



St. Mark's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

# LENT – MIDWEEK #6

March 25, 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> 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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# Amazing Grace

Blue Hymnal 576

1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790  
Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman. Text and tune: Public domain

## Opening Responses

## with Psalm 22

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

**Amen!**

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
**the light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
**and the day is almost over.**

Be our light and scatter the darkness,  
**and hear our evening prayer and praise.**

My God, I cry out by day; by night, but I find no rest.

**Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises.**

In you our ancestors put their trust; they trusted and you delivered them.

**Do not be far from me, for trouble is near and there is no one to help.**

I am poured out like water, my heart has melted within me.

**Dogs surround me, a pack of villains encircles me; they pierce my hands and my feet.**

They divide my clothes among them and cast lots for my garment.

**But you, LORD, do not be far from me.**

You are my strength; come quickly to help me.

**I will declare your name to my people; in the assembly I will praise you.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, Son of God and King of heaven, you were pierced for our transgressions and crushed for our iniquities. Show us in your suffering, death, and resurrection the relentless love of God for sinners. Lead us in gratitude and awe for the way you saved us from sin. Let your Spirit fill our hearts this evening as we meditate on your Word.

**Amen.**

# Passion History Reading

## My Song Is Love Unknown

*Blue hymnal 397 sts. 1-2, 4-5, 7*



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to  
2 He came from his blest throne sal - va - tion to be -  
4 Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and  
5 They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made a -  
7 Here might I stay and sing; no sto - ry so di -



me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly  
stow, but such dis - dain! So few the longed - for Christ would  
spite? He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their  
way. A mur - der - er they save, the Prince of life they  
vine, nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like



be. Oh, who am I that for my sake  
know! But oh, my friend, my friend in - deed,  
sight. Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these  
slay. Yet cheer - ful he to suf - f'ring goes  
thine. This is my friend, in whose sweet praise



my Lord should take frail flesh and die?  
who at my need his life did spend!  
them - selves dis - please and 'gainst him rise.  
that he his foes from death might free.  
I all my days could glad - ly spend!

Text: Samuel Crossman, c. 1624-1683, alt.  
Tune: John N. Ireland, 1879-1962  
Text and tune: Public domain

<sup>10</sup>“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. <sup>11</sup>On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.”

### **Look at the One Who Was Pierced**

### **Evening Prayers**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness.

Lord, your mercies are new every morning, and in the evening we can lie down in peace, for you alone make us dwell in safety. For all who are lonely, be the great Friend who is always there. For all who grieve, honor their tears and give newfound joy. For all who live with pain or health complications, give perseverance and relief. Lead us to acknowledge that every good gift comes from you. Guard our weary hearts and restless minds with your peace that surpasses all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. 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.**

# Blessing

The almighty and merciful Lord—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless us and keep us.

**Amen!**

## God Who Made the Earth and Heaven

*Blue Hymnal 787*



1 God, who made the earth and heav-en, dark-ness and light:  
2 And when morn a-gain shall call us to run life's way,  
3 Guard us wak-ing, guard us sleep-ing, and, when we die,  
4 Ho-ly Fa-ther, throned in heav-en, all-ho-ly Son,



you the day for work have giv-en, for rest the night.  
may we still, what-e'er be-fall us, your will o-bey.  
may we in your might-y keep-ing all peace-ful lie.  
Ho-ly Spir-it, free-ly giv-en, blest Three in One:



May your an-gel guards de-fend us, slum-ber sweet your mer-cy  
From the pow'r of e-vil hide us, in the nar-row path-way  
When the last dread call shall wake us, then, O Lord, do not for-  
grant us grace, we now im-plore you, till we lay our crowns be-



send us, ho-ly dreams and hopes at-tend us all through the night.  
guide us, nev-er be your smile de-nied us all through the day.  
sake us, but to reign in glo-ry take us with you on high.  
fore you and in wor-thier strains a-dore you while a-ges run.

Text (st. 1): Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.; (sts. 2, 4): William Mercer, 1811–1873, alt.; (st. 3): Richard Whately, 1787–1863, alt.  
Tune: Welsh, 18th cent.  
Text and tune: Public domain

## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

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