

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. service today; and Installation of Heather White as the new St. Mark's Office Manager at both services on 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

11:00a.m. Traditional 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.

Prelude *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Gathering Hymn *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying* Hymn 436

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.

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.

God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit,

☩ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High,

inheritors of the eternal promise,

and recipients of divine mercy.

Communion Songs

Be Known to Us, Lord Jesus

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Comfort, Comfort Now My People Hymn 256

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.

Sending Song *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers* Hymn 244

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Lo, How a Rose E're Blooming*

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Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Josh Cutter Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lector: Nancy Lorine Lay Communion Asst.: Lilly Myers

Acolyte: Lauren Altman Greeter/Ushers: Glenn Dasher & Susan Altman

Guest Preacher: Kellie Lisi, MADM Guest Pianist: Mark Jerrell

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

Public Internet Access: StMarks_Guest Password: Connect123!

Offertory Prayer

C: Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Preface/Holy, Holy, Holy*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and God of might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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

Lord's Prayer

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.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

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*

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

Canticle of Praise*

- 1 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the promise, the blessing, the birth.
Ours the rejoicing for Word given frame;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
- 2 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the hosannas, the dying, rebirth.
Ours the rejoicing for nature reclaimed;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.
- 3 Glory to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours the anointing, the radiant worth.
Ours the rejoicing for spirits aflame;
ours the thanksgiving to your holy name.
Ours be the telling of deeds greatly done;
yours be the glory, O God, yours alone.

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. **By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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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First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 (Pew Bible p. 645)

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (Pew Bible p. 960)

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Acclamation*

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

Please be seated

Proclamation of the Word

Kellie Lisi, Masters of Arts, Diaconal Ministry

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (v. 1,2,4) Hymn 257

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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.

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 Song

Lost in the Night

Choir

Please stand

Song of Thanksgiving

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness (v1) Hymn 251

My soul proclaims your greatness, Lord;
I sing my Savior's praise!
You looked upon my lowliness,
and I am full of grace.
Now ev'ry land and ev'ry age
this blessing shall proclaim—
great wonders you have done for me,
and holy is your name.

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