



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

ADVENT 2

December 7, 2025

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!

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

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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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Blue hymnal 327 sts. 1-3



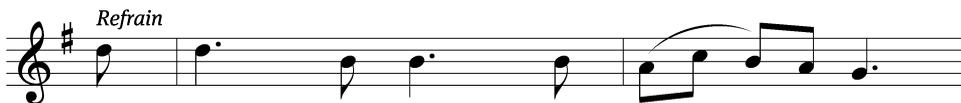
1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, O Root of Jes - se, free your own from
3 O come, O Day-spring from on high, and cheer us



cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your
by your draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y



ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
peo - ple save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
clouds of night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

Text: Latin, c. 12th cent., Psalterium Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Tune: French, 15th cent., alt
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Welcomed into the Family of God

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

And also with you!

Throughout the ages, God's people waited in eager expectation for Emmanuel—God with us—to come and fulfill God's promise. And he came, born of the woman, to crush the devil's head. But it would cost him his life to rescue us. Yet he willingly faced the cross to save us from our sins. As we confess our sins together, we acknowledge that we're all broken. We admit that we all desperately need a savior. And we come with confident trust in Jesus, that perfect Savior.

Just and merciful Lord, my Creator, I confess all my sins. From birth, I have been deeply flawed. I have chosen my own selfish way, continued to disobey your good commands for my life, and hurt those around me. My sins deserved your punishment, and I am sorry. Thank you for sparing me of what I deserved. Thank you for still receiving me as your child. Thank you for Jesus, who took my sins away.

Jesus, Emmanuel—God with us—came. He came and accomplished all that was required to make you right with God. He came and proved that you are loved more than you could ever ask for or imagine. He lived for you, died for you, and came back to life. All is forgiven—now and forever! By trusting in Jesus, you are saved and you will live forever!

Amen!

Fullness of Grace

Sung by the choir

Fullness of grace in man's human frailty,
This is the wonder of Jesus.
Laying aside His power and glory,
Humbly He entered our world.
Chose the path of meanest worth:
Scandal of a virgin birth.
Born in a stable, cold and rejected:
Here lies the hope of the world.

Fullness of grace, the love of the Father
Shown in the face of Jesus.
Stooping to bear the weight of humanity,
Walking the Calvary road.
Christ the holy Innocent
Took our sin and punishment.
Fullness of God, despised and rejected:
Crushed for the sins of the world.

Fullness of hope in Christ we had longed for,
Promise of God in Jesus.
Through His obedience we are forgiven,
Opening the floodgates of heaven.
All our hopes and dreams we bring
Gladly as an offering.
Fullness of life and joy unspeakable:
God's gift in love to the world.

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God's Word

Genesis 3:13–15

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

¹⁴So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this,

“Cursed are you above all livestock
and all wild animals!

You will crawl on your belly
and you will eat dust
all the days of your life.

¹⁵And I will put enmity
between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will crush your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

God's Word

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Children's Message

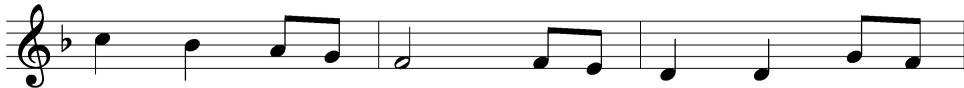
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly



1 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, hea-ven's high-est love came
2 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, you who once held hea - ven's
3 In - fant ho - ly, in - fant low - ly, King of kings and Lord of



down. For the poor, you left your glo - ry and you
pow'r. Now you lie here, cold and hung - ry in the
lords, you have come to us with no - thing, as the



laid a - side your crown. Weak and help - less, here you
si - lent mid-night hour. With your pa - rents wrapped in
poor - est of the poor. So we come to you in



slum - ber in a sta - ble with your mo - ther as the
wor - ry, still ex - haus - ted from the jour - ney, you were
won - der, see you help - less as you slum - ber, and we



shep - herds ga - ther 'round. Do they know you've left your crown?
help - less in that hour, yet you set a - side your pow'r.
lay our gifts be - fore Christ the Sa - vior, weak and poor.

Message from God's Word

Luke 1:26–38

²⁶In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

²⁹Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³²He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

³⁴"How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?"

³⁵The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷For no word from God will ever fail."

³⁸"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

Mary's Response to Shocking News

Statement of 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 truly 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.

Prayer & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.

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.

The Lord's Supper

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians, united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member of our congregation or another WELS or ELS congregation come forward to receive Communion. Guests, please speak with our pastor to learn more, and we look forward to communing with you in the future.

Words of Institution

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."

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

Distribution of the Lord's Supper

*The ushers will direct those receiving Communion up 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 (pulpit) 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 the Father's Love Begotten

Blue hymnal 358



1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed when the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom seers and sa - ges sang of old with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, an - gel hosts his
 5 Christ, to thee, with God the Fa - ther, and, O Ho - ly



gan to be, he is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord, whom the voic - es of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing, pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him
 Ghost, to thee hymn and chant and high thanks - giv - ing



he the source, the end - ing he,
 bore the Sav - ior of our race,
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word.
 and ex - tol our God and King.
 and un - end - ing prais - es be,



of the things that are, that have been,
 and the babe, the world's Re - deem - er,
 Now he shines, the long - ex - spect - ed;
 Let no tongue on earth be si - lent,
 hon - or, glo - ry, and do - min - ion



and that fu - ture years shall see ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 first re - vealed his sa - cred face ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 let cre - a - tion praise its Lord ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

Text: Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 348-c. 413, abr.; (sts. 1-4): tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.; (st. 5): tr. Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877, alt. Tune: plainsong, 13th cent. Text and tune: Public domain

Blessing

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.

Amen!

Joy to the World

Blue hymnal 353 sts. 1-3



1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -
2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let men their
3 No more let sins and sor - rows grow nor thorns in -



ceive her King; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him
songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and
fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings



room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
Tune: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759, adapt.
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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Altar flowers: Flowers at the altar are given by Rosemarie Boushek.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	5:30 p.m.	Advent Supper
	6:30 p.m.	Midweek Advent Service
	7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Children's Christmas Service

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Robert Vosberg	<i>Dec 7</i>	
Garrison Baker	<i>Dec 8</i>	
Mike Rostad	<i>Dec 9</i>	
Mark Panasiuk	<i>Dec 10</i>	
Loren Puckett		
Edna Bellamy	<i>Dec 11</i>	
Adam Faljean	<i>Dec 12</i>	
Lizzie Henley	<i>Dec 13</i>	
Jen Hopping		

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