HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME: MESSIAH & CHRIST

November 29, 2026

Settle in with Jesus and his family. Welcome home.

Make yourself at home. Find any open spot to sit and settle in. Our worship service is designed to praise God and enrich your faith. We make it easy-to-follow with everything printed for you in this bulletin. Feel free to stay after the service to get to know some of the people you worshiped with today. St. Mark's is a place you can call home, and we look forward to seeing you next time!

Bring the kids. Our congregation enjoys the worshiping family and our services include a children's message. Parents, you can help your kids follow along today with the Kids' Questions sheet. A quiet room to help a restless child is in the lobby (to the right as you exit the main worship space).

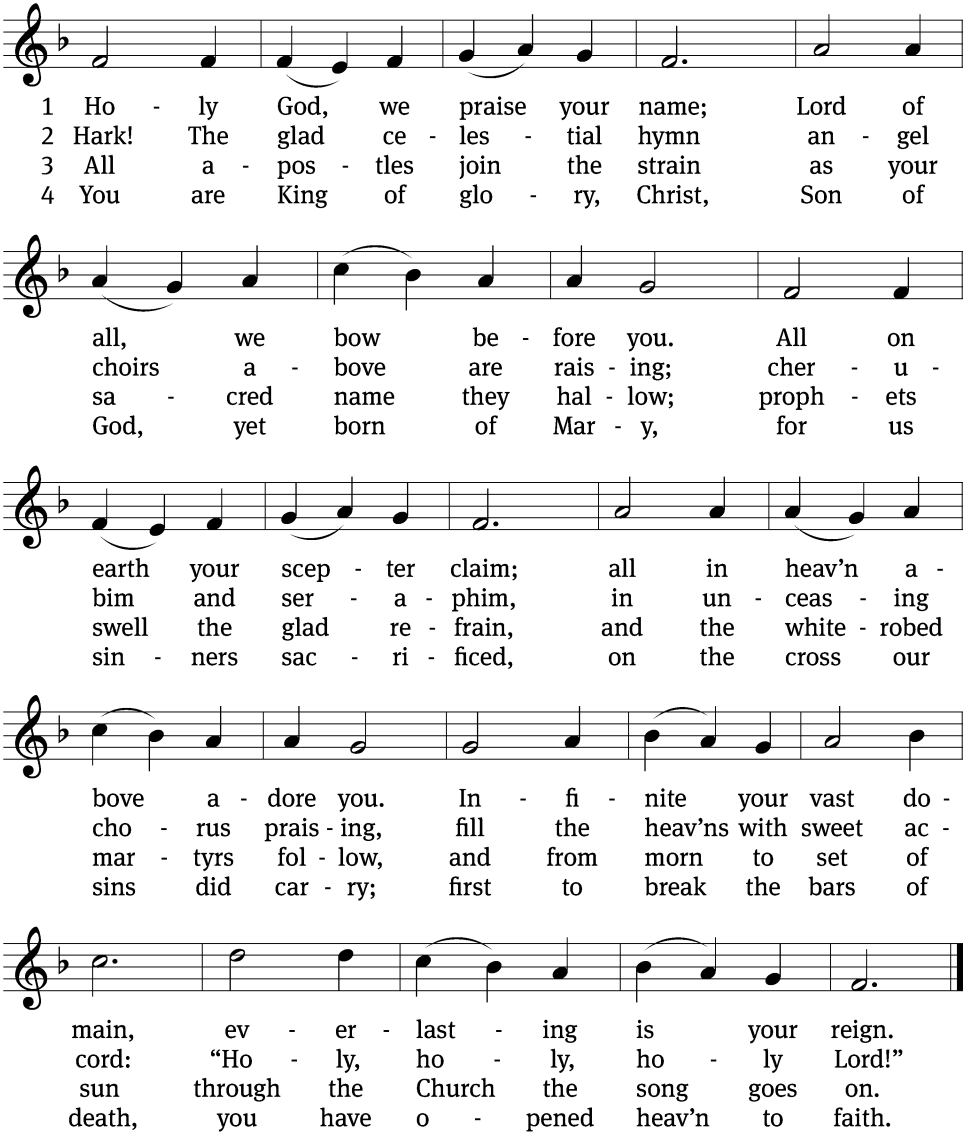
There's no obligation. Visitors, while our members regularly give offerings as an expression of thanks to God, you're not expected to give an offering. You are our guests; it's your choice. We're glad you joined us today!

Restrooms are at the back of the lobby—women's on the right and men's on the left.

Questions? If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with our pastor after the service and visit us online at stmarkslutheran.com.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Blue hymnal 953 sts. 1–4



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Welcomed into the Family of God

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory in the heavens!

Generation after generation, God's people had been waiting with longing anticipation for their Savior to appear. Humanity needed a Hero, a Rescuer—a Savior. He was the chosen One God had promised already at the beginning. And he has come. He is the Christ, the Lord's Messiah. He has come to rescue us from our sins. Let's acknowledge all our sins together, leaving them at the cross of Christ, our Savior.

Holy and gracious Lord, I confess that I have been sinful from birth. In countless ways, I have sinned against you, hurt others, and failed to live as your child. Though my sins deserved your just punishment, in love you sent Jesus Christ to be my Savior. Thank you for still loving me! I trust in Christ alone as I ask for your forgiveness.

Because of God's great love and Jesus' sacrifice in your place at the cross, you are forgiven! The Lord has removed your sins, cleansed you and made you holy in his sight, and he calls you his child. Welcome home as a member of God's family. Christ has set you free!

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Amen!

Prayer

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come. Protect us by your strength, and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

God's Word Mark 1:1-8

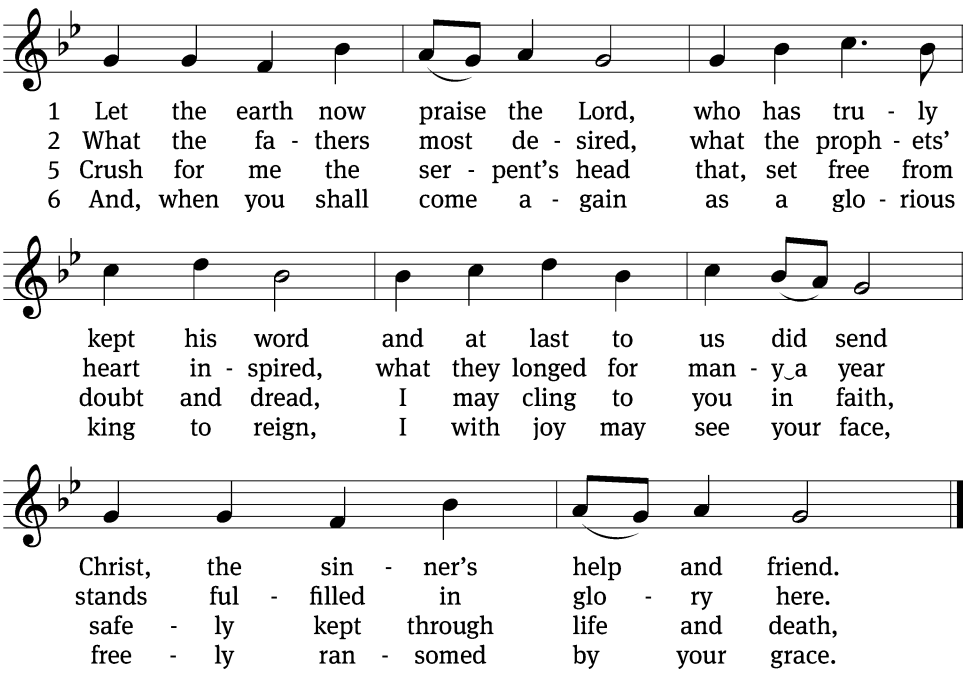
[1]The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of
God, [2]as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way"—
[3]"a voice of one calling in the wilderness,
'Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.' "

[4]And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a
baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. [5]The whole Judean
countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him.
Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.
[6]John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around
his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. [7]And this was his
message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of
whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. [8]I baptize
you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Children's Message

Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord *Blue hymnal 315 sts. 1–2, 5–6*



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Devotion from God's Word — Genesis 3:8-15

8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was
walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the
LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the LORD God called to
the man, "Where are you?"

10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I
was naked; so I hid."

11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten
from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me
some fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

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

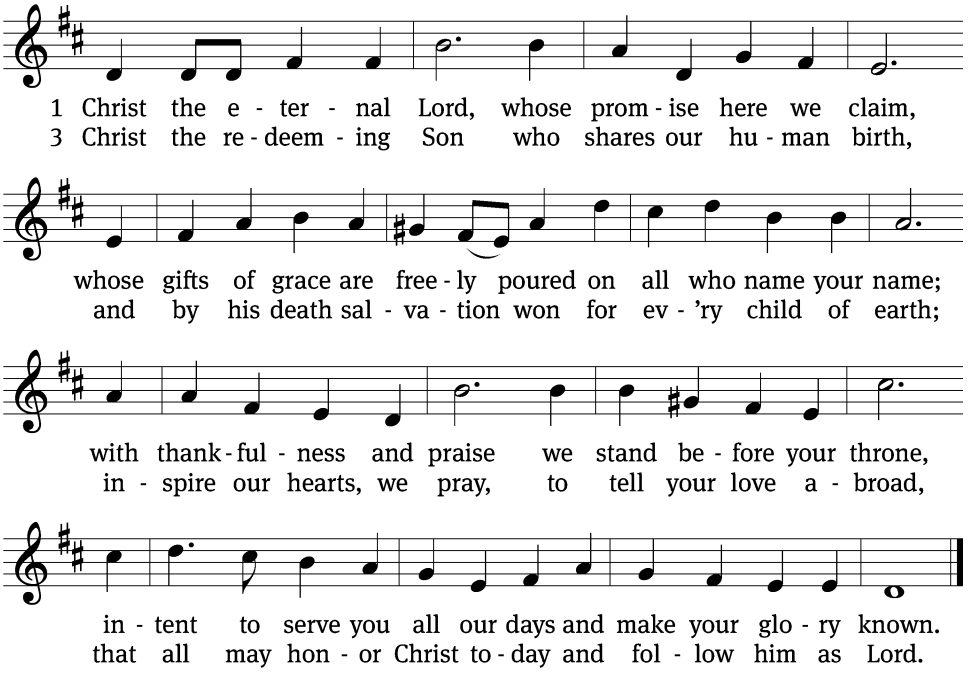
The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

14 So 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.
15 And 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."

Christ the Eternal Lord

Blue hymnal 521 sts. 1, 3



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Devotion from God's Word — Acts 4:10,12

10"It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified
but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you
healed. . . . 12Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other
name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

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 Bible teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and other Christians, united by a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member St. Mark's or another WELS or ELS church come forward for 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 down the outer aisle. You may receive a wafer in your hand from the Communion assistant. Those who require a gluten-free wafer may take one from the assistant's smaller tray. Tinted cups in the center of the wine trays contain grape juice. Your empty cup can be placed on the backside of the rail. When at the rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the pew, please let an usher or the pastor know.

The Advent of Our King

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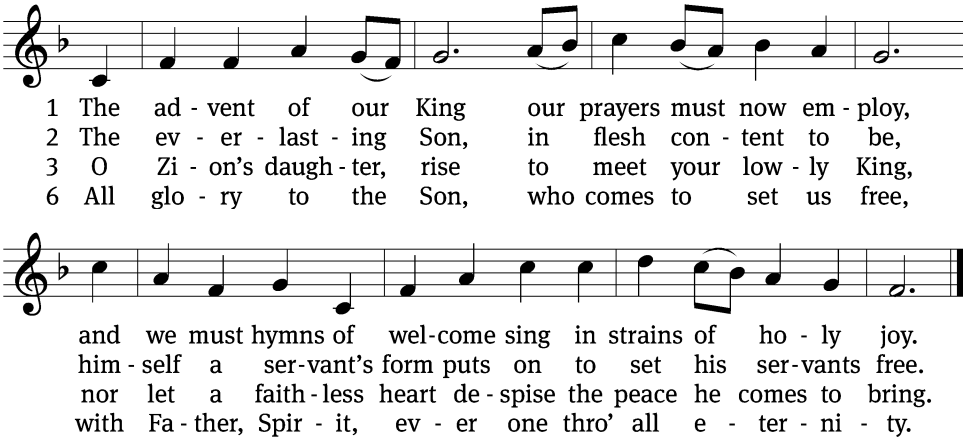

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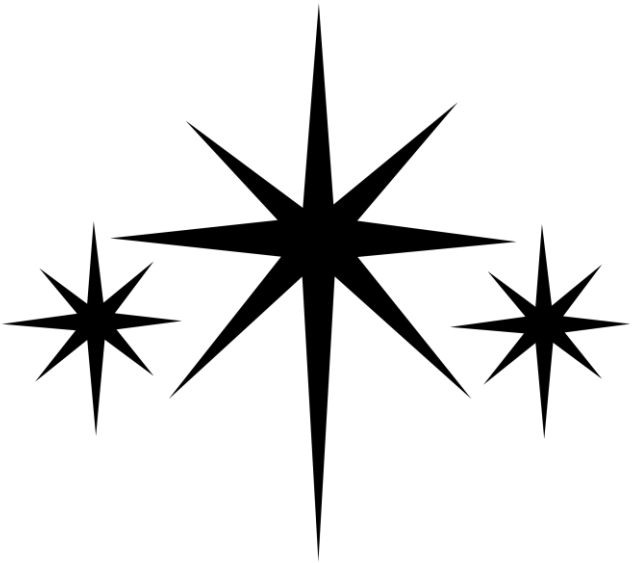

By Faith

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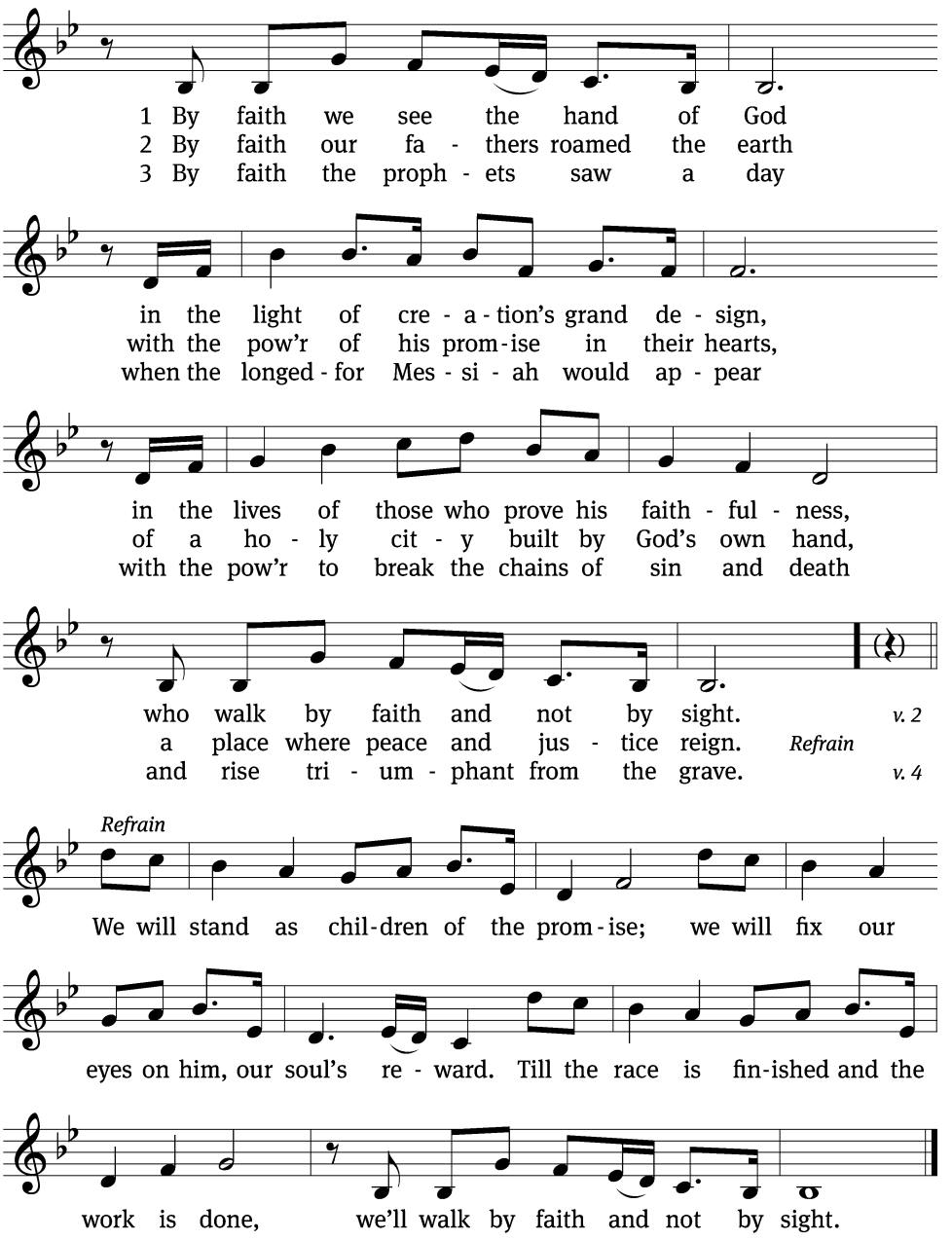

4 By faith the church was called to go
in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
to deliver captives and to preach good news
in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)

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)

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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!

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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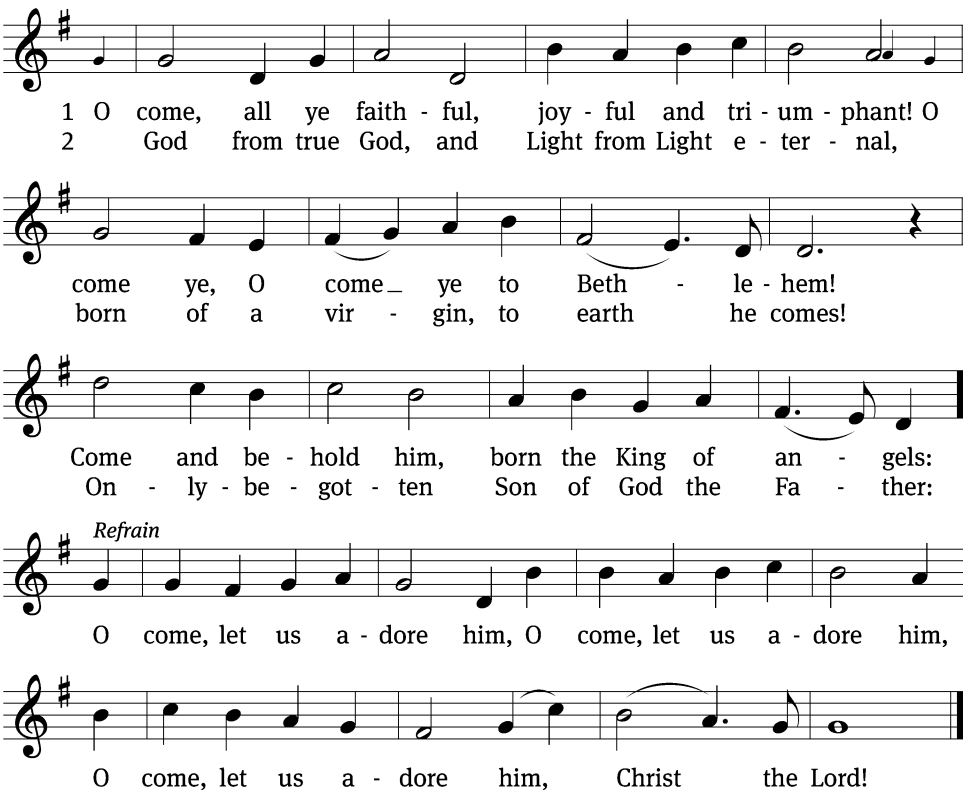

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel
Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett
Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke
Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth
Altar Flowers: Flowers at the altar are given by the Worship Arts Committee in celebration of Thanksgiving.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Open Gym
	6:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Child Discipleship Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Advent Service & Meal (in gym)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living (JOL) Women's Bible Study
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	St. Mark's Family Christmas & Live Nativity
Next Sunday		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study

Birthdays		***Anniversaries***
Amber Engberg	*Nov 29*	
Susanna Ewing		
Louann Hahn		
Sarah Vosberg	*Dec 3*	
Terry Drennon	*Dec 5*	

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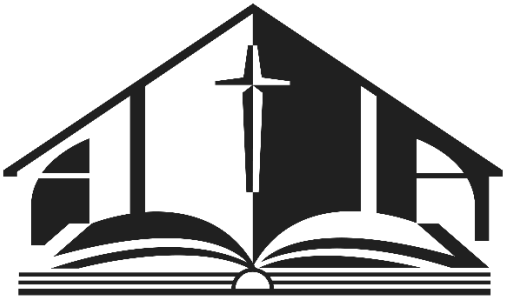

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