

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

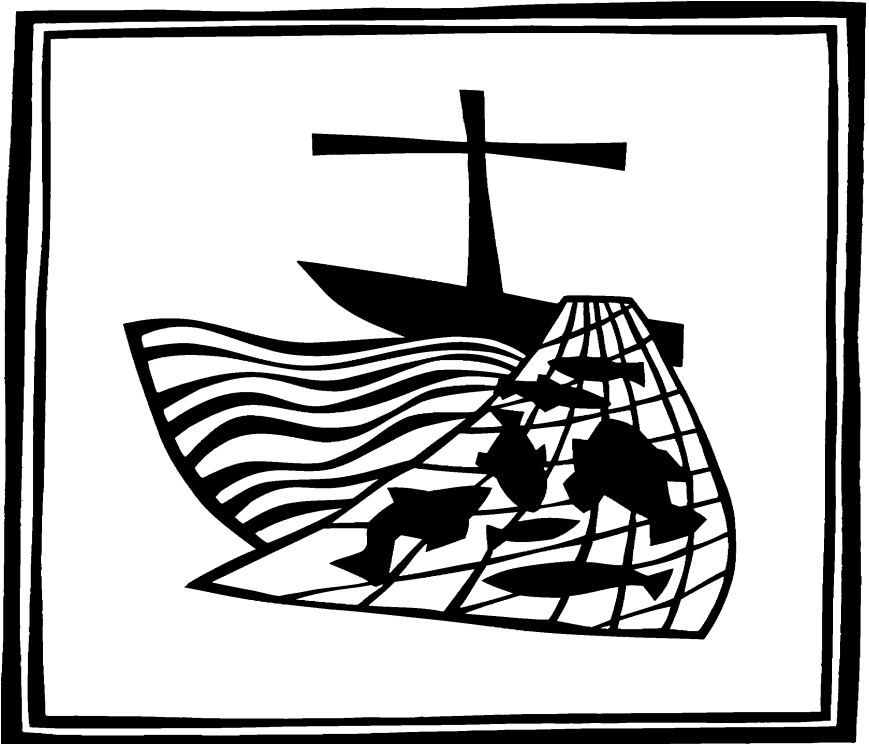
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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

**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 enjoy the opportunity to observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

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

## **INTRODUCTION**

*As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Hymn favorites ~*

*We Are the church. I Love to tell the Story. Jesus Loves Me. Lord, Be Glorified. Let us talents and Tongues Employ*

**HYMN #720** *We Are Called*

*Organ Only — No Singing*

*Stand* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy God,

**C you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin —  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them; receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

P How vast is God's grace!

Through the power and promise of + Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God's own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God's forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

**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 **Hymn of Praise**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;**

**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**

**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we  
raise.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**—Let us pray. . .

A Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us  
in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us  
worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **WORD**

Sit **First Reading:** **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

*The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is  
given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty  
days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The  
point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question  
"On whom should God have mercy?"*

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,  
"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the  
message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to

Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 62:5-12**

**Read in Unison**

**For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.**

**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

**In God is my deliverance and my honor;**

**God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

**Put your trust in God always, O people,**

**pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

**Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low  
estate cannot be trusted.**

**Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a  
breath.**

**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.**

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.**

**Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.**

## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

*Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.*

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand Spoken

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.**

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 1st Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

*Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.*

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## CHILDREN’S SERMON

### SERMON

Sit **HYMN #310** Songs of Thankfulness and Praise  
Organ Only

Stand **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 Let us pray

**C Have mercy, O God,**

A Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of **the** one who dwells among us, your Son, 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-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## MEAL

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

A O God,

C receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.  
C Amen.

### LORD'S PRAYER

### SENDING

### BLESSING

P God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.  
C Amen.

Sit **HYMN #815** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
Organ Only

### DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

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** *You Are Mine*

*~by David Haas*

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Operating Receipts thru November 30: \$237,992

Payments made thru November 30: \$249,907

Attendance:

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

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

**ST. MARK'S MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS** - Cost \$35.00 per brick (no limit). Order forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Bricks can be purchased anytime throughout the year.

**Altar Flowers** No flowers until church opens back up.

**READINGS for January 31, 2021:**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Psalm Psalm 111

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

# Upcoming Events



2021 Chicken & Waffles at Nawakwa - Canceled  
Winter Fun Day at Kirchenwald  
January 17 | February 21  
1-6pm | Free Will Offering

Don't forget you can make a gift today to support the ministries of the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

## NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF

We are hiring summer staff to help make this the best summer ever for our campers and guests. Serve others, grow in faith & community, and have a blast working at camp this summer! Learn more and apply online on the website.

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- Impact Lives
- Share Your Faith
- Meet New People
- Experience New Places
- Spend The Summer Outdoors

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of Central Pennsylvania*

**SIMPLY GIVING** – A Simple Choice: A Generous Response & Save Paper. Simply Giving is the program St. Mark's uses to enable electronic transfer for church donations. Most people use similar methods to make recurring payments for utilities, mortgages, etc. Why not save paper and make it easier for yourself, and the Counters here at St Mark's. Sign up and support our programs with regular donations that are safe, reliable, and conserve paper resources.

If you are already enrolled consider increasing the amount at this time. Forms are available in the narthex and on bulletin boards, or ask at the office.

**ONLINE GIVING** - is also available on our website, [stmarksharrisburg.org](http://stmarksharrisburg.org). Click the GIVE tab and follow the instructions. **ON LINE GIVING IS SEPARATE FROM SIMPLY GIVING.** If you use both you will be giving twice. Changes to SIMPLY GIVING must, for the time being, be made by paper form only. Thanks for your generous stewardship.

**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, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTORS -

FLOWER DELIVERY -

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIRECTOR - Pam Baranowski 671-4855

SEXTON - Don Young

### Birthdays for January

01/02 – Phyllis Mengel	01/12 – Marcia Forlizzi
01/03 – Roberta Wege	01/13 – Fritz Ulrich
01/03 – Troy Spencer	01/13 – Clay Spencer
01/04 – Hailey Neidig	01/13 – Brent Spencer
01/04 – Alice Graham	01/14 – Shyese Brown
01/05 – Kenny Baranowski	01/15 - Deb Banks
01/06 – Elizabeth Baranowski	01/15 – Jeffery Weldon
01/07 – Courtney Miller	01/15 – Christina Dinger
01/08 – Andrew Simpler	01/21 – Susanne Smithers
01/09 – Samuel Flook	01/22 – Teaghan Davis
01/09 – Chaz Evans	01/27 – Rebekah Hengst
	01/28 – Bonita Lengel