

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting TODAY at 9:45a.m.

Church Office Manager Installation: Heather White will be installed as the St. Mark's Office Manager at both services today.

Holiday Baking for Huntsville Hospital TODAY @1:30! Everyone is invited to participate in baking cookies and assembling some holiday treats to share with our dedicated team of healthcare professionals at Huntsville Hospital.

Midweek Advent Worship this Wednesday, December 8 at 6:30p.m.

Free Spirits December Drive-by Meal will be this 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. TODAY is the last day to sign up if you would like to pick up a meal! Please sign up on the "What's Next?" bulletin board in Communication Central.

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

- Mom Bags, deadline TODAY, 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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

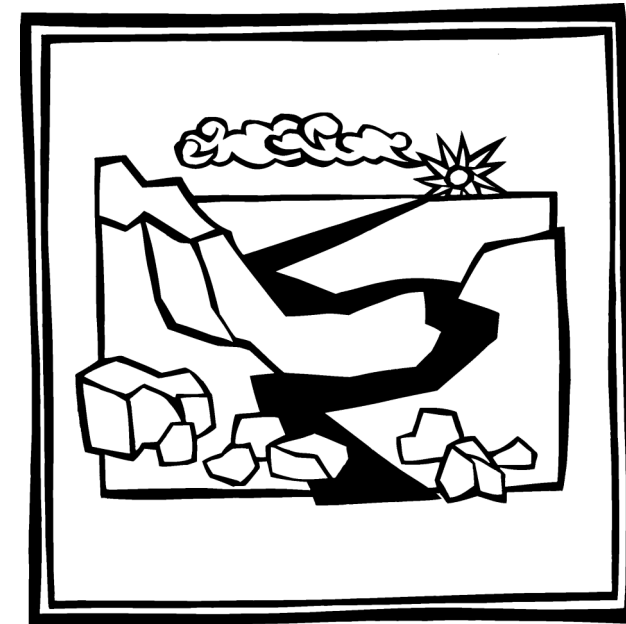


St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

December 5, 2021

11:00a.m. Traditional Worship

Second 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 *Creator of the Stars of Night*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Gathering Hymn *Prepare the Royal Highway* Hymn 264

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.

Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Rachel Cutter

Lector: Bob Boller

Acolyte: Alex Vandeveire

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Owen Foreman

Greeter/Ushers: Janet Duncan & Don Sieja

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 Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry Hymn 249

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

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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.
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 our hearts, Lord God, **to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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 (vv.1 & 2)

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.

2. Hope will grow when we choose to believe that we are sisters and brothers.
Love will grow when our hearts learn to see the life we share with each other.
In the times of darkness, in times of fear, choose to hope, choose to love,
Emmanuel is near.

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Psalmody: Luke 1:68-79

Refrain:

In the ten - der com - pas - sion of our God
the dawn from on high will break up - on us.

Tone 3

There is a Longing in Our Hearts ACS Hymn 1078

Refrain — All

There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

Leader or All

- 1 For justice, for freedom,
for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*
- 2 For wisdom, for courage,
for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*
- 3 For healing, for wholeness,
for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*
- 4 Lord, save us, take pity,
light in our deepest night.
We call you; we wait:
be near; hear our prayer, O God. *Refrain*

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Please stand

Prayer after Communion

C: Amen.

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.

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.

Choir | **Congregation**

⁶⁸ Blessed are you, Lord, the | God of Israel,
you have come to your people and | set them free.

⁶⁹**You have raised up for us a | mighty Savior,
born of the house of your | servant David.** *Refrain*

⁷⁰Through your holy prophets, you promised of old to save us | from our enemies,
⁷¹from the hands of | all who hate us,

⁷²to show mercy | to our forebears,
and to remember your | holy covenant.

⁷³**This was the oath you swore to our | father Abraham:**

⁷⁴to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,
free to worship you | without fear,

⁷⁵holy and righteous before you, all the days | of our life. *Refrain*

⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called the prophet of | the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to pre- | pare the way,

**⁷⁷to give God's people knowledge | of salvation
by the forgiveness | of their sins.**

⁷⁸In the tender compassion | of our God
the dawn from on high shall | break upon us,

**⁷⁹to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad- | ow of death,
and to guide our feet into the | way of peace.** *Refrain*

Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 (Pew Bible p. 953)

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 3rd chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6 (Pew Bible p. 834)

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

There's a Voice in the Wilderness

Hymn 255

Nicene Creed

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Installation of Heather White as Office Manager

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

Freedom is Coming

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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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.