8th, Easter Vigil

6:00 p.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

April 9th, Easter

6:15 a.m. @ Steeleville City Park (in case of weather St. Mark's School Gymnasium)

9:00 a.m. @ St. Mark's School Gymnasium

*All weekend services will be at St. Mark's School Gymnasium
until the remodeling is completed at the church.*

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Helen Mayer will be leading our chapel service on Wednesday, March 15. Everyone is invited to attend.

Track practice will start this Tuesday, March 14 at 3:30-4:30 pm. The schedule will then be Monday through Thursday from 3:30-4:30 pm. Coaches are Ms. Kristy Young and Mr. Ethan Feldmann.

St. Mark's PTL will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 14 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria. Come and show your support!

St. Mark's has two students attending the Art Festival this Thursday, April 16 at Waterloo Jr. High. JJ Underwood and Katelynn Vallett will be representing St. Mark's. The theme this year is, "Art On"! Good luck and have fun!

Volleyball pictures will be taken this Friday, March 17th at the Grade School. Players please make sure to bring your uniform to school. Time is to be determined.

Our 7th & 8th grade will be holding a BBQ fundraiser at Steeleville Marketplace Saturday, March 18 to raise money for their class trip. Please try and support our 7th & 8th grade and get some yummy BBQ!

St. Mark's Co-op Sports

March 14-21 – V-ball Regionals

It is time to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars®

Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until March 31, 2023, to direct any remaining 2022 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support St. Mark's Lutheran Church and/or School. Go to <http://www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice> to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt. You can also make a donation through the Thrivent Choice link. Thrivent pays the processing fees.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2nd Thursdays

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF



We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.