

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for January 21, 2024



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

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3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024

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:

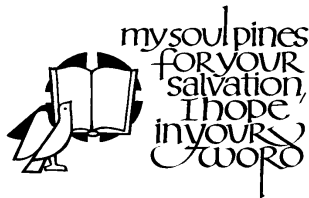
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' (CW) are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' (CWS) in the 'blue' 'Christian Worship' New (CWN) is our 2021 Edition (Copies found on Lobby Bookshelf)

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: Would you say God has shown patience toward you? Would you say you have shown patience toward God? Who is more deserving of patience? As we consider 'living' patience, what impact does / will that have in your life? Today we give thanks for God's patience toward us, and for the reminder what that patience all means for us.

PRELUDE

We Three Kings

Arr. by Matthew McConnell

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.

HYMN

By Faith

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 4

Christian Worship New # 868



1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. (*Refrain*)

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. (*Refrain*)

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.

All: 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: 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: 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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

This Is the Threefold Truth

Christian Worship (red) # 406

**This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;
And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

This Is the Threefold Truth

Christian Worship (red) # 406

**This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:
Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Baptism at 8:00 ... Samuel Andrew Rettig

HYMN at 8:00

Musical Introduction

Baptized in Water

Christian Worship # 297

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation,
Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising,
Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's praise we sing.**

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King: Born of one Father,
We are his children; Joyfully now God's praise we sing.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

God is more than patient and merciful toward people as He truly seeks their salvation.

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.” ³Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to

Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown." ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 6

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak

Christian Worship (red) # 561

**Lord, speak to us that we may speak In living echoes of your tone.
As you have sought, so let us seek Your straying children, lost and lone.**

**Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead The wand'ring and the wav'ring feet.
Oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed Your hung'ring ones with manna sweet.**

**Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach The precious truths which you impart,
And wing our words that they may reach The hidden depths of many a heart.**

**Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord, Until our very hearts o'erflow
In kindling thought and glowing word Your love to tell, your praise to show.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 5:14-21

It is not what we or others bring to God, it is what He has given to us so to give to others.

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 7

Rise, Shine, You People

Christian Worship # 556

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered

**Our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling,
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

Jesus does the calling and equipping when it comes to sharing the Gospel.

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!” ¹⁶As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” ¹⁸At once they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. ²⁰Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 8

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Christian Worship Supplement (blue) # 753

**Father, God of grace, you knew us, Chose us, named us as your own,
Through eternal ages planning To redeem us in your Son.
Praise the Father, God who loved us Ere creation was begun!**

**We, your creatures, sinned against you, And our guilt was crimson red.
Son of God, you came incarnate, Crushed the crafty serpent's head,
Died our death, now live triumphant: Praise the firstborn from the dead!**

**Counselor, you bring as promised From the Father and the Son
Righteousness fulfilled, accomplished, Free forgiveness, heaven won.
Praise the Spirit! He assures us Our salvation's work is done!**

**Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space. Water, bread,
and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.**

Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!

Forward lead us; Christ, we follow, Drawn by Word and promise true:

“To all nations preach the gospel; I am evermore with you.”

Keep us faithful! Then, Lord Jesus, Quickly come! Make all things new!

Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.

Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Jonah 3:1-5, 10

“Thank God For His Compassion”

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 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. 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 unfaithfully 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: 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.

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.

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 ✠ 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 by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the west side, right to left. When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.

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

Take and Eat

Musical Introduction ... Sing Refrain after each Verse

Christian Worship Supplement # 741

(Refrain) Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.

Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.

I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn; I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.

**I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.**

I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day. You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.

**I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.
You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.**

**I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide; I am the
Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.**

**I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am
the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.**

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

On Galilee's High Mountain

Christian Worship # 557

**The Lord, who, born of Mary, Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, For us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother, In pow'r at God's right hand
Has chosen us to carry His truth to ev'ry land.**

**His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How his redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me; With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.**

**And not alone to nations In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches, However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus, Who served and saved us all.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

By Valerie Floeter

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett ... Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke ... Percussion: Don Black

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

1st: Why did the Lord come to Jonah a second time? God knew what Ninevah was like, so why this effort to send Jonah? How do reflect personal gratefulness for the Lord's compassion? Read Matthew 10.

2nd: As we ponder the first part of this Reading, what comes next? How do these verses impact how we look at others? What is the best part of God's love from your perspective? Read 1 John 3:11-24.

3rd: The world could use more of what? The goal of all that we do is (finish the thought) ... Read Psalm 98.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (in the Admin Building Chapel)
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point (Luther Room)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study (Library in Admin Buidling)
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	SMYBL (In the Gym All Morning)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Chili Cook-Off after 2 nd Service
Saturday, Feb 3	11:00 a.m.	Victory Service for Arnold Detmer

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Stacy Moller	<i>Jan 23</i>	
Lisa Thiesfeldt		
Joshua Castagnola	<i>Jan 25</i>	
Ellie Ennis	<i>Jan 26</i>	Marty & Janet Puckett
Bianki Castagnola	<i>Jan 27</i>	