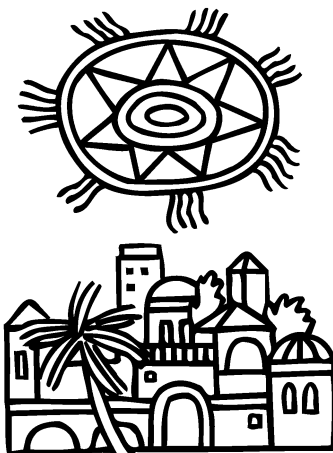


ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH
and
ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

December 25,
2024



Christmas
Day

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1ST SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)

SUNDAY

THE DIVINE LITURGY: 9:00AM (ST. MARK)

EDUCATION HOUR: 10:30 AM (ST. MARK)

HOLY EUCHARIST: 8:00AM & 10:30AM (ST. GEORGE'S)

EDUCATION HOUR: 9:00AM (ST. GEORGE'S)

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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 worshiping 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

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

arr. J. Stevens

WELCOME

Please **RISE** in body or in spirit and face the cross as it enters, as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN

“Let All Together Praise Our God”

ELW 287



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore the
 2 From God's right hand the Son de - scends, is born an
 3 O ten - der Child, you veil in flesh the splen - dor
 4 Your moth - er feeds you ten - der - ly, sings you a



high - est throne; to - day God o - pens heav'n a - gain and
 in - fant small, and lies in pov - er - ty, his bed a
 of your might; a ser - vant's garb now wraps the one who
 lul - la - by, while an - gels, hail - ing Da - vid's heir, your



sends the on - ly Son, and sends the on - ly Son.
 man - ger in a stall, a man - ger in a stall.
 clothed the sky with light, who clothed the sky with light.
 glo - ry mag - ni - fy, your glo - ry mag - ni - fy.

GREETING

Glory to the one God, the Word made flesh, our life and our salvation - Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ is born: Alleluia, alleluia! 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.**





1 An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2 Shep - herds, in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3 Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4 All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,



once you sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with us is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant light.
 seek the great de - sire of na - tions, you have seen his na - tal star.
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to the e - ter - nal Three in One.

Refrain



Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born king.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.** *The assembly is SEATED.*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 52:7-10

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
 who brings good news,
 who announces salvation,
 who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

⁸Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
 together they sing for joy;

for in plain sight they see the return of the LORD to Zion.

⁹Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
 for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

¹⁰The LORD has bared his holy arm before the eyes of all the nations;
 and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98 *spoken responsively by whole verse*

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done ¹marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have ¹won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made ¹known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight ¹of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the ¹house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory ¹of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, ¹all you lands;
lift up your voice, re- ¹joice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD ¹with the harp,
with the harp and the ¹voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound ¹of the horn
shout with joy before the ¹king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and ¹all that fills it,
the world and those who ¹dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers ¹clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to ¹judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the ¹world with righteousness
and the peo- ¹ples with equity.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 1:1-4

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: John 1: 1-14

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.** *The assembly may be SEATED*

SERMON **The Very Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier, St. George's Episcopal Church**

HYMN OF THE DAY **"The Bells of Christmas"** **ELW 298** *Please STAND*



Det ki - mer nu til ju - le - fest, det ki - mer
1 The bells of Christ - mas chime once more; the heav'n - ly
2 This world, though wide and far out - spread, could scarce - ly
3 Now let us go with qui - et mind, the swad - dled
4 Oh, join with me, in glad - ness sing, to keep our



for den høj - e gæst, som steg til la - ve
guest is at the door. He comes to earth - ly
find for you a bed. Your cra - dle was a
babe with shep - herds find, to gaze on him who
Christ - mas with our king, un - til our song, from



hyt - ter ned med nyt - års - ga - ver: fryd og fred.
dwell - ings still with new year gifts of peace, good will.
man - ger stall, no pearl nor silk nor king - ly hall.
glad - dens them, the love - liest flow'r of Jes - se's stem.
lov - ing souls, like rush - ing might - y wa - ter rolls!

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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response to "God of grace," is "Hear our prayer."

PEACE *The assembly is invited to share a distant greeting of God's peace with one another.*

Following the Peace, please be seated for a few moments.

Should you wish to leave an offering today...

for St. Mark: your offering may be placed in the wooden box on the table near the baptismal font.

For St. George's: your offering may be placed in the gold offering plate on the table near the baptismal font

OFFERTOR

“The First Noel”

by Evelyn Duncan & Carol Kugler

OFFERING PRAYER *Please STAND.*

Assistant: Let us pray... **God of heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right...we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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;

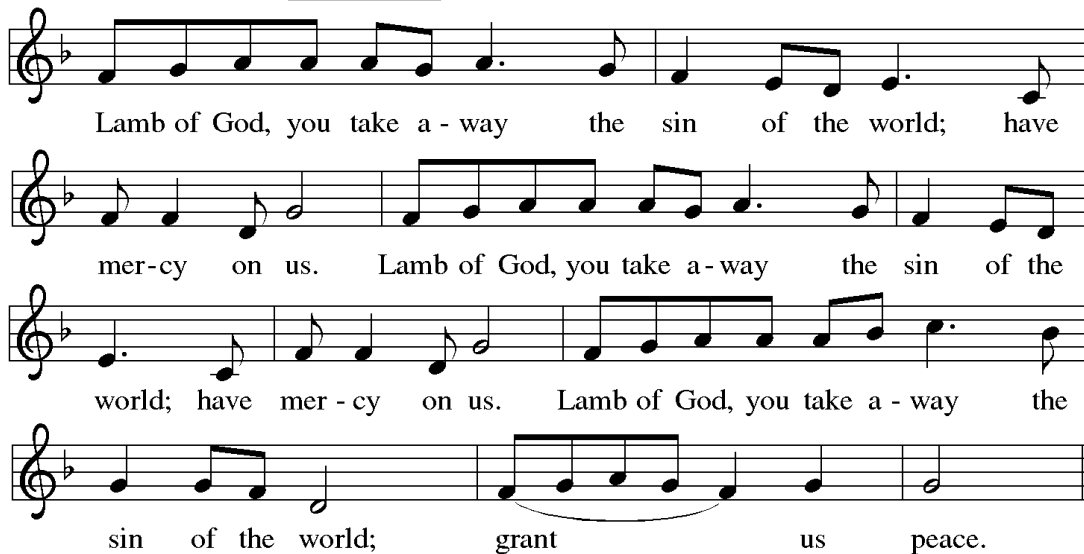
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Glory to God in the highest! Come to the table of peace.

LAMB OF GOD *Please SIT*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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.*

SONGS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION:

“Of the Father’s Love Begotten”

ELW 295



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 in old time chant - ed of 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, of the things that are, that
 bore the Sav - ior of our race, and the babe, the world's re -
 prom - ised in their faith - ful word; now he shines, the long - ex -
 and ex - tol our God and King; let no tongue on earth be
 and un - wea - ried prais - es be: hon - or, glo - ry, and do -



have been, and that fu - ture years shall see,
 deem - er, first re - vealed his sa - cred face,
 pect - ed; let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring
 min - ion, and e - ter - nal vic - to - ry



ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 ev - er - more and ev - er - more! A - men.



1 Your lit - tle ones, dear Lord, are we, and
 2 With songs we has - ten you to greet, and
 3 Oh, draw us whol - ly to you, Lord, and
 4 Un - til at last we too pro - claim, with

come your low - ly bed to see; en - light - en ev - 'ry
 kiss the ground be - fore your feet. Oh, bless - ed hour, oh,
 to us all your grace ac - cord; true faith and love to
 all your saints, your glo - rious name; in par - a - dise our

soul and mind, that we the way to you may find.
 sweet - est night that gave you birth, our soul's de - light.
 us im - part, that we may hold you in our heart.
 songs re - new, and praise you as the an - gels do.

After the distribution is complete, the assembly **STANDS** 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

“Let Our Gladness Have No End”

ELW 291, vv. 1-2

1 Let our glad - ness have no end, Hal - le - lu - jah!
 2 Proph - e - sies in days of old, Hal - le - lu - jah!

for to earth did Christ de - scend. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has sent the one fore - told. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Refrain

On this day God gave us Christ, the Son, to
 save us; Christ, the Son, to save us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assistant: Let us pray... **Merciful God, we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food. Strengthened by this goodness, send us forth to announce your peace, comfort the afflicted, and share the good news of great joy. Amen.**

BLESSING

The God of love lavish you with grace, illumine your path, and increase your joy - Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit - today and always. **Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

“The First Noel”

ELW 300

**The- Fir-st No-el, the- Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
I-n fields whe-re they la-y keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's nig-ht that wa-s so deep
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

**They look-ed up a-nd sa-w a star
Shining i-n the Ea-st beyo-nd them far
A-nd t-o th-e earth i-t ga-ve great light
A-nd so it continued both da-y and night
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

**The- shepherds we-nt down to- Be-thlehem
To- search for the Christ that was promised to them.
In a stable for-lorn, the-y fou-nd the child,
A-nd wor-shipped hi-m, so me-ek and mild.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“The Sussex Carol”

L. Koch

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas from St. Mark & St. George's!
Please join us on Sunday as we continue the Christmas celebration with a service
of Lessons and Carols together at 10:00AM.*



MINISTERS OF TODAY'S LITURGY

Presider: The Rev. Brian M. Robison, *Pastor, St. Mark Lutheran Church*

Preacher: The Very Rev. Mark W. Ohlemeier, *Rector, St. George's Episcopal Church*

Assisting Minister: Greg Guenther + **Crucifer:** Joe Bono

Lectors: Terry Tribout & Joe Bono + **Chalice Bearer:** Father Mark

Ushers: Danielle Tribout & TBD

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Mark & Patty Bearth		Greg & Nancy Guenther	Family
Mike & Randi Cardoza	Nora Cardoza, Miguel Cardoza, Sr., & other departed loved ones	Martin Kramer	The Kramer Family & to God's Glory
Lorraine Crannage	Donald Crannage	Pr. Brian Robison	Casimir & Dolly Orzel
Frank, Jan, Jeni & Clark Dressel	Larry & Pat Likness, Erwin & Frieda Dressel	Wilma Shroat	Richard & Gary Shroat
Charlie & Evelyn Duncan	Andrew Duncan	Mary Skifton	Frank, Lucille, & Al Nork; Lenny Mueller, Marylou Kockmann
Karen Eggemeyer	John & Clara Eggemeyer	Wurdinger, Bamvakais, & Schaefer Families	Darrell & Darlene Wurdinger, Barbara Wurdinger, Jay Fields
Kathy Evans	Wil & Jean Martens		
Mary Hill	Larry Hill		



St. George's Episcopal Church Flowers

Given By	In Memory Of or In Thanksgiving For	<i>Given By</i>	In Memory Of or In Thanksgiving For
Sarah Bender	In memory of Pat Brock and Donna Bender (altar bouquets)	Wayne and Dawn Jung	Annette Milford
Paula Buchert	In memory of Suzanne Buchert	Chuck and Michele Kraus	In memory of the Joffray and Kraus Families
The Buckley Family	In memory of Clarrie and Betty Buckley, Anthony'samy and Delours Pannirselvam	Charles and Diane Laedlein	In memory of loved ones
Maryann Fernandez	In memory of Jorge Fernandez	Betty Massey	In memory of James Massey and Larry Shannahan
Ken Gottschall	In memory of Sharon Gottschall	Steve and Mary Mathus	In gratitude for our granddaughters Marilynn, Marcela, and Mariana
Vicki Hall	In memory of Bob Hall and Margaret Brown	David and Sheri Welch	In memory of Clarence and Grace Fox, Helen Rose, Carol Smale, Brad Smale, Ray and Martha Welch, Joseph Gilbert, and Barry and Sandy Langenbach
Bryan and Tyner Hill	In memory of Bill and Virginia Richison		

