

Welcome / Church Chat – Shelby Westmoreland
Prelude
Pages 94-96 Gathering
Hymn 608 Softly and Tenderly
Prayer

(we are seated)

Children's Message "The Golden Rule"

First Reading Genesis 45:3-11, 15
The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Psalm 103

(we stand)

Page 142 Alleluia....

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-36

Glory to you, O Lord!

(after the reading)

Praise to you, O Christ!

(we are seated)

Sermon

(we stand in body and spirit)

Hymn ACS 1097 Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Apostles' Creed

(we are seated)

Offering/ Anthem "Offertory" by John Ness Beck

Prayers of Intercession

(we stand in body and spirit)

Page 144 Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer *(we sing)*

Page 146 Lamb of God

Benediction

Hymn 656 Blest be the Tie that Binds

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Soli Deo Gloria

Today

+9:30am CONNECT: Groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room



The flowers on the altar today are given to the glory of God in memory of Don Mease and in honor of Patty Schmid who share the same birthday.

Prayer Concerns

Shepherd of the Week: Sharon Gombotz

St. Mark's Members: Judd Jones, Ruth Ann Swart, Linda Clark, Lya Wills, Gwen Sink, Sylvia Johnson, Susan Altieri, Arden Lown, David Keck Sr., all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

St. Mark's Friends & Family: David Martz (Carol Martz' nephew), Dianne (friend of Michelle Kowatschitsch), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), David Morogas (friend of Nina Keck), Siggy Toia (Michelle Kowatschitsch's mother), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Lindsey (friend of Abraham's—prayers for healing), Jocelyn Bracken (leukemia), Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Kristi (friend of Nancy Tyree), Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zeb Hounslea, Rick Rose, Maria Cuocolo; Ronnie & kids; Bill Malcolm (Shelby Westmoreland's brother), Emma (15-Hodgkins Lymphoma)

St Mark's Military Members: Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman.

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. God's compassion and mercy are for you.

We continue to read today from Luke 6 and Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain." In today's text Jesus urges "**THE GOLDEN RULE**" along with radical ethical generosity and extraordinary patterns of forgiveness in the hope that believers replicate these actions and attitudes. Contrast this to Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" (Matthew 5-7, written about ten years after Luke). Luke and Matthew provide somewhat different versions of their common source. For example, Matthew's "*Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect*" (5:48) is in Luke "*Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful*" (6:36). Recall that Luke's account of the crucifixion (23:34), not Matthew's, includes Jesus forgiving the soldiers. As you receive Christ's forgiveness this day, is there someone or something you also need to forgive?

NEWS & EVENTS

Next Sunday, March 2

Transfiguration of Our Lord

7:30am– LMM Breakfast

8:30– Worship

9:30– CONNECT: Groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room

10:30– Worship (livestreamed)

Sunday, March 9

8:30– Worship

9:30– CONNECT: Groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room

10:30– Worship (livestreamed)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday

10am Martha Circle

Tuesday

12:30pm Hands On

Wednesday

10am Bible Study

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

7pm Adult Choir

Thursday

7pm Beer & Bible

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Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner on *March 4 at 6pm* in the FLC
Ash Wednesday *March 5 services at 10am and 7pm* in the sanctuary.
Potluck Soup Supper at *5:30pm* in the FLC

Livestream Update Beginning next *Sunday, March 2*, the new livestreaming service time will be 10:30am.

Faith Formation *9:30am Fellowship in the FLC, 9:45 groups begin.* Groups in the FLC: PreK-5th, Youth & Adult MiniRevolutions, Classy Leftovers. Groups in the main building: Adult 1 in the conference room.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study February classes will be held in person and via zoom with Pastor Dave at 10am. Topic: Genesis. Contact dave@saintmarkslutheran.com to receive a zoom link.

Wednesday Evening Dinner and Devotions at *5:30pm in the Family Life Center.* Bring soup to share for our potluck supper.

St. Mark's Workday– God's Work Our Hands *March 29, 8:30am-noon.* Come when you can, stay as long as you'd like. We will trim shrubbery, clean chairs, and paint. Breakfast and coffee served at 8:30. Call David Wagoner with questions. Use the QR code or contact the church office to sign-up.



Food for Days Feb item of the month: pudding cups. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

VBS 2025 Team Leaders We need a team before *March 15* to make VBS 2025 a reality! If you are interested in helping we need leaders for: music, bible stories, crafts, games, decorations, opening skits, and meals/snacks. Use the QR code or contact the office or Pastor Dave if you would like to help.



St. Mark's Mission Trip to Western North Carolina post-Helene, *June 1-7, 2025.* The trip will be coordinated through Lutheran Disaster Response of the NC Synod. Housing will be in Boone: bunk beds, kitchen, bathrooms. We will provide our own meals. There are spots for up to 24 older teens and adults. The scope of work is not yet determined. Contact Pastor Dave if interested.

Ladies Lunch Bunch *March 12, 2025 at 11:30am at Picasso Taqueria, 500 S. Main Street, Mooresville, NC, 28115.* Please RSVP to susanaltierinc@gmail.com or 704-929-5648 by Monday, March 10. Food for Days March item: Juice boxes/pouches.

Break Room If you need to step out of service for a moment away, you are welcome to visit the break room. Follow the signs to the room towards the back of the building.

WELCA Martha Circle meets on the *last Monday of each month at 10am in the conference room.* All women are invited!

Noteworthy Project Hands On continues to repurpose old scrapbook paper to create colorful note and greeting cards. These cards are free and can be used by church members to bless others. The cards with envelopes can be found in the FLC and Narthex. Please help yourself! Feel free to drop old scrapbook paper or tools you no longer use by the Hands On room and mark "For Noteworthy Project" or join us on Tuesdays at 12:30pm!