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what I need

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St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

Members & our Guests: Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our pastor.

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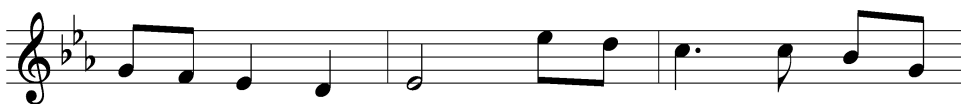
Come Away from Rush and Hurry



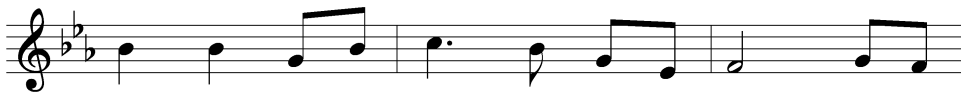
1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness
2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to
3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con - fu - sions,



of God's peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to
rest our soul. From the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink
fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of Jes - us; take in -



Christ to find re - lease. Come a - way from noise and
deep - ly, are made whole. At the ta - ble of God's
stead his king - dom's reign. Bring your thirsts, for he will



clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace; come to
pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed. With the
quench them—he al - one will sat - is - fy. All our



join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's grace.
oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
long - ings find at - tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

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Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Amen!

All who are weary, all who are tired, and all who are thirsty for their souls to be satisfied, come and drink deeply from the water that Jesus gives. We need Jesus to give us the water that brings eternal life. And it comes from the forgiveness of our sins. As we confess our sins together, we acknowledge that we all desperately need a Savior. And we come trusting in Jesus who takes our sins away.

Almighty and merciful God, I acknowledge my desperate need. My sins offended you and hurt others, deserving punishment. My brokenness has left me parched in my soul. I could never save myself. Thank you for loving me when I was unlovable. Thank you for being everything I need. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior.

The gift of God is living water. Drink without cost. And drink deeply. Jesus lived a perfect life in your place. He died on the cross to pay the punishment as your Substitute. And he came back to life in victory! All is forgiven—now and forever. By trusting in Jesus, you will live forever. In heaven with him, you will drink from the water of life, and your soul will never be thirsty again. Because of him, all is well with you and God. He welcomes you home and calls you his child.

Amen!

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer *Blue hymnal 609 sts. 1, 3*



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Morning Prayer

I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Wonderful, Merciful Savior

Choir

Wonderful, merciful Savior,
Precious Redeemer and Friend,
Who would have thought that a Lamb could
Rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper,
Spirit we long to embrace,
You offer hope when our hearts have
Hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way.

You are the one that we praise;
You are the one we adore.
You give the healing and grace
Our hearts always hunger for,
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father,
Faithfully loving your own,
Here in our weakness you find us
Falling before your throne,
Oh, we're falling before your throne.

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⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband.

¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

God's Word

Romans 5:1-8

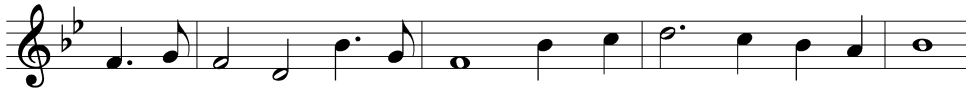
¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

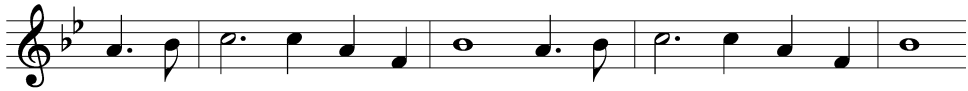
Children's Message

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Blue hymnal 839



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵The LORD answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel.

⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Water from the Rock

Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

Amen!

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Blue hymnal 930



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today		LWMS Misson Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Stage Setup (in MPC)
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Lent Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Lent Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point (Bible Basics)
Friday	12:30 p.m.	Kids Heart Fitness Challenge
Next Sunday		LWMS Misson Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Volleyball Open Gym

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
	<i>Mar 8</i>	Shawn & Kim Butler
AJ LeMay	<i>Mar 9</i>	
Carolyn Donoho	<i>Mar 11</i>	
Karen Romer		

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