



“One does not live by bread alone.”

March 9, 2025

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
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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. 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 and look for the "Give" option in the menu at the top of the page. Thank you for supporting our ministry!

The "***Still Ringing the Bell***" Capital Campaign has received commitments of \$762,300 with \$493,243 cash received as of Friday, March 7th. This is an extraordinary response to God's grace and a powerful statement of the congregation's commitment. If you would like to give, you can visit our website at StMarkToledo.com and click give at the top of the page or call the office at (419) 691-3597. You can visit our website at StMarkToledo.com and click give at the top of the page or call the office at (419) 691-3597.

LENT – During this Lenten season, we are exploring the twists and turns in the journey of Peter. Peter drops his nets to follow Jesus, but his journey is full of detours and surprises. He keeps walking with Jesus even through the challenges and disappointments. Join us in worship each Wednesday at 7 pm here at St. Mark as we consider what it means to have "A Wandering Heart." ❤️

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

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8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 9, 2025

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #504 – “A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD”

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,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you
and your love for the world.**

**We do not show others the tender compassion
you have shown to us.**

**We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality
you grant to all people.**

**We oppress others,
even though you have set us free again and again.**

We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.

**Transform our lives
and guide us again in the way of the cross.**

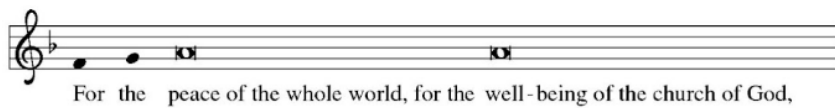
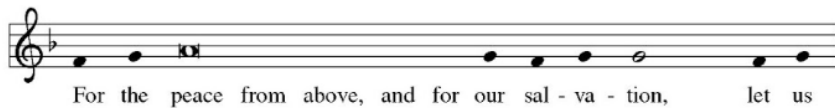
Amen.

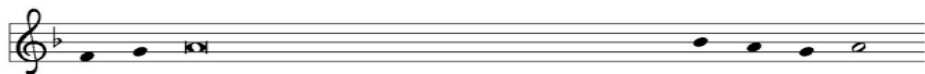
Beloved in Christ,
God's arms are always stretched open wide
to welcome the wandering ones home.
In + Christ your sins are forgiven.
You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

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





For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



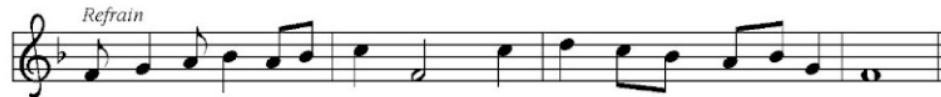
3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Refrain
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING

A reading from Deuteronomy chapter 26 verses 1-11.

¹ When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ² you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³ You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, “Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.” ⁴ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, ⁵ you shall make this response before the LORD your God: “A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶ When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷ we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸ The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹ and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰ So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.” You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹ Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:1-2, 9-16

¹ You who dwell in the shelter of¹ the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of¹ the Almighty—
² **you will say to the LORD, “My refuge¹ and my stronghold,
my God in whom I¹ put my trust.”**
⁹ Because you have made the¹ LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your¹ habitation,
¹⁰ **no evil¹ will befall you,
nor shall affliction come¹ near your dwelling.**
¹¹ For God will give the angels charge¹ over you,
to guard you in¹ all your ways.

- ¹² **Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**
- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ **I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.
- ¹⁶ **With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans chapter 10 verse 8b-13.

^{8b} “The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The holy gospel according to Luke chapter 4, verses 1-13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’”

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸ Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR BETH GILLER

HYMN #769 – “IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU”

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.**

OFFERTORY

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Offering Song



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

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

DISMISSAL

HYMN #785 – “WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

HERE I AM TO WORSHIP

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Chorus

*Here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God,
You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me (repeat)*

Verse 1

Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You (repeat
chorus)

Verse 2

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You
created,
All for love's sake became poor.
(repeat chorus)

Bridge

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross (repeat)

Chorus 2 x's

GOD IS ON THE MOVE

Cliff Williams, Ian Eskelin, Mikey Howard, Tony Wood Aevinesaint Music, Love Journey CCLI License #1526594

Verse 1

Any time a heart turns
from darkness to light
Any time temptation comes
and someone stands to fight
Any time somebody lives
to serve and not be served
I know, I know, I know, I know

Chorus

*God is on the move,
on the move, Yes I know it
God is on the move in many mighty
ways
God is on the move,
on the move, Yes I know it
God is on the move,
on the move today*

Verse 2

Any time in weakness
someone falls upon their knees
Or dares to speak the truth
that sets men free
Any time the choice is made
to stand upon the word
I know, I know, I know, I know

Chorus

Verse 3

Any time the gospel stirs
a searching soul
And someone says,
“Send me, here I go”
I know, I know, I know, I know

Chorus 2 x's

O WORSHIP THE LORD

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Chorus

*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
(repeat chorus)*

*And fear before Him all the earth.
And fear before Him all the earth.
(repeat whole song)*

(Chorus 2 x's)

I WORSHIP YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD

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I worship You, Almighty God,
There is none like you,
I worship You, O Prince of Peace,
That is what I want to do.
I give You praise,
For You are my righteousness;
I worship You, Almighty God,
There is none like you. (Repeat)

YOU ARE WORTHY OF MY PRAISE

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I will worship with all of my heart
I will praise You with all of my strength
I will seek You all of my days,
I will follow, follow all of Your ways.

Chorus: I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.(repeat)

I will bow down, hail You my King;
I will serve you, give you everything
I will lift up my eyes to your throne;
I will trust You, I will trust You alone.

Chorus: I will give You all my worship,
I will give You all my praise.
You alone I long to worship,
You alone are worthy of my praise.(repeat)

Tag: You alone I long to worship
You alone are worthy of my praise.

LECTOR (8:30 Service) – Kim Kruse

WE THANK – the Traditional Choir for their gift of music this morning.

LADIES NIGHT – Join us for a women’s game night on Sunday, March 16th from 6-8 pm in the Ladies Lounge at St. Mark. Please bring a board or card game that you enjoy to share! Light snacks and water will be provided. We will also discuss ideas for future events. Hope to see you there!

EASTER TULIPS – are \$11 per pot, order forms are located at the welcome desk in the church lobby. Please include payment with your order, if paying by check, make payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church. You will receive acknowledgement in the Easter Bulletin with your order. **ORDERING DEADLINE IS MONDAY, APRIL 7th at 1: 00 PM.**

DARTBALL NEWS – In the late hours of Monday evening, the Dartball Team walked away with the tournament trophy. Our team won the Championship by defeating Prince Of Peace in the finals (3-0 and 2-0). Leading the way were Arnie Brossia (3 hrs - 5 rbis), Joe Disher (2 hrs - 3 rbis), Glen Reamsnyder (3 doubles), Mike Agoston (5 doubles), Dave Geisert (3 doubles), Bob Agoston (7 hits) and Greg Smith (1 hr and 2 doubles).

NEIGHBORHOOD MINISTRIES – Our next Kid’s Night event will be on Wednesday, March 12th from 3:30-6 pm. Our next Neighborhood Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 26th at 5 pm. We welcome those interested in volunteering to attend as well, a volunteer sign-up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the lobby.

JANUARY FINANCIAL FIGURES

General Income: \$22,757
Dedicated Income: \$3,445
Capital Campaign Income: 35,076
Expenses: \$37,093

<u>Week of 3/2/25 – 3/7/25</u>	
<i>Weekly amount needed to meet annual budget</i>	\$8,293
General Fund Giving.....	\$7,051
Dedicated Funds Giving.....	\$171
Capital Campaign Giving.....	\$4,570
Total.....	\$11,792

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

“Dedicated Funds” contributions that are directed to specific ministry areas and can only be used for those areas.

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.

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