



Still Ringing The Bell – Week One

Our Need To Give

2/11/2024



## Lenten Theme for 2024 “Live Differently”

Lent challenges us to question our comfort with the values of our culture and to consider how Jesus would live differently.

Our culture elevates image, self-promotion, and keeping up appearances. So we exchange our real and authentic selves for a hyped-up, glamorized, and airbrushed caricature. Our culture celebrates pleasure. So we avoid pain at all cost, stuff it down, numb it, hide it, and ignore it, believing that it has nothing to teach us. Our culture celebrates perfection. So, we strive to make the grade, the bank, and a name. Jesus comes and overturns the cultural tables, stiff-arming image, pleasure, and the standards of religious and social perfection for a greater goal—wholeness of life with God and with humanity.

Our Wednesday Lenten services will examine one principle each week – ways in which we can more fully follow Jesus and limit the distractions which surround us.

**Ash Wednesday Feb. 14** 7 p.m. “Pretense” (*Alms and Prayer, Giving in Secret*)  
Service of Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes

Feb. 21 7 p.m. “Probation” (*Wilderness, Fasting, and Testing*)

Feb. 28 7 p.m. “Persecution” (*Jesus is Pursued*)

*(Services continue on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>)*

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am  
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 am  
Pastor: Beth Giller

Youth & Family Life Director: Emily Hemminger  
Choir Director: Cheryl Dunlap  
President: Diane Lorenzen

Pastoral Care: Cindy Ritter  
Organist: Kim Fletcher  
Vice President: Andrew English

**WELCOME TO ST. MARK!** If you are a visitor, please worship with us again. Please send us an email if you are a guest, or need to update your information or you need assistance to [smlc.office@yahoo.com](mailto:smlc.office@yahoo.com). We also want to know if there have been any changes to your address or phone number, you can call the office or email with the new information.

We've seen the people of St. Mark band together to help each other and to reach out intentionally to our East Toledo community. If you feel led to support the mission of St. Mark, we encourage you to use our secure eGiving tools to make your offering. To learn more, visit [www.stmarktoledo.com](http://www.stmarktoledo.com) and look for the "Give" option in the menu at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

Upon entrance to the lobby from the parking lot, **AN ELEVATOR** is located down the corridor immediately to the right. It will take you to the sanctuary. **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available from an usher.

**IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED**, please have someone call the church as we are not notified by the hospital.

**10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE**

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

February 11, 2024

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## 8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #631 – “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth,  
wind sweeping over the waters.  
**Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,  
**we pour out our hearts before you.**  
**We have known you but have not always loved you.**  
**We have wounded one another**  
**and sinned against you.**  
**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit**  
**dwelling in each of us.**  
**Remember your covenant.**  
**Renew your creation.**  
**Restore us,**  
**that we might proclaim your good news to all.**  
**Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.  
God has spoken:  
The time of grace is now.  
In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.  
By the authority of + Jesus Christ,  
your sins are forgiven.  
You are God's beloved.  
**Amen.**

## **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.**

## **KYRIE** (*Sung responsively. Music on p. 147 in front of hymnal*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (*Music on p. 148 in hymnal*)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you,  
we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

A reading from Genesis 1:26-31.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup>God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food." <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 50:1-6

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup>LORD, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun <sup>1</sup>to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup>in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>1</sup>forth in glory.**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will <sup>1</sup>not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a <sup>1</sup>raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth <sup>1</sup>from above  
to witness the judgment <sup>1</sup>of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>"Gather before me my <sup>1</sup>loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed <sup>1</sup>it with sacrifice."

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness <sup>1</sup>of God's cause,  
for it is God <sup>1</sup>who is judge.**



A reading from 1 Timothy 6:17-19.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The word of the Lord.

*The assembly responds:*

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Music on p. 151 of hymnal*)

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 6, verses 19-21.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**HYMN #686 – “WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN”**

**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 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.**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYERS**

## **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.**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN #715 – “CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT”**

## **POSTLUDE**

# LYRICS

## TODAY IS THE DAY

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### Verse 1:

I'm casting my cares aside  
I'm leaving my past behind  
I'm setting my heart and mind on You  
Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for  
me is good  
It's good

### Chorus:

*Today is the day  
You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it  
Today is the day  
You have made  
I will rejoice and be glad in it*

*And I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm trusting in what You say  
Today is the day  
Today is the day*

### Verse 2:

I'm putting my fears aside  
I'm leaving my doubts behind  
I'm giving my hopes and dreams to  
You  
Jesus

I'm reaching my hand to Yours  
Believing there's so much more  
Knowing that all You have in store for  
me is good  
It's good

### Chorus

(Musical interlude)

### Bridge: (2x`s)

I will stand upon Your truth.  
(I will stand upon Your truth)  
And all my days I'll live for You  
(And all my days I'll live) (Repeat)

### Chorus:

I won't worry about tomorrow  
I'm giving you my fears and sorrows  
Where you lead me I will follow  
I'm trusting in what you say  
Today is the day

### (5x`s)

Today is the day

## **I REFUSE**

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### Verse 1

Sometimes I,  
I just wanna close my eyes,  
And act like ev'ryone's alright  
When, no, they're not

This world needs God  
But it's easier to stand and watch.  
I could say a prayer and just move on  
like nothing's wrong

But I refuse.

### Chorus

*'Cause I don't wanna live  
like I don't care  
I don't wanna say  
another empty prayer,  
Oh, I refuse to  
Sit around and wait for someone else  
To do what God has  
called me to do myself  
Oh I could choose  
not to move  
But I refuse*

### Verse 2

I can hear the least of these  
Crying out so desperately  
And I know we are the hands and feet  
of You, O God

So if You say move,  
it's time for me to follow through  
And do what I was meant to do  
And show them Who You are

### Chorus

### Bridge

To stand and watch  
the weary and lost  
cry out for help

I refuse  
to turn my back  
and try to act  
like all is well

I refuse  
to stay unchanged,  
to wait another day  
To doubt myself

I refuse  
to make one more excuse

### Chorus

# LIVE LIKE THAT

Ben McDonald and Ben Glover Arr. Dan Galbraith and Lee Marcum Word Music, LLC. EMI Christian Music Group

## Verse 1

Sometimes I think  
What will people say of me  
When I'm only just a memory  
When I'm home where my soul  
belongs

Was I love  
When no one else would show up?  
Was I Jesus to the least of us  
Was my worship more than just a  
song?

## Chorus

*I want to live like that  
And give it all I have  
So that ev'rything I say and do  
Points to You*

*If love is who I am  
Then this is where I'll stand  
Recklessly abandoned  
Never holding back.*

*I want to live like that  
I want to live like that.*

## Verse 2

Am I proof  
That You are who You say You are  
That grace can really change a heart?  
Do I live like Your love is true?

People pass  
And even if they don't know my name  
Is there evidence that I've been  
changed  
When they see me,  
Do they see You?

## Chorus

Bridge (with echo: "I want to live  
like that")  
I want to show the world  
The love You gave for me  
I'm longing for the world to know  
The glory of the King

## Chorus

## Tag

I want to live like that  
I want to live like that

## **SURRENDER**

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### Verse 1

I'm giving you all my heart and all that is within  
I lay it all down for the sake of You my King  
I'm giving you my dreams, I'm laying down my rights  
I'm giving up my pride, for the promise of new life

### Chorus 1

And I surrender all to You, all to You  
And I surrender all to You all to You

### Verse 2

I'm singing you this song, I'm waiting at the cross  
And all the world holds dear, I count it all as loss  
For the sake of knowing You, the glory of your name  
To know the lasting joy, even sharing in Your pain

### Chorus 2

And I surrender all to You all to You  
And I surrender all to You all to You, all to You

### Tag

I'm giving you all my heart and all that is within  
I lay it all down for the sake of You my King

## **I GIVE YOU MY HEART**

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This is my desire, to honor You.  
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.  
All I have within me,  
I give You praise.  
All that I adore is in You.

Chorus:

Lord, I give You my heart.  
I give You my soul.  
I live for You alone.  
Ev'ry breath that I take,  
Ev'ry moment I'm awake.  
Lord, have Your way in me.

(repeat)



**LECTOR** (8:30 Service) – Reed Reamsnyder

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN** – If you are interested in making an early “Pacesetter” gift to the *Still Ringing the Bell* Capital Campaign, there will be an event on Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8 p.m. This Lead Commitment event will invite St. Mark friends to consider a substantial “seed money” gift as we launch the Campaign. If you feel led to this, please RSVP by calling the church office at 419-691-3597 by February 16. RSVPs are required for this event.

**NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES** – Our next Kid’s Night is Wednesday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. The next Neighborhood Dinner will take place on Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. We welcome those interested in volunteering to attend as well!

**OWL’S LUNCHEON** – (Older Wiser Lutherans) This month’s meeting will be on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Applebee’s. Please contact Kathy Agoston to reserve your spot. Phone: (419) 508-5453 or Email: kagoston@sbcglobal.net.

**GIRLS’ NIGHT OUT** – Attention St. Mark Ladies! Come join us for game night on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm in the Lounge across from the gym. Board games, card games, bring your favorite to teach others! Watch next month for another activity. Come up with something you’d like to do and let’s get it on the calendar! We would love to have something once a month.

**DARTBALL NEWS** – St. Mark won 2 thrilling games over St. Petri. Sue Padley hit a 2 run homer in the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. Brian Garee hit a solo homerun in the 10<sup>th</sup> inning of the 3<sup>rd</sup> game. Dave Geisert, Arnie Brossia, and Tony Kaczmarek each hit a homerun. Tony also hit 2 doubles and 2 triples. St. Mark and Prince of Peace are tied for first place.

**FOOD PANTRY** – We are currently in need of boxes of Mac & Cheese. If you would like to donate, please leave them in the bin in the lobby area. Thank you!

**BIBLE STUDY** – We will have a 7-Session Bible Study titled “A Time to Rest” starting February 14<sup>th</sup> led by Pr. Cindy. We are called to open our Bibles and gather to learn and practice God’s beautiful gift of rest. All are WELCOME. Seven Zoom classes will be held on Monday evenings at 5:30 pm Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> - April 1<sup>st</sup>. Seven in person classes will be held on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am on **Feb.** 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, **Mar.** 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and **Apr.** 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact Pr. Cindy Ritter for the Zoom invitation link by email, or if you have any questions: pastorcindyrittertoledo@gmail.com.

**PICKLEBALL** –is currently taking place in the St. Mark gym on Mondays 9-11 am. We will also have Pickleball on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month at 7 pm. Come join us, we have lots of fun and it is great exercise!

<b>Financial Figures for week of 2/4/24 – 2/9/24</b>	
<i>Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget.....</i>	<i>\$8,024</i>
<i>General Fund Giving.....</i>	<i>\$7,573</i>
<i>Dedicated Fund Giving.....</i>	<i>\$222</i>
<i>Total.....</i>	<i>\$7,795</i>

*“General Fund” contributions are used for everyday church expenses.*

*“Dedicated Fund” contributions are directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for that area.*

**At St. Mark, we glorify Jesus Christ when we KNOW, LIVE,  
and SHARE the Word.**

**We KNOW the Word through study of the Bible, worship, and developing and  
nurturing relationships with Jesus and others.**

**We LIVE the Word through prayer, perseverance,  
and the power of the Spirit.**

**We SHARE the Word by boldly crossing boundaries, welcoming all.**