

Service Participants

Asst. Minister: Madeline Wirtz

Lector: Rob Caple

Greeters/Ushers: Margie & Todd Phillips

Lay Communion Asst.: Katie Roome, Rob Caple, Doug Bloomberg, Andrew Caple

Acolyte: Katie Roome

Tech Volunteer: Madelyn Vandevreire

Coffee Fellowship: Les Billman

*The Altar Arrangements are given by Doug & Joan Bloomberg
in celebration of their 8th wedding anniversary and in memory of Joan's brother, Fred.*

December 10 Worship Attendance: 144 ; Sunday Learning: Adults-15; Children-31

Wednesday Advent Worship Attendance (12/6): 51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Worship/Meal - This Wednesday, December 20, will be our last midweek Advent Meal and Worship. Meal at 5 pm; Worship at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Eve Worship - We will have two Christmas Eve Worship services: 10 am and 6:30 pm.

Poinsettias for Christmas Eve! You may sponsor and dedicate a poinsettia for Christmas Eve. Each plant is \$12; please use a Flower Envelope or go to our 'Giving Page' on the St. Mark's website. You may take your plant home after the 6:30 pm service. The last day to sponsor a plant is December 20.

Mitten Tree - Help us keep Huntsville a little warmer this season by helping decorate our Mitten Tree with winter gear! This year, the Mitten Tree is located outside of Room #8 in Sunday School Hallway. We are looking for hats, scarves, gloves, and of course, mittens! New and gently-used coats are also welcome.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Annie Bourque

Larry Lechner

Karin Offik

Margo Dodson

Mary Leo

Frank Ontiveros

Ciera Elledge

Jeannette Maldonado

Debbie Rutecki

Bobbi Elser

Karan McQuiston

Mija Stockman

Vicki Eversmeyer

Charlie Musitano

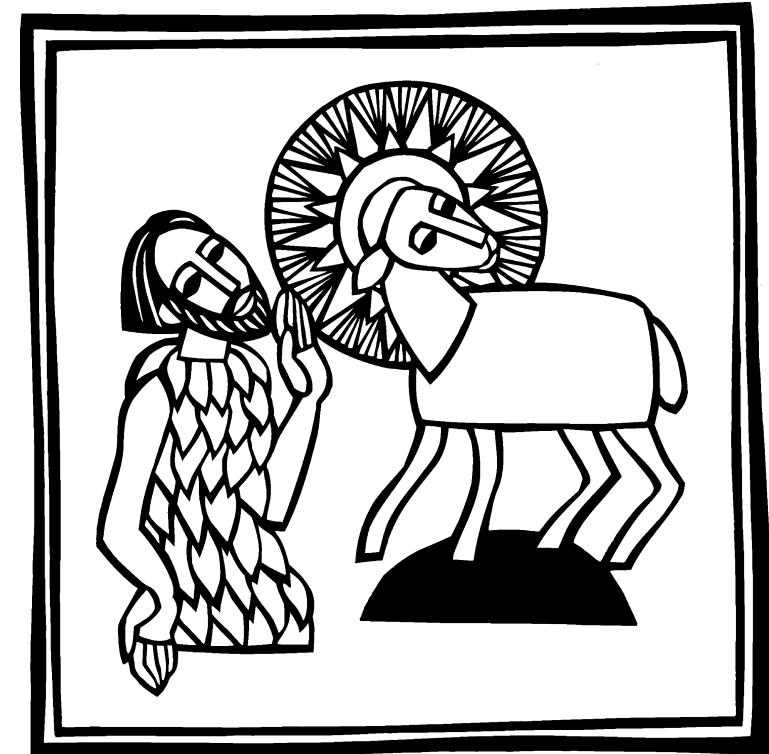
*If you would like the St. Mark's Prayer Chain to pray for your concern, please contact our
Prayer Chain Coordinator, Brenda Holsopple, holsoppleb@bellsouth.net.*



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 17, 2023

Third Sunday of Advent



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

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10:00 am Worship

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

Prelude *The King of Glory* arr. Aaron David Miller

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please rise

Gathering Song *Even So Come*

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Please be seated

HOLY BAPTISM

We rejoice in the Lord as Lyra Juliana Pierce receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Her parents are Larissa & Ryan Pierce; her grandparents are Bonnie & Mike Mueller; her sponsors are Tamara Mueller & Heather Gudger.

Please rise

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Please be seated

WORD

Children's Message/Lighting of Advent Wreath

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

Advent Song *Waiting in Silence*

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (Pew Bible pp. 603-604)

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (Pew Bible p. 961)

Please rise

Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28 (Pew Bible p. 862)

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Will Starkweather

Silence for reflection on the Word

Please rise

Hymn of the Day *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* Hymn 815

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering Song *Fantasy on Kingsfold* Handbells

Please rise

Offertory Prayer

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion Invitation Litany

Celebration of Holy Communion

Please be seated

Please follow the guidance of the ushers as we commune together. 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 Music *Be Known to Us*
Come, Now, O Prince of Peace

Please rise

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Song *The Blessing*

Dismissal

Postlude



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