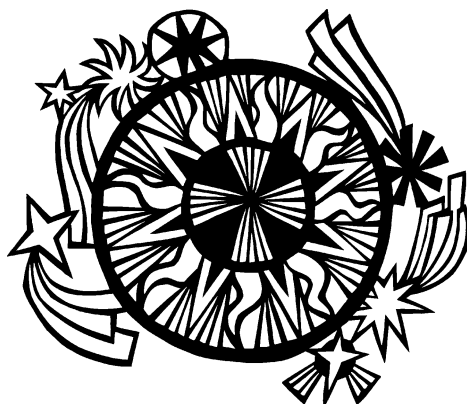


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December 29,  
2024



The First  
Sunday of  
Christmas

**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY**

**“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAYS-CHAPEL)**

**SUNDAY**

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

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

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**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).

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

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The assembly STANDS and faces the cross as it enters.

GATHERING HYMN

"Once in Royal David's City"

ELW 269



1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle shed,  
2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of all,  
3 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing love;  
4 Not in that poor low - ly sta - ble, with the ox - en stand - ing by,



where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a man - ger for his bed:  
and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his cra - dle was a stall;  
for that child so dear and gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n a - bove;  
we shall see him; but in heav - en, set at God's right hand on high;



Mar - y was that moth - er mild, Je - sus Christ, her lit - tle child.  
with the poor and meek and low - ly, lived on earth our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
and he leads his chil - dren on to the place where he is gone.  
there his chil - dren gath - er round, bright like stars, with glo - ry crowned.

GREETING

Blessed be the one God - Father, +Son & Holy Spirit - Love from the beginning, Word made flesh, Breath of heaven. 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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

ELW 270

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born king;  
peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all you nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

2 Christ, by highest heav'n adored,  
Christ, the ever-lasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the incarnate deity!  
Pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! Refrain

Refrain: Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new-born king!"

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is SEATED.*

## WORD

### + First Reading:

### Genesis 22:15-18

<sup>15</sup>The angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven, <sup>16</sup>and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the LORD: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, <sup>17</sup>I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, <sup>18</sup>and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

### Carol -

### "Ding, Dong, Merrily on High"

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of five staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes.

Staff 1: F Bb C F Bb C7  
Ding Dong! Mer-ri - ly on high in heaven the bells are  
Ev'en so here be - low, be - low, let stee - ple bells be  
Pray you, du - ti - ful - ly prime your ma - tin chime, ye

Staff 2: 4 F F Bb C F  
ring - ing. Ding Dong! Ve - ri - ly the sky is  
swun - gen, And "I - o, i - o, i - o!" by  
ring - ers; May you beau - ti - ful - ly rime your

Staff 3: 7 Bb C7 F F Dm  
riv'n with an - gel sing - ing. Glo - - -  
priest and peo - ple sung - en.  
eve - time song, ye sing - ers.

Staff 4: 10 Gm C7 F Dm Gm C7  
- - - - -

Staff 5: 13 F Bb C F Bb C7 F  
- - - ri - a, Ho - san - nah in ex - cel - sis!

**+ Second Reading: Micah 5:2-5a**

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. <sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. <sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; <sup>5</sup>and he shall be the one of peace.

**Carol -**

**“O Little Town of Bethlehem”**

**ELW 279**



1 O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie!  
2 For Christ is born of Mar - y, and, gath - ered all a - bove  
3 How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly the won - drous gift is giv'n!  
4 O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;



A - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by;  
while mor-tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won-d'ring love.  
So God im-parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.  
cast out our sin, and en - ter in, be born in us to - day.



yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing light.  
O morn-ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth,  
No ear may hear his com - ing; but, in this world of sin,  
We hear the Christ-mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;



The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.  
and prais - es sing to God the king, and peace to all the earth!  
where meek souls will re - ceive him, still the dear Christ en - ters in.  
oh, come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Im - man - u - el!

**+ Third Reading: Luke 2:8-16**

<sup>8</sup>In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup>Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. <sup>10</sup>But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: <sup>11</sup>to you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. <sup>12</sup>This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” <sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, <sup>14</sup>“Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” <sup>15</sup>When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.” <sup>16</sup>So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

**Carol - “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”**

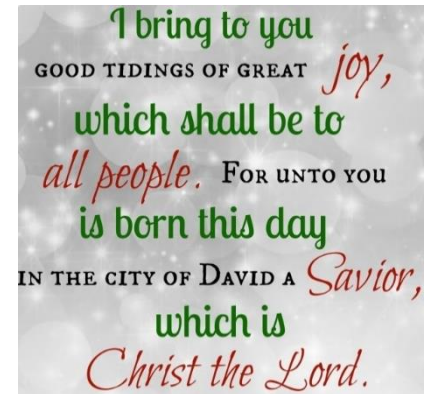
1. God rest ye merry, gentlemen let nothing you dismay.  
Remember, Christ, our Savior was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan’s power when we were gone astray  
(Refrain)

Refrain:

O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

2. From God our Heavenly Father a blessed Angel came;  
and unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name. (Refrain)

3. Now to the Lord sing prai-ses, all you within the place,  
and with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace;  
this holy tide of Chri-stmas all other doth deface. (Refrain)



**+ Fourth Reading: Luke 14: 1a, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath... <sup>7</sup>when he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup>and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup>But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” <sup>12</sup>He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Carol

“Good King Wenceslaus”

1. Good King Wen - ces - las looked out on the Feast of Ste - phen,  
 2. "Hith - er, page, and stand by me, if you know it, tell - ing,  
 3. "Bring me food and bring me wine, bring me pine logs hith - er,  
 4. "Sire, the night is dark - er now, and the wind blows strong - er,  
 5. In his mas - ter's steps he trod, where the snow lay dint - ed;  
 When the snow lay round a - bout, deep and crisp and e - ven.  
 You - der pea - sant, who is he? Where and what his dwell - ing?"  
 You and I will see him dine, when we bear them thith - er."  
 Fails my heart, I know not how; I can go no long - er."  
 Heat was in the ver - y sod which the saint had print - ed.  
 Bright - ly shone the moon that night, though the frost was cru - el,  
 "Sire, he lives a good league hence, un - der - neath the moun - tain,  
 Page and mon - arch, forth they went, forth they went to - geth - er,  
 "Mark my foot - steps, my good page, tread now in them bold - ly,  
 There - fore, Chris - tian men, be sure, while God's gifts pos - sess - ing,  
 When a poor man came in sight, gath - 'ring win - ter fu - el.  
 Right a - gainst the for - est fence, by Saint Ag - nes' foun - tain."  
 Through the cold wind's wild la - ment and the bit - ter weath - er.  
 You shall find the win - ter's rage freeze your blood less cold - ly."  
 You who now will bless the poor shall your - selves find bless - ing.

+ Fifth Reading: Galatians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup>But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. <sup>6</sup>And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" <sup>7</sup>So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Carol – "I Saw Three Ships"

I saw three ships come sailing in  
 On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
 I saw three ships come sailing in  
 On Christmas Day in the morning.  
 And what was in those ships all three,

On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day?  
And what was in those ships all three,  
On Christmas Day in the morning?

The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
The Virgin Mary and Christ were there,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

O they sailed into Bethlehem,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
O they sailed into Bethlehem,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the Angels in Heav'n shall sing,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
And all the Angels in Heav'n shall sing,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
And all the bells on earth shall ring,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

And all the souls on earth shall sing,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
And all the souls on earth shall sing,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

Then let us all rejoice again,  
On Christmas Da-y, on Christmas Day;  
Then let us all rejoice again,  
On Christmas Day in the morning.

**+ Sixth Reading: John 1:1-5**

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





1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

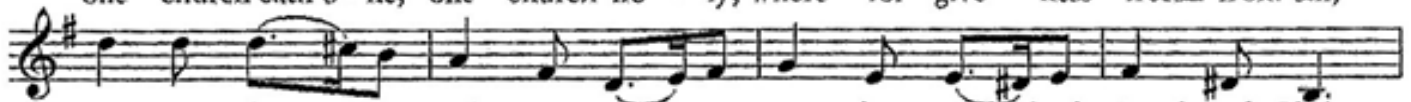
**CREED** *To the tune of Greensleeves/“What Child is This?”* Please **STAND** as you are able.



We be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.  
 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;  
 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with - in



Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and sea.  
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.  
 one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ,  
 We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the grave,  
 in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.  
 then as - cend - ed to God's righthand. He will come to judge and save  
 gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

Tune *Greensleeves*; Words: Sylvia G. Duristan (1955-1993)

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *The response to “Hear us, O God,” is “Your mercy is great.”*

**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*

*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*

## **OFFERTORY**

*“Winter Pastorale*

*C. Rowlands-Raybold*

## **OFFERING PRAYER** *Please STAND*

*Assistant:* Let us pray. God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. **Amen.**

## **“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”**

**ELW 282 vs. 1**

**It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-rious song of old,  
from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:  
“Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav’n’s all - gra-cious king.”  
The world in sol-ern still-ness lay to hear the an-gels sing.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Tune: “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”)*

The Lord be wi-th you.

**And with you.**

Lift u-p your hea-rts to pray.

**We lift them u-p unto the Lord, for we thank Go-d this day.**

For at the bir-th of time your Word brought li-ght into- our strife.

And now the Word breaks through the dark, takes on our hu-man life.

**Still through the clo-ven skies they come**

**with pea-ceful wi-ngs unfurled,**

**and still their heav-en-ly mu-sic floats**

**o’er all the wea-ry world.**

**Above its sa-d and low-ly plains**

**they be-nd on hov-‘ring wing,**

**and ev-er o’er its ba-bel sounds**

**the bless-ed an-gels sing.**

The night before he died, our Lord had sup-per wi-th his friends.

He broke the bre-ad and took the cup, and giving tha-nks he said:

“This is my bo-dy bro-ken; this cu-p, my blo-od for you;

And when you eat rememb’ring me, forgiveness flo-ws to you.”

## THE LORD'S PRAYER *traditional*

**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** (Tune: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear") Please **SIT**

**O Lamb of Go-d, you ta-ke away the si-n of a-ll the world;**

**O Lamb of Go-d, you take away the sin of a-ll the world;**

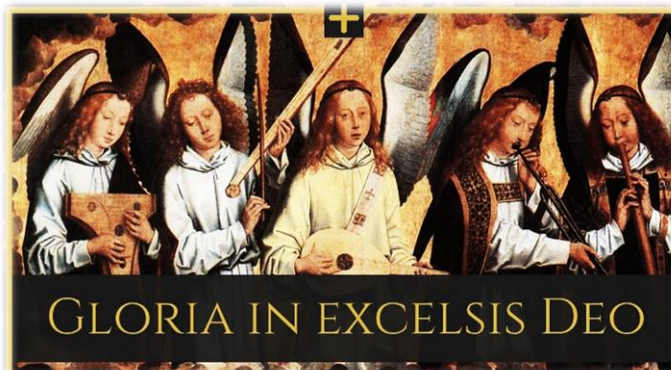
**Have mercy o-n us, Lamb of God, and gi-ve your peo-ple peace.**

**Have mercy o-n us, Lamb of God, and give the wo-rld your 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 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.*



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COMMUNION HYMNS

“Away in a Manger”

ELW 278



1 A - way in a man - ger, no crib for his bed,  
 2 The cat - tle are low - ing; the ba - by a - wakes,  
 3 Be near me, Lord Je - sus; I ask you to stay



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus laid down his sweet head;  
 but lit - tle Lord Je - sus, no cry - ing he makes.  
 close by me for - ev - er and love me, I pray.



the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
 I love you, Lord Je - sus; look down from the sky  
 Bless all the dear chil - dren in your ten - der care



the lit - tle Lord Je - sus a - sleep on the hay.  
 and stay by my cra - dle till morn - ing is night.  
 and fit us for heav - en, to live with you there.

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

ELW 294



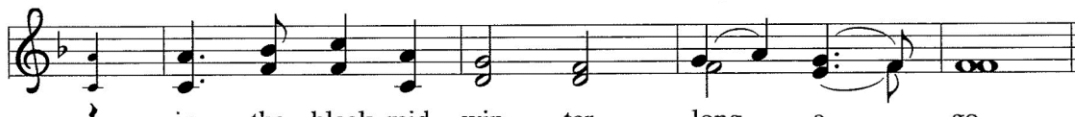
1 In the bleak mid - win - ter, frost - y wind made moan,  
 2 Heav - en can - not hold him, nor . . . earth sus - tain;  
 3 What . . . can I give him, poor . . . as I am?



earth stood hard as i - ron, wa - ter like a stone;  
 heav'n and earth shall flee a - way when he comes to reign;  
 If I were a shep - herd I would bring a lamb;



snow had fall - en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid - win - ter a sta - ble place suf - ficed  
 if I were a wise . . . man I would do my part;



⁂ in the bleak mid - win - ter, long a - go.  
 the Lord . . . God al - might - y, Je - sus Christ.  
 yet what I can I give him— give my heart.

TABLE BLESSING *after the distribution* Please STAND

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

**CANTICLE AFTER COMMUNION “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice” ELW 288 v. 2**



Good Christ - ian friends, re - joice with heart and soul and voice;



now ye hear of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!



He has o - pened hea - ven's door, and we are blest for - ev - er - more.



Christ was born for th - is! Christ was born for this!

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Assistant:* Let us pray together... **God our redeemer, you have fed us at this table with gifts of grace, truth, and life. As you have gathered us in joy, send us forth as messengers of your peace. Make us shine with the good news of your glory, born to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May God + bless you and keep you, Jesus + grant you grace and truth, and the Spirit + send peace upon your hearts, now and forever. **Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Joy to the World ”**

**ELW 267**

**1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing. →**

**2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**3 No more let sin and sorrow grow  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found. →**

**4 He rules the world with truth and grace  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### DISMISSAL

Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim this good news. **Thanks be to God!**

### POSTLUDE

*“Past Three O’Clock”*

Arr. by J. Dixon

### MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY

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

**Lector:** Terry Paeltz & Kathy Rothgangel + **Crucifer:** TBD + **Livestream Camera:** Aaron Fuchs

**Chalice Bearer:** Tom Partelow + **Safety Volunteer:** Melanie Robison

**Ushers:** TBD & St. George’s + **Organist:** Evelyn Duncan

## NEWS & NOTES FOR DECEMBER 29, 2024

### *THE WEEK AHEAD*

**Wednesday 1/1:** *Offices Closed for New Year’s Day*  
**Thursday, Jan. 2:** 6:15PM Bell Choir Rehearsal (*St. Mark*)  
7:15PM Voice Choir Rehearsal (*St. Mark*)  
**Saturday, Jan. 4:** 6:00PM SHINE Contemporary Worship - Chapel

### **SHINE Worship Next Saturday**

Join us for less-formal worship with guitar accompaniment led by combined musical talents from St. Mark and St. George’s next **Saturday, January 4 at 6:00PM** in the **chapel!**

### **Epiphany Worship Next Monday**

We join with our friends from St. George’s for a special liturgy in celebration of the feast of the Epiphany on **Monday, January 6 at 6:00PM** in the church.



## *ST. MARK ANNOUNCEMENTS*



### **Diaper Drive for Epiphany!**

As the Wise Men brought gifts to the baby Jesus, we will celebrate **Epiphany** with a **Diaper Drive** for little ones in need in our community.

**Our Epiphany Diaper Drive will run January 5 through February 9.** Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center of Belleville, Fontabella Maternity Home in O’Fallon and other local organizations.

**Diapers sizes 3 through 7, and pullups sizes 2T through 6T, and disposable pants sizes 2T through 6T and 3T are most needed.** Open packages will be accepted. **Unopened packages of diaper wipes and diaper rash cream are also welcome.**

Realizing diapers are expensive, members are encouraged to join together on purchases or give monetary donations to Sherri Foppe or Ann Martens. Donations may also be made electronically at [https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile\\_direct](https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YT91/campaign/C-14EWR?access=tile_direct) through February 9.

## Making a Joyful Noise unto the Lord!

On Sunday, December 8, a wonderful group shared the joy of Christmas with residents of local care facilities, including some of our own church members. We visited Colonnade Senior Living in O'Fallon, Charter Senior Living and Mercy Rehab and Care in Swansea, and Freeburg Care Facility. The residents made our visit even better by singing along to their favorite Christmas songs.



## Angel Tree Project and more!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in St. George's and St. Mark joint Angel Tree Project Christmas Drive through Lutheran Child & Family Services this year. Our faith communities generously provided gifts for **over 70 children!**

In addition to all the gifts donated by members, three (3) Thrivent Action Team grants provided a total of \$750 for gifts. A small portion of St. Mark's monetary donations were used to purchase gently worn coats and sweatshirts for Franklin School students in need. A special monetary donation was designated for new socks and leggings for the Franklin School students. Pictures are worth a thousand words so here's a few to show the amazing project results! Additional pictures are on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



## Interested in Yoga at St. Mark?

Formal classes will be held for 45 minutes on Thursday evenings at 6:15PM beginning on January 2, 2025 in the Parish Hall. A donation of \$5.00 is asked for each session. Please bring your own mat and water bottle for classes.

Practicing yoga can help with body flexibility, strength, mobility, and balance. It also requires you to shift into a more relaxed state, which can help decrease stress, increase focus, and promote a stronger connection with yourself. You can't ask for a more pose-ative experience!

## Ladies Lunch Bunch

For January's gathering, the LLB will meet on **Wednesday, January 8 at 12 noon** at **Easy Buffet and Grill** (2524 Green Mount Commons, Suite 120, Belleville), across from SWIC on Carlye Ave.

**St. Mark Offerings for 12/24 (Advent 4):** General Fund: **\$8,000.82**; Coffee Fund: \$115; Muller Landscaping Fund: \$101; Fiber Arts: \$101; Grounds/Property Maintenance: \$101; Sunday Morning Coffee/Kitchen: \$30

**Christmas Eve offerings will be reported in the January 5 Mark Times.**

## ST. MARK PRAYER INTENTIONS

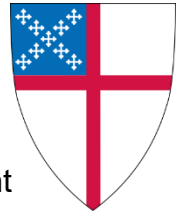
**Members:** Eleanor Benton, Toni Brendel, Kathy Casey, Gary Dozier, Evelyn Duncan, Ivan Kohlmeier, Bruce Martens, Dwight Ness, Mae Newsome, Kim Palmer, Tina Partelow, Marilyn Robinson, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, & Carol Weshinsky

**Family & 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, Joni Giordano, David Graber, Stephanie Groennert, TC Groennert, Jamie House, Debbie Jacobs, Jimmy Jurgens, Jordyn, Austin Lickenbrock, Donna Loesche, Becky Loeschner, Wyatt Madison, Christopher Martiszus, Glenda Martiszus, Bobby & Joyce McCall, Allen Martens, Janet Middendorf, Pr. Ron & Debbie Neustadt, Dean Norrenberns, Theresa Painter, Hilda Parnell, Sarah and Family, Tim & Missy Partelow, Debbie & Larry Powers, Michael Robison, Darrell Robinson, Dave Schaaf, Jill Schlueter, Becky Schnitzius, Stefanie Schroeder, David & Donna Sims, Margie Snep, Ingrid Thompson, Bob Vaughn, David Vaught, Toni Walston, Louise Wilson, Sue Witherell, Karen Woolf, Wilma Woolf, Jeanie Workman, Ken Zika, Chloe Zipperer

**For those celebrating birthdays this week:** Letitia Downen (1/3)



# ***St. George's Announcements***



## **Nominations & Annual Meeting**

- ◆ **Vestry Nominations:** St. George's is seeking nominees for the next Vestry Class (2028) for three positions (three-year terms). Nominations are also being sought for synod and deanery delegates. If you would like to nominate someone, please speak to Senior Warden Sarah Bender or contact the church office. Qualified nominees are confirmed communicants in good standing for at least one year, are at least 18 years of age.
- ◆ **Toddhall Board Nominations:** Toddhall is seeking nominees for the Toddhall Board (Class of 2028) for two positions (three-year terms). If you would like to nominate someone, please speak with Bradley Harmon.
- ◆ **Ministry and Committee Reports** are due to the office by Wednesday, January 15.
- ◆ **Lunch and the Annual Meeting** follow the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday January 26.

## ***St. George's Prayers and Petitions***

***Parishioners:*** Joan Barnes, Joe Bono, Liz Briesacher, Mickey Cattaneo, Susan Fellner, Maryann Fernandez, Barbara Gates, Marilyn Gillen, Mary Vivian Gillispie, Bette Givens, Ken Gottschall, Nolan Haefner, Houston Herndon, Heather Holden, Carol Hooten, Judy Jacobs, Dawn Jung, Kevin Korte, Chuck Kraus, Charles Laedlein, Betty Massey, Kim Miller, Mary Mohrman, Kathy Parsons, Frank Rogers, The Rev. Cindy Sever, Dick Slocomb, Jim Stelling, Liz Stelling, Bob Vaughn, Duffy Walters, David Welch, Elizabeth Winchester

***Family & Friends:*** The Auth Family, Helen Blackburn, Mike Brenner, Sandy Drennan, Hunter Dunn, Audrey Fox, Mike Gross, Keri Hoffmann, Kathy Holtz, The Very Rev. Andrew S. Hook, Cheryl Inabinet, Adam Jones, Robert Laedlein, Brenda Lee LaMonte, Kim Levick, Diane Lordan, Carol Ludwick, Wes Marchesseault, Evelyn Marquardt, Richard McMames, Tiffany McMillan, Bill Ohlemeier, Vern Olrick, Jean O'Neal, The Peterson Family, Mary Louise Rauh, Alice Rodgers, Marshall Rowland, Terry Spellman, Charles Szarafinski, Anita Thomas, Darrell Weigand, James Williams, Anne, Jessica, Karen and family, Mike

***For those in service of our country:*** Joshua Arbogast, Sean Arbogast, Neal Ballas, Douglas DiCenso, Steven Gates, Daniel Gearhart, Kenneth Gearhart, Dustin Kelley, Dan Kitchell, Eric Lunan, Jacob Marler, Ryan Marler, David Moses, Creighton Worley

***For those celebrating anniversaries:*** Tom & Judy Skaff (30)

***The Altar Flowers*** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Carl Jacob Klein and all infant children to whom God has granted abundant entry into His heaven.

| Sunday   | Mon.  | Tues.                              | Weds.   | Thurs.   | Fri.   | Sat.                                    |
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| <b>January 2025</b>  |   |                                    | <b>1</b><br><i>Office Closed for New Year's Day</i>                         | <b>2</b><br>6:15PM Bell Choir<br>7:00PM Voice Choir  | <b>3</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>              | <b>4</b><br><b>6:00PM SHINE Worship</b> |
| <b>5</b> The 2nd Sunday of Christmas<br><br><b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b><br>10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30AM Confirmation  | <b>6</b><br>2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor<br><br><b>6PM Epiphany Worship</b> | <b>7</b>                           | <b>8</b><br>10:30AM Joint Use Committee-CR<br><br>12noon—Ladies Lunch Bunch | <b>9</b><br>6:15PM Bell Choir<br>7:00PM Voice Choir  | <b>10</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>             | <b>10</b>                               |
| <b>12</b> The Baptism of Our Lord<br><b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b><br>10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30AM Confirmation<br>10:30AM Adult Forum: <i>Hospitality in Ancient Israel</i> , by Pr. Brian | <b>13</b><br><i>Office Closed for MLK Day</i>   | <b>14</b><br>9:30AM H&W Meeting-CR | <b>15</b><br>11:30AM St. Mark Table Talk—CR                                 | <b>16</b><br>6:15PM Bell Choir<br>7:00PM Voice Choir | <b>17</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>             | <b>18</b>                               |
| <b>19</b> 2nd Sunday after Epiphany<br><b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy w/ Council installation</b><br>10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30AM Confirmation<br>10:30AM Adult Forum                            | <b>20</b><br>2:30PM Fiber Arts @ Westfield Manor  | <b>21</b>                          | <b>22</b><br>1:30PM Evang/Soc.Min mtg-CR                                    | <b>23</b><br>6:15PM Bell Choir<br>7:00PM Voice Choir | <b>24</b> <b>25</b><br><i>Pastor on vacation</i> |   |
| <b>26</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany<br><b>9:00AM The Divine Liturgy</b><br>10:20AM Coffee & Fellowship<br>10:30AM Confirmation   | <b>27</b><br>6:00PM Pastoral Care Committee<br>7:00PM Church Council Mtg.   | <b>28</b>                          | <b>29</b>   | <b>30</b><br>6:15PM Bell Choir<br>7:00PM Voice Choir | <b>31</b><br><i>Pastor's Day Off</i>             | <b>1</b><br><b>6:00PM SHINE Worship</b> |
| <i>Pastor on vacation</i>  |   |                                    |   |  |  |   |

| Date    | Assistant Minister | Lector     | Crucifer  | Chalice Bearer | Tech Minister | Usher                 | Safety Volunteer | Coffee Hour |
|---------|--------------------|------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Jan. 5  | Danielle T.        | Charlie D. | Rex R.    | Mike M.        | Mike M.       | Frank D. & Jason M.   | Cathie S.        | Team 1      |
| Jan. 6* | Greg M.            | TBD        | TBD       | Mike M.        | Mike M.       | TBD & St. George's    | TBD              | N/A         |
| Jan. 12 | Sherri F.          | Aaron F.   | Frank D.  | Tom P.         | Melanie R.    | Rick Crosby & Rex R.  | TBD              | Team 2      |
| Jan. 19 | Charlie D.         | Curtis D.  | Keith K.  | Mike M.        | Greg M.       | Danielle T. & Curt G. | Jan R.           | Team 3      |
| Jan. 26 | Greg G.            | Kathy R.   | Corbin M. | Greg M.        | Aaron F.      | Kathy C. & Nancy G.   | Mark B.          | Team 4      |

**\*Joint service for the feast of the Epiphany, Monday, January 6**



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| Letitia D. | 1/3  | Diane M.   | 1/7  | Mike F.  | 1/7  |
| Peggy A.   | 1/9  | Devin K.   | 1/10 | Steve B. | 1/12 |
| Jerry S.   | 1/17 | Rex R.     | 1/18 | Julie V. | 1/23 |
| Laurie G.  | 1/24 | Natalie B. | 1/31 |          |      |



Terry & Nancy T. 1/25

