

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 8:30 am service is Olivia Ryan Waylander, daughter of Jared & Jessica Waylander. Sponsors are Judd & Shannon Cummings.

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

11:00a.m. Traditional 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.

Prelude *Rejoice, O Virgin*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Gathering Hymn *Savior of the Nations, Come* Hymn 263

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*

Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy.
Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy.

December 19, 2021



We rejoice in the Lord as

Troy Aaron Swenson

born August 6, 2021

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

Aaron & Alison Swenson are his parents.

Baptismal sponsors are Matt & Michelle Canny.

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

1 John 3:1

Service Participants

Asst. to the Bishop: Pastor Morgan Gordy

Accompanist: Mark Jerrell

Assisting Minister: Larry Corpus

Lector: Robert Burkhardt

Acolyte: Rei Palmer

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Greeter/Ushers: Dave Foreman & Glenn Dasher

*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.*

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. **With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen.

Please be seated.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW Pages 227-231

We rejoice in the Lord as Troy Aaron Swenson, son of Aaron and Alison Swenson, 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)

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation

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

On Our Way Rejoicing

Hymn 537

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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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

Communion Canticle *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.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus Hymn 254

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.

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 1st 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

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Jason R. Davis

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Canticle of the Turning

Hymn 723

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

Please be seated

MEAL

Offering Song

May the Lord Watch Over You

Choir

Please stand

Song of Thanksgiving

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness (v.1) 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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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

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

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.