

# **CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**January 16, 2022**



**GLORIFY HIM ...  
GROW IN HIM ...  
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

# 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 16, 2022

## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

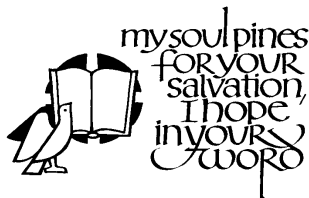
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Bulletin; you will find them on the table with the Bulletins.

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue'

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



Explore our website. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, and More.

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** How often do you give thought to what God has done, and keeps on doing, for you? How often do you rely on your own strength before turning to the Lord for His strength to bolster you? What keeps you from grasping the love God has for you? Today the Lord reminds us of why our confidence in Him is not misplaced. Praise Him!

## PRELUDE

**In Thee is Gladness**

*Kevin Hildebrand*

### *Greeting & Invocation*

Minister: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Congregation: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: We worship this day in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

**God, We Praise You**

*Christian Worship # 277*

**God, we praise you! God, we bless you! God, we name you sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship, Father, by your Church adored:  
All creation shows your glory; Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
Singing, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of hosts and God alone!"**

**True apostles, faithful prophets, Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded, Join one growing song of praise,  
While your Church on earth confesses One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, God, our hope eternally.**

**Jesus Christ, the King of glory, Everlasting Son of God,  
Humble was your virgin mother, Hard the lonely path you trod:  
By your cross is sin defeated, Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers, Sinners justified by grace.**

**Christ, at God's right hand victorious, You will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants For whose freedom you have paid:  
Raise us up from dust to glory; Guard us from all sin today.  
King enthroned above all praises, Save your people, God, we pray.**

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**C: Who forgives all *our* sins and heals all *our* diseases.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Exodus 7:14-24**

*God knows how to get people's attention; that doesn't mean people listen to Him.*

<sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Pharaoh's heart is unyielding; he refuses to let the people go. <sup>15</sup>Go to Pharaoh in the morning as he goes out to the river. Confront him on the bank of the

Nile, and take in your hand the staff that was changed into a snake. <sup>16</sup> Then say to him, The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has sent me to say to you: Let my people go, so that they may worship me in the wilderness. But until now you have not listened. <sup>17</sup> This is what the LORD says: By this you will know that I am the LORD: With the staff that is in my hand I will strike the water of the Nile, and it will be changed into blood. <sup>18</sup> The fish in the Nile will die, and the river will stink; the Egyptians will not be able to drink its water.’” <sup>19</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Aaron, ‘Take your staff and stretch out your hand over the waters of Egypt—over the streams and canals, over the ponds and all the reservoirs—and they will turn to blood.’ Blood will be everywhere in Egypt, even in vessels of wood and stone.” <sup>20</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the LORD had commanded. He raised his staff in the presence of Pharaoh and his officials and struck the water of the Nile, and all the water was changed into blood. <sup>21</sup> The fish in the Nile died, and the river smelled so bad that the Egyptians could not drink its water. Blood was everywhere in Egypt. <sup>22</sup> But the Egyptian magicians did the same things by their secret arts, and Pharaoh’s heart became hard; he would not listen to Moses and Aaron, just as the LORD had said. <sup>23</sup> Instead, he turned and went into his palace, and did not take even this to heart. <sup>24</sup> And all the Egyptians dug along the Nile to get drinking water, because they could not drink the water of the river.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**PSALM**

**Psalm 78**

*We sing together the Refrains and the Verses*

*Christian Worship page 95*

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

*Psalm tone*



O my people, hear my teaching;\*  
listen to the words of my mouth.

I will utter things from of old,\*  
what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from our children;\*  
we will tell the next generation  
the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.

*Refrain*



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob\*  
and established the law in Israel,

so the next generation would know them,\*  
and they in turn would tell their children.

Then they would put their trust in God\*  
and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 3:14-21**

*Don't underestimate what God can do.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ. Al - le -

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**John 2:1-11**

*Confidence in Jesus is not misplaced.*

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,<sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.<sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."<sup>4</sup> "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."<sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.<sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.<sup>8</sup> Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside<sup>10</sup> and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to You, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Musical Introduction*

**All Glory Be to God on High**

*Christian Worship # 263*

**All glory be to God on high, Who has our race befriended!  
To us no harm shall now come nigh; The strife at last is ended.  
The Father's love, the Savior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to all the earth;  
Oh, thank him for his goodness!**

**We praise, we worship you, we trust; We give you thanks forever,  
O Father, that your rule is just And wise and changes never.  
In boundless pow'r, with mighty reign, Done is whatever you ordain;  
Your rule brings countless blessings!**

**O Jesus Christ, the only Son Of God, your heav'nly Father,  
You did for all our sins atone, And your lost sheep you gather.  
O Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we sinners cry,  
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

**O Holy Spirit, precious Gift, Our Comforter from heaven,  
Our weary hearts and souls uplift; For this our praise is given.  
Deliver us from doubt and fear; When Satan troubles us, be near;  
We trust your love and power.**

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on Ephesians 3:14-21**

**“Grasp The Fullness Of God's Love”**

**A CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,**



**and became fully human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **OUR THANK OFFERING**

*Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the basket on the table, mail your thank offering to the church, or give online through our website under the “Resources” tab. The QR Code to the giving link is at the end of the bulletin.*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions. Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

**C:** **Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

**M:** Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

**C:** **Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

**M:** Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

**C: And help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior..

**C: Amen.**

## **THE SACRAMENT**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my  $\dagger$  body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### *DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT*

*The ushers will direct Communicants in a continuous flow distribution of the Sacrament. Communicants will exit the pews to the outside and return to their seats via the center aisle. We start from the front to the back on the Lecturn side, and back to front on the Pulpit side. If you need to be communed in the pew, please let an Usher know of this. When approaching each table, communicants may pause as they take and eat / drink.*

*As a reminder: Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.*

### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

### **The Ten Commandments Are the Law**

*Christian Worship # 285*

**The Ten Commandments are the law Which Israel heard in holy awe.  
In smoke and fire from Sinai The voice of God shook the sky. Have mercy, Lord!**

**“I am your Lord and God alone! No other god but me enthroned!  
Put your whole confidence in me; Give me your heart totally.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“In what you speak bring me no shame; Do not misuse my holy name,  
But call on me in troubled days; Give me your thanks, prayers, and praise.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“Respect the Sabbath of the Lord! Do not despise my holy Word,  
But hold it sacred, precious, true, And hear that truth preached to you.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“Give to your parents honor due, Be dutiful and loving, too,  
And help them when their pow’rs are few; So shall it go well with you.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“You shall not murder, hurt, nor hate; Your anger dare not dominate.  
Be kind and patient; help, defend, And treat your foe as your friend.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“Be faithful to your marriage vow; No lust or impure thoughts allow,  
But keep your body free from sin With self-control, discipline.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“You shall not steal or take away What others worked for night and day,  
But open wide a gen’rous hand And help the poor in the land.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“Bear no false witness nor defame Your neighbor and destroy his name,  
But view him in the kindest way; Speak truth in all that you say.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**“You shall not crave your neighbor’s house Nor covet money, goods, or spouse.  
Pray God he would your neighbor bless As you yourself wish success.” Have mercy, Lord!**

**God gave these laws to show therein, O child of man, your life of sin,  
And help you rightly to perceive How unto God you should live. Have mercy, Lord!**

**Our works cannot salvation gain; They merit only endless pain.  
Forgive us, Lord! To Christ we fly, Our mediator on high. Have mercy, Lord!**

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **God Moves in a Mysterious Way**

*Christian Worship # 420*

**God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea And rides upon the storm.**

**Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, But trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence He has a smiling face.**

**Blind unbelief is sure to err And scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter, And he will make it plain.**

**You fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread  
Are big with mercy and will break In blessing on your head.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

## **All Glory Be to God on High**

*Michael Burkhardt*

# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

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## Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:20 am, in person & online ... “The 10 Commandments - Application”

Sunday School, in person at 9:15 in the Chapel ... “Joseph’s Troubles”

Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Teen Room ... “Hard Sayings of Jesus”

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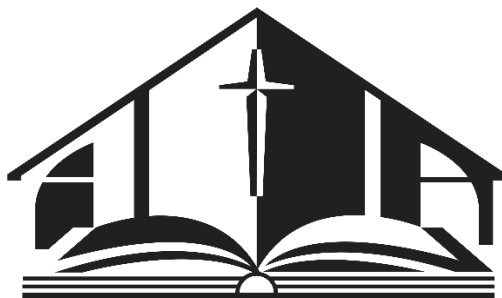


# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

## Weekly Calendar

Today		*** Holy Communion***
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point (BIC)
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch & Learn

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Colin Gray	<i>Jan 16</i>	
Halia Butler	<i>Jan 17</i>	
Bobbi Wiegel		
Samantha Smith	<i>Jan 19</i>	
Jack Hopping	<i>Jan 20</i>	
	<i>Jan 21</i>	Duane & Melody Carlson



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Sunday Services at 8:00 am (Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Sunday School Study, 9:15-10:30, meet in the Chapel  
Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:15 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Room  
Monday Evening Service at 7:00 PM in the Adm Building Chapel  
Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

Jonathan Kolander	Pastor
Stacie Malone	Office Adm
Linda Halfhill	Office Adm
Shawn Butler	Campus Custodian
Mike Rausch	Teen Study Leader
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 7-8
Tyler Wahl	Grades 5-6
Hannah Ripley	Grades 3-4
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Alyssa Bergemann	Jr.K/Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

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