We extend a warm welcome to all and invite you to fill out the worship attendance card found in the pew racks in front of you and place it in the offering plate. For those who are interested in becoming a part of the Saint Mark community, we invite you to mark the appropriate place on the card or call the office at 503.588.0141.

You are welcome to remember your Baptism by dipping your finger in the font and making the sign of the cross on your forehead as you come forward for Holy Communion. We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. By partaking in this meal we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All are welcome at the Table.

Please talk with an usher for large print bulletins, hearing devices, or children's bulletins. Restrooms are on your left as you leave the sanctuary. Both the women and men's bathrooms have changing tables for infants. A handicapped accessible bathroom is located downstairs; an elevator located in the front entry way is available to that level.

Please share in refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service in our lounge also (to the left as you leave the sanctuary).

Saint Mark’s Reconciling in Christ Statement:
At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God’s grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God’s people, regardless of age, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic circumstance. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome you to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.
The Second Sunday in Lent
Saint Mark Lutheran Church
March 8, 2020
790 Marion Street N E, Salem, Oregon

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

Hearing devices are available, please ask one of the ushers for assistance.

HOLY COMMUNION
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting V

PRELUDE  "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  Dale Wood

COMMENTS ON THE DAY

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P:  Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✞ one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

C:  Amen.

P:  If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P:  Gracious God,

C:  have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.

P:  Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of ✞ Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

C:  Amen.
GREETING
P: The free gift of grace in Jesus Christ, the reconciling love of God, and the life and peace of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

KYRIE

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.
PRAYER OF THE DAY
P:  The Lord be with you.
C:  And also with you.
P:  Let us pray.

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C:  Amen

Sit

ANTHEM  "Lift Thine Eyes"  (from Elijah)  Mendelssohn, arr. Robinson
(Saint Mark Women's Choir)
Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains,
Whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord,
The maker of heaven and earth.

He had said, thy foot shall not be moved.
Thy keeper will never slumber.
(from Psalm 121:1-4)

**Journeying**
**TOGETHER IN FAITH**

**FIRST LESSON**
Genesis 12:1-4

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

**PSALM 121**

**SECOND LESSON**
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God

**Stand**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
“Return to the Lord”
Kelly Carlisle

Return, return to the Lord, The Lord who is Your God;

For the Lord is gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit CHILDREN’S SERMON

Pastor Mantey

Silence for Reflection

Stand HYMN OF THE DAY “By Grace We Have Been Saved”
APOSTLES' CREED

C: 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 into 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.

Sit

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS IN THE CONGREGATION

P: The following people have been elected by the congregation to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

John Anderson, Jean Baumann, Verne Deplois, Gretchen Flesher Moon, Carol Maier, Kay Mitchell, Kathleen O’Brien, Janet Opdahl, Brandis Piper, Joanne Sandhu, Barbara Schnabel, and Sonja Westby

A reading from First Corinthians: There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.
You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

L: On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you:
   Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?
COUNCIL: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Stand
L: People of God, I ask you:
   Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?
C: We will, and we ask God to help us.

L: I now declare you installed as council members of this congregation.
   Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.
C: Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
A: Hear us, O God.
C: Your mercy is great.

PEACE
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: Peace be with you.

OFFERING "What Wondrous Love Is This" Bill Wolaver
The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.
Presentaion of the Gifts  "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"  
(vv. 1-3 & Lent 2)  ELW - No. 334

1 Tree of Life and awesome mystery, in your death we are reborn; though you die in all of
on through act and word; every person lost and his t'ry, still you rise with every morn, still you
broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the
rise with every morn.
bod y of our Lord.
riv er, you the sea.

Lent 2
In our call to be a blessing, may we be a blessing true; may we live and die confessing Christ as Lord of all we do.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: Marty Haugen
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OFFERING PRAYER
A: Holy and generous host,
C: you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING
It is indeed right . . .

... and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Eucharistic Prayer

P: ... With this bread and cup we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Lord’s Prayer

C 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.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen
RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT MARK

Christ welcomes all to receive him in bread and cup. Following distribution to the assistants, the Sacrament will be brought to any who are unable to come forward. If you are unable, simply notify an usher or raise your hand so that those distributing Communion may serve you. The Sacrament is received at the chancel rail, either kneeling or standing.

As you come forward, you will receive bread or if you wish, a gluten free wafer. There will be three chalices. The first two are wine. The third ceramic cup is grape juice. The first is for intinction. You may dip your bread into this cup. The second is a common cup. You may take a sip. All are welcomed.

Sit COMMUNION

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
COMMUNION HYMN  “In the Cross of Christ I Glory”   ELW - No. 324

COMMUNION HYMN  “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”   ELW - No. 735

Stand
P:    The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C:    Amen

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
A:    We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus’ name we pray.
C:    Amen.

SENDING HYMN  “For By Grace You Have Been Saved”   ELW - No. 598

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Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

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Silence for Reflection
BLESSING
P: Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation.
Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, ✝️ bless you, unbind you,
and send you in love and in peace.
C: Amen.

DISMISSAL
A: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.
Amen.

POSTLUDE: "Fugue in G Minor" Dietrich Buxtehude

Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God in honor and memory of loved ones
--- by Dan & Miriam Lowrie
Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.


Today we will install our 2020 Council Members at both services. We are thankful for their willing to be leaders in our Saint Mark community. Please remember them in your prayers: John Anderson, Jean Baumann, Verne Deplois, Gretchen Flesher Moon, Carol Maier, Kay Mitchell, Kathleen O'Brien, Janet Opdahl, Brandis Piper, Joanne Sandhu, Barbara Schnabel, and Sonja Westby

Upcoming Forums: We meet at 9:45 a.m. in the lounge
March 8-29 - Series on the Gospel of John: Lead by Pastor Charles

Lent has started! Wednesdays mid-week worship opportunities are as follows:
- Wednesdays of Lent -- March 11, 18, 25, April 1
- 11:30 a.m. Meditation & Labyrinth
- 12:05 noon Lenten Worship with soup lunch
  Theme: Making Change,
- 6:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer at Saint Mark

Book Markers meet in the Library at 3:30 p.m. today! Join us if you like to read!

Our 2020 Women's Retreat is FULL ... but we are making a Waiting List. If you are still interested in going and have not registered, please contact Judy Linder, Audrey Schackel, Joanne Sandhu, or Deb Mantey for more information about the possibility of joining the group at the coast on the weekend of April 24-26!
Community Homeless Connect is a chance to offer hope and new opportunities on March 24 and 25 starting at 8 a.m. The event will take place at Salem First Baptist Church and bring together 50 plus providers with the help of community volunteers. Donation items needed are: sleeping bags, tents, socks, hats, gloves, coats, scarves, tarps, and any other clothing items you can spare. Our collection barrel is in the narthex for donated items.

Saint Mark has reserved space at Holden Village from July 4th -10th this summer. If you were unable to commit earlier, but would like to be part of the group, please let Deb Mantey know as soon as possible, as a few spaces have opened up. Deb has a "memo sheet" with details available to answer any questions, just let her know you are interested.

Worship Assistants - 11:00 a.m.
Lector: Ben Howden
Assisting Minister: Alice Kirk
Communion Assistants: Lili Harris, Joanne Sandhu, Carol Maier, Neil Haugen, Janice Thorpe
Gospel Readers: John & Nan Scheck and Alice Kirk

Staff
Chris Bjork                     Maintenance
Deb Mantey, Deaconess          Outreach Coordinator
Kelly Carlisle                 Musician
Judy Linder                    Choir Director
Susan Johnson                  Organist
Melonie Watson                 Director - Child Development Center
Theresa Sawtell-Davie          Parish Administrator
The Rev. Charles Mantey        Pastor

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GRATITUDE!
He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.
Micah 6:8 NIV

Daily Blessings/Reflections
❖ Today I am grateful for...
❖ Today I ask God...

Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday:
This Week: Join to worship, serve, and celebrate!

Sunday, March 8 --- Lent II
8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship
9:45 a.m. Education
9:45 a.m. Education
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
3:30 p.m. BookMarkers
4:00 p.m. Inner Group - Gamblers Anonymous
5:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Monday, March 9
2:00 p.m. CDC Advisory Committee
4:30 p.m. Executive Committee
6:00 p.m. Salem Community Chorus Rehearsal

Tuesday, March 10
6:45 a.m. Men’s Bible Study / Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. Endowment Committee
6:00 p.m. Recovery Dharma
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, March 11
10:00 a.m. Finance Committee
11:30 a.m. Meditation, Movement & Labyrinth
12:05 noon Lent Worship & Lunch
4:00 p.m. Property Committee
5:00 p.m. Hand Bell Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Holden Evening Prayer
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 12
5:00 p.m. Alanon
6:00 p.m. Rainbow Group
6:00 p.m. C.E.R.T.
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Friday, March 13
9:30 a.m. Hands of Comfort
7:00 p.m. S.A. Anonymous

Sunday, March 15 - Lent III
8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship
9:45 a.m. Education
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship
1:00 p.m. Ukulele Friends of Oregon
5:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous