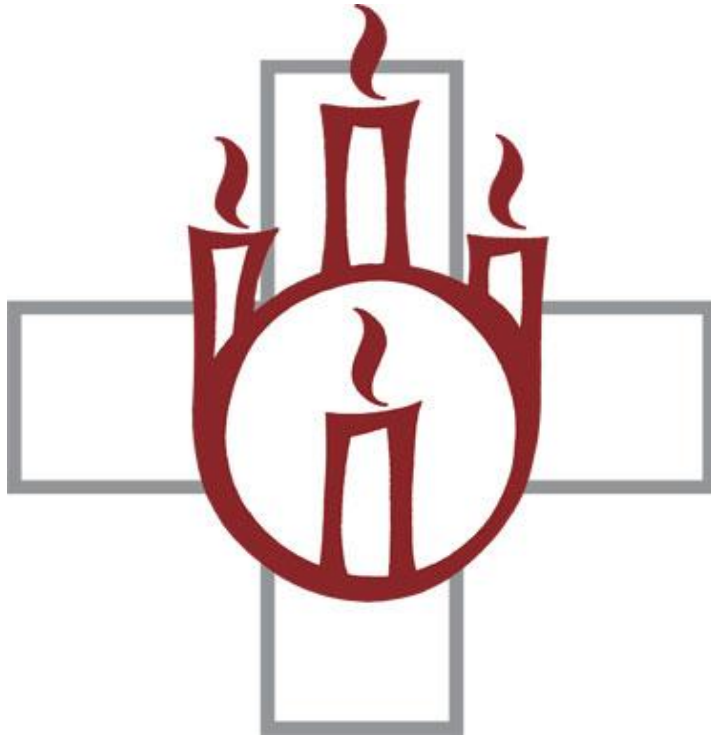


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for November 27, 2022



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

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1st Sunday in Advent

November 27, 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:

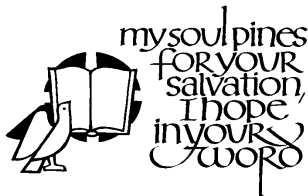
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue' 'Christian Worship Hymnal' is our 2021 Edition (not yet in the Pews)

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 1st, 3rd, & 5th 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.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: How do you avoid falling into ruts? It is one thing to have our life on autopilot, so to speak; it is another to not lose sight of what we are to be doing with our life. Is life influencing us, or are we influencing life—the life around us? Part of keeping watch for the return of Jesus is to make sure we do not just put our faith on autopilot—that is, not give thought to what we are doing; another part involves not letting the world pull us away from Jesus. Our Lord’s reminder to ‘keep watch,’ and why this is to be the case, is always timely.

PRELUDE

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People
Paul Manz

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
Congregation: His love endures forever.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;
C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: We worship in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen. Let us worship Him.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

How Great Thou Art
Christian Worship (red) # 256

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed.
(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze, *Refrain***

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin.**
(Refrain) **Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
“How great thou art! How great thou art!”**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great thou art!”** *Refrain*

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: He says that we are sinners and deserve only his punishment.

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

No musical introduction ... on the next page

C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,

God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.



M: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins;

C: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 2:1-5

Keep watch! Hold on to the Gospel and be a light to those around you.

This is what Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem: ²In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it. ³Many peoples will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths." The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore. ⁵Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Rise, O Light of Gentile Nations

Christian Worship (red) # 577

**Rise, O Light of Gentile nations, Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
Let your Word, the gladsome tidings, Ring out loudly near and far,
Bringing freedom to the captives, Peace and comfort to the slave,
That the heathen, free from bondage, May proclaim your pow'r to save.**

**Knowing you and your salvation, Grateful love dare never cease
To proclaim your tender mercies, Gracious Lord, your heav'nly peace.**

**Let us sound the gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound
That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.**

**May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day,
As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray.**

**For the many faithful workers, For the gospel they proclaim,
Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of your name.**

**Savior, shine in all your glory On the nations near and far;
From the highways and the byways Call them forth, O Morning Star.
Guide them whom your grace has chosen Out of Satan's dreadful thrall
To the mansions of your Father—There is room for sinners all.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Romans 13:11-14

Keep watch! Give thought to your words and actions.

And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. ¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the flesh.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Romans 11

M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

C: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

M: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?

C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 24:36-44

Keep watch! Today could be your / our last day.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; ³⁹ and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away. That is how it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding with a hand mill; one will be taken and the other left. ⁴² “Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. ⁴³ But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

Christian Worship (red) # 207

**The day is surely drawing near When God's Son, the Anointed,
Shall with great majesty appear As judge of all appointed.
All mirth and laughter then shall cease When flames on flames will still increase,
As Scripture truly teaches.**

**A trumpet loud shall then resound And all the earth be shaken.
Then all who in their graves are found Shall from their sleep awaken
And with the living in that hour By the Almighty's boundless pow'r
Be changed at his commanding.**

**A book is opened then to all, A record truly telling
What each has done, both great and small, When he on earth was dwelling,
And ev'ry heart be clearly seen, And all be known as they have been
In thoughts and words and actions.**

**Then woe to those who scorned the Lord And sought but carnal pleasures,
Who here despised his precious Word And loved their earthly treasures!
With shame and trembling they will stand And at the judge's stern command
To Satan be delivered.**

**My Savior paid the debt I owe And for my sin was smitten;
Within the Book of Life I know My name has now been written.
I will not doubt, for I am free, And Satan cannot threaten me;
There is no condemnation!**

**O Jesus Christ, do not delay, But hasten our salvation;
We often tremble on our way In fear and tribulation.
Your saints are waiting patiently; Come soon, Redeemer; make us free
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Romans 13:11-14

“Stay Awake!”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He
ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

All: This is most certainly true.

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, mail your thank offering to the church, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web 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.

C: Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

M: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.

C: 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.

And we also pray ...

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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Christian Worship (red) # 452

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.**

**Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.**

**Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may hold firmly to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Christian Worship (red) # 219

Lord, when your glory I shall see And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be, My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne, Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me. And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought To stand in joy beside you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasures Eternal

Kevin Hildebrand

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Flowers: Altar flowers today are provided by the Drennon, Hopping and Naves families in memory of our loved ones and gratitude for our many blessings.

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Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30, in person & online ... a look at the Augsburg Confession

No Young Children Sunday School today or next week ... resumes on 12/04

Teens, 9:30 on the 2nd level Gathering Space ... Book of Romans

For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1st: What is an outcome or two upon the Lord bringing this world to an end? What is the encouragement or directive for us in these words? See Mark 13.

2nd: Note the context; see verses 8-10. Do what then? Finish the thought: Don't put off until tomorrow... How does one 'put aside the deeds of darkness'? How does one 'put on the armor of light'? See 2 Corinthians 5.

3rd: What is the point of bringing up the time of the Flood? What steps are you taking to remain ready? See 2 Peter 3.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today	8:00 & 10:45 9:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Bible Study Advent by Candlelight
Wednesday	8:20 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	School Chapel Service Advent Supper Advent Worship Service Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m. 4:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study Board of Stewardship Meeting Digging Deeper Class
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	River City Chorale Concert
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45 9:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	LWMS Mission Box Offering Worship Service <u>w</u> Holy Communion Bible Study Jesus Cares Worship Catechism River City Chorale Concert

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
David Hahn	<i>Nov 28</i>
Amber Engberg	<i>Nov 29</i>
Suzy Ewing	
Louann Hahn	
Sarah Vosberg	<i>Dec 3</i>

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