We extend a warm welcome to all and invite you to fill out the worship attendance card found on the bulletin table 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.

We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine of Holy Communion. By partaking in this meal we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All are welcome at the Table.

Please share in refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service in our lounge.

**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 of Lent
Saint Mark Lutheran Church
March 8, 2020
790 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon

Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

HOLY COMMUNION
Now the Feast and Celebration

Gathering Hymn  "Be Thou My Vision"

ELW - No. 793

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
4 Light of my soul, after victory won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord,
may I reach heaven's joys, O heaven's Sun!

thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower,
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,

waking or sleeping, thy presence my light,
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
Comments on the Day

Stand
Confession and Forgiveness

Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness
All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.
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.

Entrance Hymn
“Lift High the Cross” ELW - No. 660

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till
Greeting
P: The grace of Jesus Christ, the mercy of the Holy One, and the Spirit of the living God be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Kyrie
Assistant: In peace, in peace...

Refrain
Hymn of Praise

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Congregation:

God. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

Now the feast and celebration,

all of creation sings for joy

to the God of life and love and
Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God.

Verse 2

Congregation or Congregation 2:

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ for ever.
Prayer of the Day

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

Journeying
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Sit
First Reading Genesis 12:1-4
Psalm 121

Second Reading Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Stand Verse

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

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

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

Return, return to the Lord.

Gospel

John 3:1-17

C: Thanks be to God.

Sit Sermon Pastor Mantey

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. (1Corinthians 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
P: 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
The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.

Offertory Hymn  “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”  ELW - No. 334
(v. 1-3 & Lent 2)
Offering Prayer
P: 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.

Stand
Great Thanksgiving

Presider:
The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Presider:
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Preface

Presider:

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Congregation:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might; Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!
Eucharistic Prayer

P: ... Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come, come again.

Congregation:

Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come, come again.

P: Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry:

P: Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!

Congregation:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by the same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new.

Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.

P: Gather our prayers with those of the apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the faithful who have gone before us, and unite them with the unceasing prayer of the One who lives in us and in whom we live, Jesus Christ.
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

Sit

Receiving Holy Communion at Saint Mark

Upon receiving the bread, you may eat it and drink from the first chalice, or you may dip the bread into the second chalice. Grape juice is available from the third ceramic. For those with allergic conditions, consecrated rice wafers are available. All are welcomed.
Communion Hymn  

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

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:

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Communion Hymn

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

1 Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morn ing of this world. Cre a tor, source of ev 'ry breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.
2 Mothering Christ, you took my form, of fer ing me your food of light, grain... of life, and grape of love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.
3 Mothering Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of grow un - til I flow’r, un - til I know.
Stand
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen

Prayer after Communion
P: Let us pray.
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.

Reaching Out in Service

Sending Hymn “For By Grace You Have Been Saved” ELW - No. 598

1 For by grace you have been saved and even faith is not your
2 “So my grace is all-sufficient for each child who is my
3 So this weakness with consentment I’ll accept now in my-
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
P: Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

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Welcome to Saint Mark! All are welcomed 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.

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Parish Administrator
Pastor
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