

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
welcomes you!

December 1,
2024



The First
Sunday of
Advent

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1st Saturdays - Chapel*)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM

in-person & streaming

EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP HOUR: 10:30 AM

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The Reverend Brian M. Robison, Pastor

PLEASE wear a **mask/face covering** *if* you are **exhibiting any upper respiratory symptoms consistent with allergies, a cold, or COVID-19** (runny nose, cough, sore throat).

To parents with small children: We are glad your family is worshipping with us today! **“Quiet Bags”** (supplies & activities for use by small children) are available in the Welcome Area. If you or your child need a break from the service, feel free to walk to the Welcome Area/narthex (the service is still audible over the speakers).

Parish Hall and Restrooms are located on the lower level of the main church building. The stairway is off the entrance foyer. A second **handicapped access** restroom is available next to the **accessibility lift** to the lower level is located in the Welcome Area. An usher will be happy to assist you with the lift.

Assistive listening devices and **low vision items** are available. Please ask one of our ushers for assistance.

PRELUDE

Trio on "Jefferson"

D. Larky

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *Please STAND as you are able*

Blessed be the one God - Father, Son, and + Holy Spirit – alive in the world, reviving creation, arriving soon. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Please KNEEL or remain as you are

God of mercy, **we confess that we have sinned. We trust earthly powers and human authority alone. We grow fearful. We cling to false comforts.**

God of might, **we confess that we have sinned. We have turned away from our neighbors. We have trusted false promises.**

God in our midst, **we confess that we have sinned. We plead: come to us. Bring your mercy to birth in us.**

A righteous branch springs forth: it is Christ the Lord, our Savior, in whom we have forgiveness, life, and mercy. By the power of the Holy Spirit, receive the grace and forgiveness of God through + Christ Jesus, whose day draws near. **Amen.** *Please STAND*

DEDICATION OF NEW GOSPEL BOOK COVER

GATHERING HYMN

"People Look East"

ELW 248

GREETING The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us

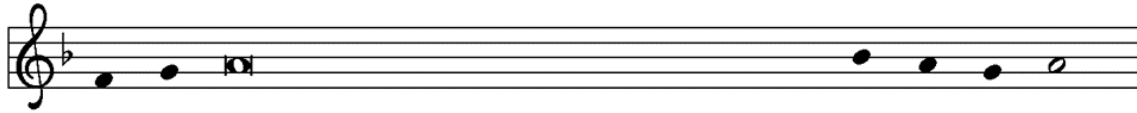
pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

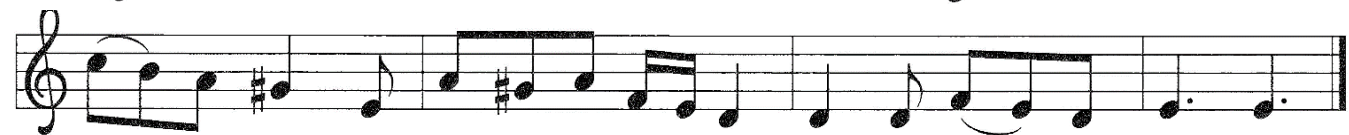


“Light One Candle”

ELW 240 vs. 1



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra-el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Following the prayer, please SIT.

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 25:1-10 *spoken responsively between leader & congregation by half-verse*

¹To | you, O LORD,

I lift | up my soul.

²My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,

nor let my enemies triumph | over me.

³Let none who look to you be | put to shame;

rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

⁴Show me your | ways, O LORD,

and teach | me your paths.

⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation;

in you have I trusted all | the day long.

⁶Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,

for they are from | everlasting.

⁷Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;

remember me according to your steadfast love

and for the sake of your good- | ness, O LORD.

⁸You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;

therefore you teach sinners | in your way.

⁹You lead the low- | ly in justice

and teach the low- | ly your way.

¹⁰All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness

to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in

love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA VERSE *The assembly STANDS to welcome the gospel.*



GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-36

A reading from the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as recorded by the evangelist Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ²⁵"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *Please SIT*

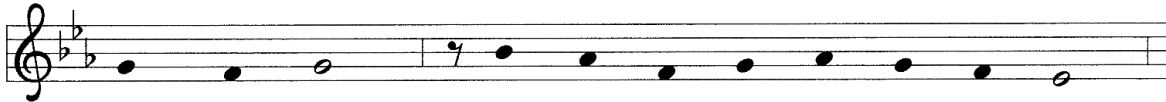
SERMON

"Escape to the Present"

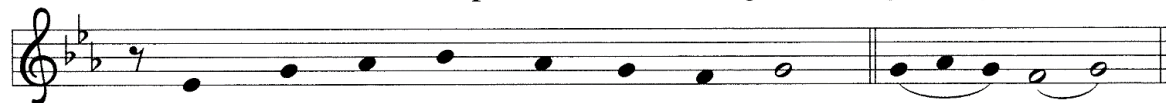
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1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's ev - er -
 2 When this old world drew on toward night, you came; but not in
 3 At your great name, O Je - sus, now all knees must bend, all
 4 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray, re - deem us for e -
 5 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spir - it,



last - ing light, O Christ, re - deem - er of us all,
 splen - dor bright, not as a mon - arch, but the child
 hearts must bow: all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 ter - nal day; de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 Three in One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be



we pray you hear us when we call.
 of Mar - y, bless - ed moth - er mild.
 like those in heav'n, shall call you Lord.
 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly. A - men.

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The names of those for whom we pray aloud are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin.

The response to "Lord, in your mercy," is "**Hear our prayer**"...

Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Carol Kugler, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol Weshinsky, & Donna Lesche

PEACE The assembly is invited to share a greeting of God's peace with one another. Following **the Peace**, you may be seated for a few moments

OFFERING Should you wish to leave an offering today, it may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font at any point during or after the service.

OFFERTORY "Lost in the Night" by Burkharde St. Mark Chancel Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and you draw near to feed us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

OFFERTORY "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" **ELW 257 v. 1**

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
un - til the Son of God ap - pear. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 7-measure rest. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a 7-measure rest. The third staff includes the word "Refrain" above the notes. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Chanted to the tune of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel")

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts, **we lift them to the Lord.**

We give our thanks to Go-d our Lord

It's right to give our tha--nks and praise.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.

It's right to praise God every time and place, through Jesus, promised gift of grace, whose advent sets God's people free; with all creation we sing joyfully:

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*)

Oh, holy, holy, ho--ly Lord,

the God of pow'r and Go--d of might.

Your glory fills the hea-ven and earth;

Hosanna in the high--est!

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.

Lord Jesus took and blessed & broke the bread;

“My body giv'n in love for you,” he said.

“This cup binds you in cov'nant with me;

Thus be forgiven and re-mem-ber me!

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, shall come to you O, Israel.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power,

and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table.

LAMB OF GOD (*tune: O Come, O Come Emmanuel*) **Please SIT**

Oh, Jesus, wisdom, our Emmanuel,

you take away the si-n of the world.

Have mercy on us La-mb of God;

Have mercy on us, gra-nt us your peace.

Rejoice! Rejoice, Emmanuel, Shall come to you O, Israel.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Communion is open to everyone. In this sacrament, we believe that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. At this service, communion will be served from around the altar rail. At the usher's direction, please come forward and kneel at the altar rail.

- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the Eucharist under one kind (bread or wine) is valid communion for those who must avoid either for health reasons.*
- ✘ *If you are unable to go to the altar for communion, please notify an usher or the pastor, so that communion may be brought to you in your pew.*

“Now the Heavens Start to Whisper”

ACS 901



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

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1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
 2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
 3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
 4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
 5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
 war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
 death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
 north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
 pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
 scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
 we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
 kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
 new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

*After the distribution is complete, please **STAND** as you are able for the blessing.*

TABLE BLESSING

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “O Lord, Now Let Your Servant” ELW 313 v. 1



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n - ly peace,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,



the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray together... **Generous God, we thank you for the gift of life, for the bread of salvation. We thank you for coming among us, for leading us into peace. We thank you for showering us with mercy, for sending us into the world. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we feed the hungry in your name. Amen.**

BLESSING

God of endings and beginnings, God in the darkness and the light, God, our hope for the journey, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit - bless and keep you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers”

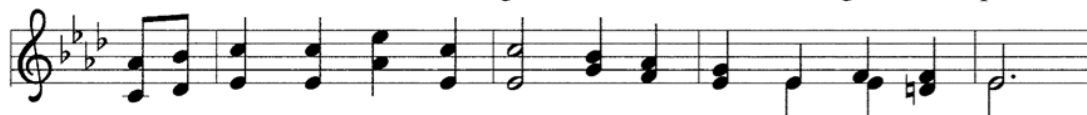
ELW 244



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“The Holly and the Ivy”

J. Biery

MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

Presider & Preacher: The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Assisting Minister:** Greg Martens

Crucifer: Rex Rothgangel + **Lector:** Charlie Duncan

Chalice Bearer & Livestream Camera: Mike Murakami

Ushers: Frank Dressel & Jason Martens + **Trained Responder:** Cathie Shurtleff

Prayer Intentions

St. Mark Members

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St. Mark Family and Friends

Dennis Althardt, Stellamarie Bearth, Bonnie Baete, Phyllis Booker, Kathy Boxdorfer, Thomas Boxdorfer, Jim Braeutigam, Patty Brennecke, Doug Carpenter, Susan Carson, Christine, Arianna Curnes, Catherine Davis, Marilyn Dichsen, Mike Ellison, Katrina Fenner, Josh Gansmann, Marge Gardner, Christine Gass, Viv Gillespie, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Herb Halwachs, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Jimmy Jurgens, Mike Koeneman, Donna Lesche, Austin Lickenbrock, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Chris Parmeter, Hilda Parnell, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Sarah and Family, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Elisabeth Woodrome, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation's Military

Taiylar Foppe, Ryan McKenzie

Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week

Brooke Summers (12/1), Kim Ott (12/3), Noah Murakami (12/4), and Ann Martens (12/7)

Members celebrating wedding anniversaries this week

Cari & Nick Rensing (12/2), Michael & Rachel Guenther (12/3), and Brandon & Jamie Perry (12/7)

St. Mark Staff

Pastor: The Rev. Brian M. Robison

Office Administrator: Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler

Organist: Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

Land Acknowledgement

St. Mark Lutheran Church is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the **Quapaw, Myaamia, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo** peoples, and we give thanks for their presence here since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

MARK TIMES

NEWS and NOTES for December 1, 2024

This Week at St. Mark:

Monday, Dec. 2:	2:30PM	Fiber Arts at Westfield Manor
Wednesday, Dec. 4:	10:30AM	Joint Use Meeting — Conference Room
	6:00PM	Advent Soup Supper
	7:00PM	Holden Evening Prayer
Thursday, Dec. 5:	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:00PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec. 7:	6:00PM	SHINE Worship — Chapel

Annual Meeting

The 2024 Annual Meeting is **TODAY, December 1 at 10:45AM** in the **Parish Hall**. Please plan to join us for this meeting; we will vote to ratify changes to the By-Laws, approve the budget for 2024, vote on new church officers, and be given updates from the council and committees.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 1, 10:45AM

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS (*denotes incumbent)

President:	Keith Kniepkamp
Vice-President:	Mike Murakami
Evangelism/Social Min.:	Sherri Foppe*
Financial Secretary:	Kathy Evans Nancy Guenther
Christian Education:	<i>TBD</i>

Synod Assembly Voting Members:

Adult Male:	Greg Martens
Adult Female:	Danielle Tribut

“Angel Tree” Project with Lutheran Child and Family Services (LCFS)

St. Mark and St. George’s joint participation in the Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through LCFS continues this year. The project provides Christmas gifts to especially needy families in our area. *Children’s names/wish lists with Information/Instructions and gift tags attached are on/under the “Christmas Tree” in the narthex/Welcome Area.*

You are not asked to provide everything on the child’s wish list - a **\$60 limit per child** is recommended. However, we realize that may not be possible for many so please consider asking other members, family members or neighbors to share the joy of Christmas with you!

*Please attach the child’s name/wish sheet to the UNWRAPPED gift to be **returned by December 8**, and earlier if possible. Gift wrap and/or gift bags may also be donated.*

Please contact Sherri Foppe 618-791-6148 cookinsherri2@gmail.com or Ann Martens 618-530-8679 if you have any questions. Monetary gifts will be accepted for those who prefer not to shop, and may be given to Ann or Sherri. Donations for gifts may also be made electronically at https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct.





Advent Evening Prayer & Soup Suppers return this **Wednesday, December 4**. Plan to come enjoy a hot meal of soup and salad at 6:00PM in the Parish Hall before joining us in the church for Holden Evening Prayer.
Get a group together and host one of the soup suppers! A sign-up sheet is in the Parish Hall near the coffee stand.



SHINE Worship NEXT Saturday

Join us on **Saturday, December 7** at **6:00PM** for praise worship in the **chapel** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.

Proclaim Christ's birth with flowers!

Anyone wishing to donate should watch for a special envelope in the pews, fill out the front portion and return it, with a check/cash, to the offering plate or the office by 12/18 with "Christmas Flowers" in the memo line. *Online donations may be made through VANCO at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-ZMGD>. All dedications will be published in the Christmas bulletin.



Christmas Caroling Next Sunday!

NEXT Sunday, December 8, you're invited to join a group of us to sing Christmas carols to the residents of two local long-term care facilities, including some of our own church members. We will meet at **12:30PM** at **Colonnade Senior Living** in O'Fallon for our first stop. **All ages are welcome!**



Advent Lessons & Carols

Please join us **Sunday, December 15** at **5:00PM** for our annual service of Advent Lessons & Carols with St. George's. This traditional service is a wonderful way to celebrate the season, with beautiful hymns and scripture passages that guide and focus us in our time of preparation for Christmas and the Lord's return. The service is especially appropriate for inviting friends and family, particularly those who might be searching for "something more" this holiday. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

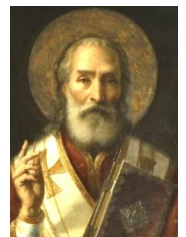


Scouting for Food THANKS

A hearty THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this year's Scouts food drive one of the best-organized events yet! Many hands made fast work. We have at least 60 cases of food in our storeroom!! Such a blessing!

December 8 Adult Forum – St. Nicholas

Next Sunday's Adult Forum will feature the video documentary, *St. Nicholas – The Real Story*, led by Dr. Mark Wilson, one of the lecturers at the Bible and Archaeology Fest that Pastor Brian attended.



St. Mark Offerings for 11/24: **General Fund:** \$2,613.82; **Food Pantry:** \$20; **Angel Tree:** \$242.40; **Fiber Arts:** \$101; **Muller Landscaping Fund:** \$101; **Grounds/Property Maintenance:** \$101;

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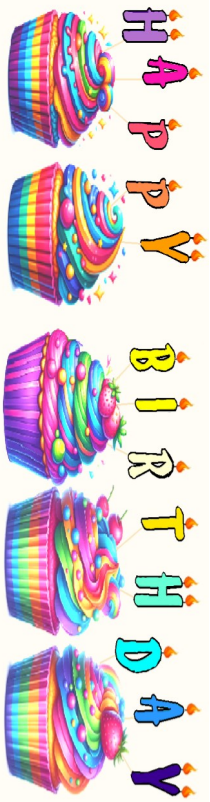
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<p>1 First Sunday of Advent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Annual Meeting</p> 	<p>2 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 10:30AM Joint Use Meeting CR 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>5 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p>6 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>7 9AM Church & Chapel Cleaning Day 6:00PM SHINE Worship</p>
<p>8 Second Sunday of Advent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Adult Forum 10:30AM Confirmation 12:30PM Christmas Caroling</p>	<p>9  9:30AM H&W Meeting -CR</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>12 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p>13 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>14 9:00AM Hanging of Greenery, Trees & Wreaths</p> 
<p>15 Third Sunday of Advent 9:00AM The Divine Liturgy 10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship 10:30AM Confirmation 10:30AM Adult Forum 5:00PM Joint Advent carol service</p>	<p>16 2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18 11:30AM St. Mark Table Talk -CR 6:00PM Soup Supper 7:00PM Holden Evening Prayer</p>	<p>19 6:15PM Bell Choir 7:00PM Voice Choir</p>	<p>20 Pastor's Day Off</p>	<p>21</p>
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<p>29 First Sunday of Christmas 10:00AM Joint Liturgy of Lessons & Carols with St. George's</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Church Offices Closed December 25-26</p>			

DECEMBER 2024
 St. Mark Lutheran Church 105 East D Street Belleville, Illinois

Date	Assisting Minister	Lector	Crucifer	Chalice Bearer	Tech Minister	Usher	Safety Volunteer	Coffee Hour
December 1	Greg M.	Charlie D.	Rex R.	Mike M.	Mike M.	Frank D. & Jason M.	Cathie S.	Team 5
December 8	Greg G.	Jan L.	Frank D.	Tom P.	Melanie R.	Rick Crosby & Rex R.	Jan R.	Team 7
December 15	Danielle T.	Aaron F.	Corbin M.	Greg M.	Greg M.	Danielle T. & Curt G.	Jan R.	Team 6
December 22	Sherrri F.	Curtis D.	Keith K.	Greg M.	Aaron F.	Kathy C. & Nancy G.	Melanie R.	Team 8
December 24	Charlie D.	Jan R.	Frank D.	Mike M.	Melanie R.	TBD	Mark B.	NA
December 25	Greg G.	Terry T.	St. G's	Greg M.	Greg M.	TBD	Cathie S.	NA
December 29	Greg M.	Kathy R.	St. G's	Tom P.	Aaron F.	TBD	Melanie R.	NA



Brooke S.	12/1	Kim O.	12/3	Noah M.	12/4
Ann M.	12/7	Rick C.	12/9	Lauren R.	12/9
Brad G.	12/12	Patty B.	12/13	Pr. Brian	12/15
Sarah O.	12/16	Keith K.	12/17	Kara M.	12/21
Sam S.	12/21	Ash R.	12/22	David C.	12/23
Jamie P.	12/23	Melaina R.	12/23	Curt G.	12/26
Danielle T.	12/26	Leah R.	12/26	Marilyn R.	12/27
Linda N.	12/28	Brianna K.	12/28		



Cari & Nick R.	12/02
Michael & Rachel G.	12/03
Brandon & Jamie P.	12/07
Mike & Randi C.	12/12

