

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Godspeed & Farewell for Pastor Gary Soop will take place at both services today, with special guest, Pastor Morgan Gordy, Assistant to the Bishop. Receiving line/reception to follow each service.

Also baptized today at the 11:00 am service is Troy Aaron Swenson, son of Aaron & Alison Swenson. Sponsors are Matt & Michelle Canny.

Midweek Advent Worship this Wednesday, December 22 at 6:30p.m.

Today is the last day we are collecting hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, new or gently used coats, all sizes for the Mitten Tree. All donations will go to the New Hope Clinic.

Christmas Eve Worship

5:00 pm Contemporary Candlelight Worship

7:00 pm Christmas Recital

7:30 pm Traditional Full-Festival Candlelight Worship

Unity Worship Services will be held at 10:00 am:

Sunday, December 26

& Sunday, January 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

June Barber

Dennis Fakes

Eric Martin

Jim Brumfield

Pastor Jill Henning

Brian Paulus

Cindy Conrad

Brenda Holsopple

Katy Schroer

Patti Cutter

Rein Ise

Grace Schultz

Vicki Eversmeyer

Meg Jones

Mija Stockman

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

December 19, 2021

8:30a.m. Contemporary Worship

Fourth 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 white Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

GATHERING

Gathering Song *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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God we wait You're coming soon

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Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

December 19, 2021



We rejoice in the Lord as

Olivia Ryan Waylander
born September 9, 2021

receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism
and is marked with the Cross of Christ forever.

Jared & Jessica Waylander are her parents.
Baptismal sponsors are Judd & Shannon Cummings.

*"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called
children of God."*

1 John 3:1

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Service Participants:

Asst. to the Bishop, Morgan Gordy

Assisting Minister: Phil Ager

Acolyte: Kinsley Satterfeal

Lector: Gwen Dornbos

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Greeters/Ushers: Craig Satterfeal & Terry Szymczyk

*The Altar Arrangements are given by Ed & Linda Myszka
in celebration of Linda's birthday.*

*The Narthex Arrangement is given by Doug & Joan Bloomberg
in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones. Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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We rejoice in the Lord as Olivia Ryan Waylander, daughter of Jared and Jessica Waylander, receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

WORD

Children's Message/Advent Wreath Lighting

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

Advent Song *Choose to Hope* (vv.1 & 4)

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.

4. Sing out hope through the violence and fear, for God is present beside us.
Prince of Peace, make your home with us here; your love and wisdom will guide us.
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: Hebrews 10:5-10 (Pew Bible p. 976)

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 first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-55 (Pew Bible pp. 831-832)

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

I lay down my old flames
To carry Your new fire today

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Please stand

Prayer after Communion

Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.

C: Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

Pastor Morgan Gordy,
Assistant to the Bishop

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

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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**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.

New Wine

In the crushing in the pressing

You are making new wine

In the soil I now surrender

You are breaking new ground

So I yield to You and to Your careful hand

When I trust You I don't need to understand

Make me Your vessel

Make me an offering

Make me whatever You want me to be

I came here with nothing

But all You have given me

Jesus bring new wine out of me

'Cause where there is new wine

There is new power

There is new freedom

And the kingdom is here

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Jason R. Davis

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Song of the Day

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

Chris Tomlin | Ed Cash

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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.

Please be seated

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

C: And also with you.

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

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

Paul Baloche
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Please stand

Offertory Prayer

God of our waiting and watching,
we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives
to the service of all your people.
Prepare the way before us
as we meet you in this simple meal,
through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

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.

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.**