

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Midweek Advent Worship begins this Wednesday, December 1 at 6:30p.m.

Free Spirits December Drive-by Meal will be on Thursday, December 9 from 11:30a.m.-12:30p.m. The menu consists of Pork Loin with Plum Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Peas & Mushrooms, Grape Salad and Cheesecake. If you would like to pick up a meal, please sign up on the "What's Next?" bulletin board in Communication Central by Sunday, December 5. You may also call the Church Office to sign up for the meal.

We are collecting items for several events coming up in the near future:

- Mom Bags, deadline December 5, link: <https://bit.ly/3lO6Us3>
- Mitten Tree (hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, new or gently used coats, all sizes) deadline December 19.

All donated items may be placed in the collection box in Communication Central.

Mark your calendars!

Church Office Manager transition recognition: Sending & Blessing for Emily Johnson at 8:30a.m. today; and Installation of Heather White as the new St. Mark's Office Manager at both services next Sunday, December 5.

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be next Sunday, December 5 at 10:00a.m.

PRAYER REQUESTS

June Barber	Pastor Jill Henning	Katy Schroer
Dudley Brewer	Brenda Holsopple	Grace Schultz
Jim Brumfield	Rein Ise	Mija Stockman
Patti Cutter	Meg Jones	Tom Wright
Vicki Eversmeyer	Eric Martin	
Dennis Fakes	Brian Paulus	

If you would like the St. Mark's Prayer Chain to pray for your concern, please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Brenda Holsopple.



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 28, 2021

8:30a.m. Contemporary Worship

First Sunday of Advent



***Growing together in faith to abundantly
nourish our community.***

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We are glad to have you worship with us this morning! Please let us know you are here by signing in on the Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

GATHERING

Gathering Song *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*

What hope we hold this starlit night
A King is born in Bethlehem
Our journey long we seek the light
That leads to the hallowed manger ground

What fear we felt in the silent age
Four-hundred years can He be found
But broken by a baby's cry
Rejoice in the hallowed manger ground

Emmanuel Emmanuel
God incarnate here to dwell
Emmanuel Emmanuel
Praise His name Emmanuel

The Son of God here born to bleed
A crown of thorns would pierce His brow
And we beheld this offering
Exalted now the King of kings
Praise God for the hallowed manger ground

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Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who alone does wonders,
who lifts up the lowly,
who fills the hungry with good things.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Light of the Stable

Hail hail to the newborn King
Let our voices sing Him our praises
Hail hail to the guiding light
That brought us tonight to our Savior

Halle hallelujah halle hallelujah
Halle hallelujah halle hallelujah

Come now where it shines so bright
To the knowing light of the stable
Kneel close to the Child so dear
Cast aside your fear and be thankful

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Service Participants:

Assisting Minister: Phil Ager

Guest Preacher: Kellie Lisi, MADM

Acolyte: Oliver Sieja

Lector: Gwen Dornbos

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Collin Caple

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price

***The Altar arrangements are given by Rob & Kim Caple in celebration of their
25th wedding anniversary.***

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Clean

Precious blood has left me forgiven
Pure like the whitest of snow
Powerful to make sin and shame retreat
This covenant is making me whole

So I will rise and lift my head
For by His mercy my life was spared
The highest Name has set me free
Because of Jesus my heart is clean

Purify my heart in Your presence
Teach me to discover the joy
Of holiness that forms as You draw me close
In You what was lost is restored

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Please stand

Prayer after Communion

C: Amen.

Blessing

The God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
through ✠ Christ Jesus for whom we wait.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God for whom we wait,

**C: in the presence of one another,
we confess our sin before you.**

We fail in believing that your good news is for us.

We falter in our call to tend your creation.

We find our sense of self in material wealth.

We fear those different from ourselves.

**We forget that we are your children
and turn away from your love.**

Forgive us, Blessed One,

and assure us again of your saving grace.

Amen.

Extemporaneous Absolution

C: Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Kyrie*

One: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.

One: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.

One: For this holy house, for all who offer here their worship and praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.

One: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Extemporaneous Prayer

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

Children's Message/Advent Wreath Lighting

All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.

Advent Song

Choose to Hope (v.1)

Hope is born when we choose to believe that love is stronger than hatred.

Love is born when our hearts learn to see that ev'ry person is sacred.

In the times of darkness, in times of fear, choose to hope, choose to love,

Emmanuel is near.

Marty Haugen
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Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible p. 645)

Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation*

One: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36 (Pew Bible pp. 856-857)

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us...

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is 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.**

Invitation to Communion

...These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please be seated

Celebration of Holy Communion

Please follow the guidance of the ushers and make every effort to give others distance as we commune together. Please receive both elements and then unmask to partake in this meal. Also, please know you are welcome to receive a blessing instead of partaking in communion as a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and grace for you. These are the gifts of God for all.

Communion Songs

*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.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

The sun cannot compare to the glory of Your love
There is no shadow in Your presence
No mortal man would dare to stand before Your throne
Before the Holy One of Heaven
It's only by Your blood it's only through Your mercy
Lord I come

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Please stand

Offertory Prayer

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving*

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader:

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

All:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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

Please be seated

Proclamation of the Word

Kellie Lisi, Masters of Arts, Diaconal Ministry

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Song of the Day

Even So Come

All of creation all of the earth

Make straight a highway a path for the Lord

Jesus is coming soon

Call back the sinner wake up the saint

Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame

Jesus is coming soon

Like a bride waiting for her groom

We'll be a Church ready for You

Ev'ry heart longing for our King we sing

Even so come Lord Jesus come

Even so come Lord Jesus come

There will be justice all will be new

Your name forever faithful and true

Jesus is coming soon

So we wait we wait for You

God we wait You're coming soon

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Nicene Creed

With the whole church, let us together confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

In this season of watching and waiting, let us pray for all people and places that yearn for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Petitions will be concluded with:

Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

God of new life, you come among us in the places we least expect. Receive these prayers and those of our hearts, in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

Farewell and Godspeed for Emily Johnson

Please stand

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Please extend a greeting of welcome and a word of grace to those around you.

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering

Christmas Offering

Over the skies of Bethlehem appeared a star

While angels sang to lowly shepherds

Three wise men seeking truth traveled from afar

Hoping to find the child from Heaven

Falling on their knees

They bowed before the humble Prince of Peace

I bring an offering of worship to my King

No one on earth deserves the praises that I sing

Jesus may You receive the honor that You're due

Oh Lord I bring an offering to You

I bring an offering to You