

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 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

Mercy. Mercy. Mercy. Joseph lives it in Egypt. Jesus preaches it in the gospel. The Spirit guides us into merciful lives with the power of forgiveness to reconcile what is fractured and divided. Such merciful living is the baptismal blessing of having put on Christ. It is the gift of the life-giving Spirit. It is a reflection of God's glory revealed in Christ.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Love Divine*

~Carl Schalk

Hymn #708— *Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love*
(Organ only—no singing)

Stand **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**

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 O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Lesson: Genesis 45:3-11, 15**

Many years after being sold into slavery by his jealous brothers, Joseph reveals himself to them. Now the second-in-command in Egypt, Joseph reassures his brothers that God has used their evil intentions for good to preserve life during a devastating famine, and Joseph forgives them.

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children

and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' " ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

- ¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.
- ²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**
- ³Put your trust in the Lord and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.
- ⁴**Take delight in the Lord,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**
- ⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,
and see what God will do.
- ⁶**The Lord will make your vindication as clear as
the light and the justice of your case like
the noonday sun.**
- ⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.
Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the
one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

In the Apostles' Creed, we speak of the "resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting." Using the metaphor of a planted seed and the story of Adam, Paul preaches passionately about the mystery of following Christ's perfect life into eternity.

³⁵But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

C *Alleluia.* Love your enemies, and you will be children of the Most High; forgive, and you will be forgiven. *Alleluia.*

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 6th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus continues to address a crowd of his disciples. He invites his followers to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders. Living in harmony with God's intent brings the reward of overflowing blessing.

[Jesus said:] ²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #707** *Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us*
Sung by Congregation with Masks On!

Vs 1 C Lord of glory, you have bought us
with your lifeblood as the price,
never grudging for the lost ones
that tremendous sacrifice;
and with that have freely given
blessings countless as the sand
to the unthankful and the evil
with your own unsparing hand.

Vs 2 Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness
melt our thankless hearts of stone
till our cold and selfish natures,
warmed by you, at length believe
that more happy and more blessed
'tis to give than to receive.

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. .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven
and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 #714 *O God of Mercy, God of Light*

Sung by Congregation with Masks On!

Vs 1 C O God of mercy, God of light,
in love and mercy infinite,
teach us, as ever in your sight,
to live our lives in you.

Vs 5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,
may we each other's burdens share;
may we, where help is needed, there
give help as though to you.

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 *Bourrée in F Major*

~ G. P. Telemann

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God

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.



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Facebook**

Like us on Facebook - St. Mark's is on Facebook - Follow our page and share with your friends. It's a great way to let your friends know about all the good things happening here!

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.

READINGS LESSONS for Febuary 27, 2022:

First Lesson: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: Psalm 99

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12--4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

Operating Receipts thru January 31: \$16,321

Expenditures thru January 31: \$27,214

Attendance: 02/13/2022 59

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

Stewardship Snippet

Feb. 20, 2022 (7th Sunday after the Epiphany, Year C)

Genesis 45:15 – And Joseph kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Meeting his brothers years after they had sold him into slavery, Joseph now greets them with love, forgiveness, assistance and restoration. A great model for loving relationships! What loving relationships need your forgiveness and restoration?

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Barb Heym; Sandy Dinger

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Kevin Spencer; Susan Shultz

FLOWER DELIVERY - Donna Lee

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

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

SEXTON - Don Young

BIRTHDAYS FEBRUARY

02/01 - Lori Ulrich	02/20 – Roberta Anderson
Carolyn Shadle	02/22 – Logan Fleegal
02/03 – Jenna Spencer	Jackson Fleegal
T. J. Bryan	Monique Brown
02/04 – Karen Smith	02/24 - Edward Shadle
02/08 – Zachary Dullen	Terry Stohler
02/09 – Xavier Webber	Jenny Sustak
02/11 – Griffin Phelan	02/26 - Donna Woodrow
Grace Phelan	02/27 - Matthew Dudek
02/13 - Emma Malette	Matthew Johns
02/16 - Cynthia Lang	02/28 - Paulette Beverly
Kenneth Lang	

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

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	02/20	8:15 am	Worship
		9:15 am	Coffee Hour
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:30 pm	LYF Jr Meeting
		5:30 pm	LYF Meeting
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	02/21		
TUESDAY	02/22	6:30 pm	Eve Circle
WEDNESDAY	02/23	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	02/24	10:00 pm	Book Club
		1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	02/25		
SATURDAY	02/26	9:00 am	Retreat/Council
Meeting			
SUNDAY	02/27	8:15 am	Worship
		9:15 am	Coffee Hour
		9:45 am	Sunday Church
School			
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA

Mary Sultzaberger asked that I include the Thank You note that was to be included with your end of the year statement, she missed putting it in some of them and would like to apologize if you didn't get one in your envelope. Sorry for the oversight but we are thankful & grateful for your offerings to the church.

Thank You



We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous contribution to St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church this year.

We are grateful for your support in what God is doing in and through our ministry here at St. Mark's.



We are very blessed to have you as a part of our congregation.

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