

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

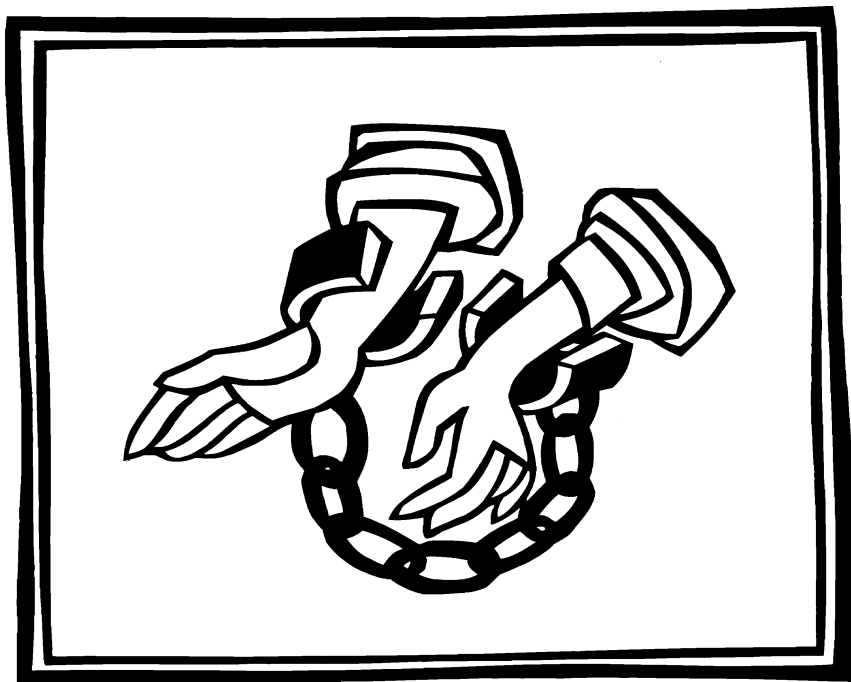
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Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

INTRODUCTION

God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ~ Set. Jacob B. Weber

Hymn #533 —*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*
(Organ only—no singing)

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther's Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God's commandments

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God's commands

C You shall have no other Gods

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God

**Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy
Honor your father and your mother
You shall not murder
You shall not commit adultery
You shall not steal
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
You shall not covet your neighbor's house
You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or any
thing that belongs to your neighbor**

Stand **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done

**and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
C Amen.**

**P Rejoice in this good news:
In + Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
C Amen.**

Greeting

**p 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**

Spoken Kyrie -

**Have mercy on us, Lord and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from
despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may
begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power; create in us new hearts.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people.

Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

The exiles have returned and rebuilt Jerusalem. Now Ezra, the priest, reads the law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it, they weep for their sins and for the long years in exile, but Ezra reminds them that “the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

¹All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the

priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 19

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹The heavens declare the glory of God
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

²**One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their
message
to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a
tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it
rejoices like a champion to run its course.

⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the
heavens and runs about to the end of it
again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat**

⁷The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to
the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives**

light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the Lord are true and
righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much
fine gold,**

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?**

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let
them not get

dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of
a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your**

sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a

part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

C Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, and to proclaim release to the captives. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 4th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #551** *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve*
Sung by Congregation with Masks On!

Vs 1 C The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.

Vs 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

A God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C Amen

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contact” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Blessed are you, O God,

C Sovereign of the universe.

**You offer us new beginnings
and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table,
nourish us with this heavenly food,
and prepare us to carry your love
to a hungry world,
in the name of Christ our light.**

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise

PREFACE

P It is indeed right. .

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do
this for the remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

C Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken **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.

Invitation to Communion

P Come to God's table.

There is a place for you and enough for all.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Stand COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn #310 *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*

Sung by Congregation with Masks On!

Vs 1 C **Songs of thankfulness and praise,**

Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;

manifested by the star

to the sages from afar,

branch of royal David's stem

in thy birth at Bethlehem:

**anthems be to thee addressed,
God in flesh made manifest.**

**Vs 4 Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
present in thy holy word;
grace to imitate thee now
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we might become like thee
at thy great epiphany,
and may praise thee, ever blest,
God in flesh made manifest.**

DISMISSAL

**P Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.**

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

**Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of
them in the Narthex in recycling can.**

POSTLUDE *On Our Way Rejoicing* ~ Frances Havergal

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**Altar Flowers are in memory of Russell Johns, given by
Shirley, Luann, Matthew & Shelley Johns.**

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

**Anita Featherman is collecting old used Wooden Sleds any
condition also Women's old Ice Skates. Call her at
(717)469-0840 and she will pick them up.**

REMINDER: 2022 Church Envelopes are in the Narthex. Check for friends or shut-ins near you if you don't mind taking them to them.

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday don't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Stewardship Snippet

January 23, 2021 (3rd Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C)

Psalm 19:9b, 10: The ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey.

Stewardship is all about priorities and values. What do we prize above all else? Generous steward/disciples value the teachings of God that guide us to fulfilled lives.

READINGS LESSONS for January 30, 2022:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalm: Psalm 71:1-6

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Operating Receipts thru December 31: \$261,782

Expenditures thru December 31: \$287,191

Attendance: 1/16/2022 58

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Sue Bennick; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Emmor Boslet

FLOWER DELIVERY - Tracey Ingram

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

BIRTHDAYS JANUARY

01/02 – Phyllis Mengel

01/03 – Troy Spencer

01/04 – Alice Graham

01/05 – Kenny Baranowski

01/06 – Elizabeth Baranowski

01/07 – Courtney Miller

01/08 – Andrew Simpler

01/09 – Samuel Flook

Chaz Evans

01/12 – Marica Forlizzi

01/13 - Fritz Ulrich

Clay Spencer

Brent Spencer

01/14 – Shyese Brown

01/15 – Deb Banks

Jeffery Weldon

Christina Jones

01/21 – Susanne Smithers

01/22 – Teaghan Davis

01/27 – Rebekah Hengst

01/28 – Bonita Lengel

If your birthday is in January and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.



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Farm.



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your friends know about all the good things happening here!

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	01/23	8:15 am	Worship
		9:15 am	Coffee Hour
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	01/24		
TUESDAY	01/25		
WEDNESDAY	01/26		
THURSDAY	01/27	10:00 am	Book Club
		1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	01/28	6:00 pm	Girl Scouts
SATURDAY	01/29		
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