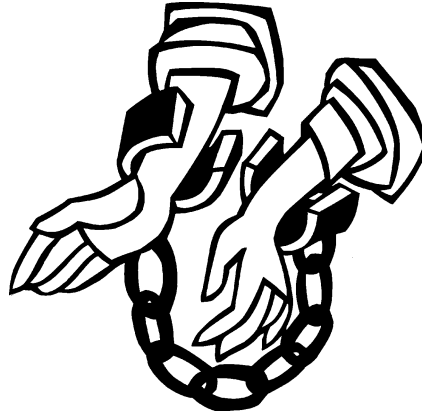


# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

January 26,  
2025



The Third  
Sunday after  
Epiphany

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY

“SHINE” CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP: 6:00 PM (*1<sup>st</sup> 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*

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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.

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**PRELUDE**

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

by Atkinson, Arr. by Kellner

**WELCOME**

Please **RISE** in body or in spirit

**GATHERING HYMN**

“Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**ELW 886**



1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,  
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,  
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,  
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

**GREETING**

Blessed be the one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life: Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

## “Glory to God”

Assisting minister S 139

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The musical score is written on ten staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Assisting Minister. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Following the prayer, please SIT.*

## WORD

### **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the people [of Israel] gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel.

<sup>2</sup>Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup>He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. <sup>5</sup>And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. <sup>6</sup>Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. <sup>8</sup>So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup>And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. <sup>10</sup>Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

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

### **PSALM 19** *spoken responsively by half-verse*

<sup>1</sup>The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,

**and the sky proclaims its | maker's handiwork.**

<sup>2</sup>One day tells its tale | to another,

**and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**

<sup>3</sup>Although they have no | words or language,

**and their voices | are not heard,**

<sup>4</sup>their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends | of the world,

**where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**

<sup>5</sup>It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;

**it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.**

<sup>6</sup>It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of | it again;

**nothing is hidden from its | burning heat.**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

**the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.**

<sup>8</sup>The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

**the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;

**the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**

<sup>10</sup>More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

**sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,

**and in keeping them there is great reward.**

<sup>12</sup>Who can detect one's own offenses?

**Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

**then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**

<sup>14</sup>Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

**O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

<sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body.

<sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God

arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot

say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

<sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less

respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior

member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored,

all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of

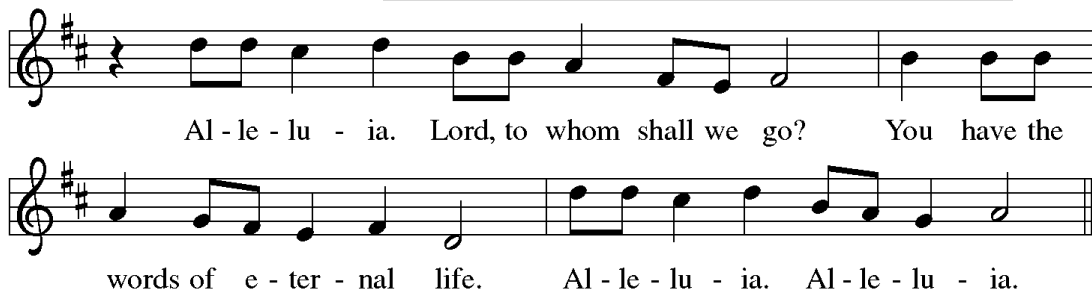
healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do

all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

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: Luke 4:14-21

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

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,

because he has anointed me

to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives

and recovery of sight to the blind,

to let the oppressed go free,

<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON *Please SIT*

**The Rev. S. Blake Duncan, guest preacher**

*Following the sermon, the assembly STANDS to proclaim the word of God in song.*

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1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

## 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.**

## **MEAL**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *The names of those for whom we pray aloud (members, staff, first-time additions) are listed below. Please read only the first names. Other prayer intentions can be found in the back of this bulletin. The response to “God of grace,” is “Hear our prayer”...*

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

**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** “*Shine Down*” by Smiley St. Mark Chancel Choir

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please STAND as you are able*

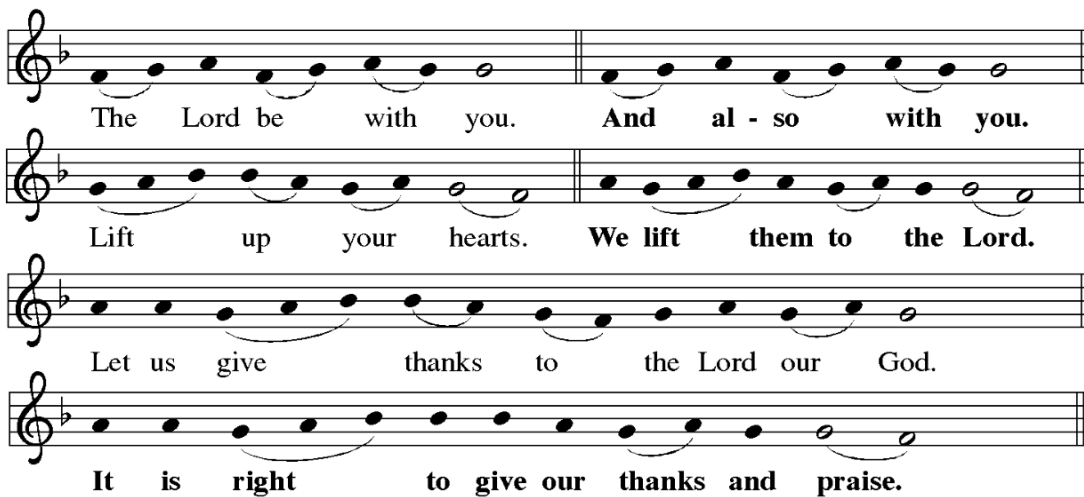
*Assistant:* Let us pray together...

**God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,  
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.**

**Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.**

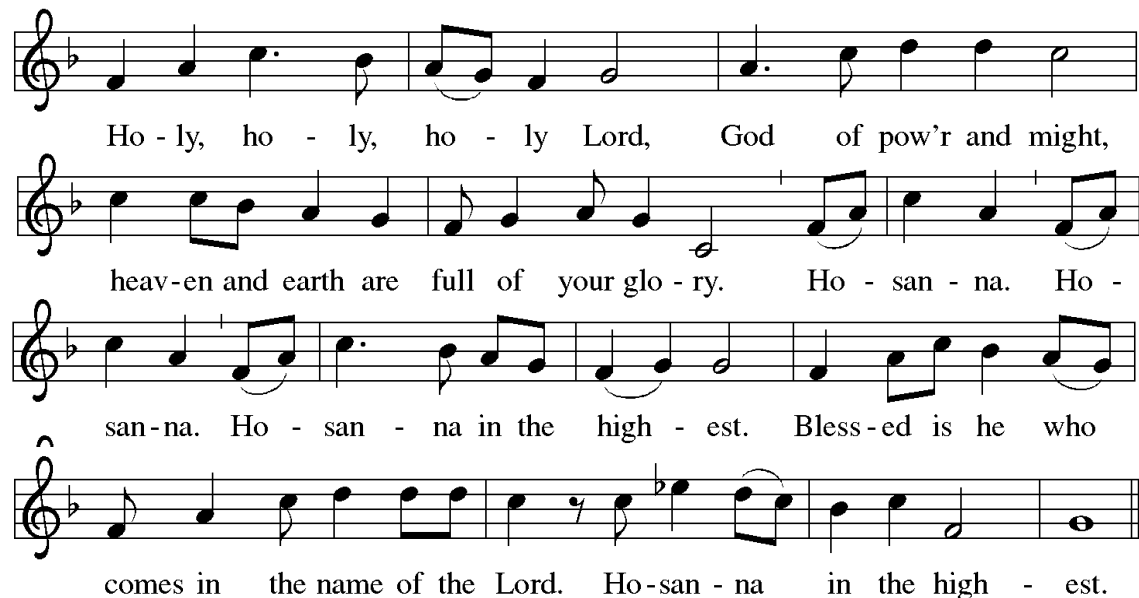
**Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.**

## 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*

**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

The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, receive this meal of gladness.

## 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.*

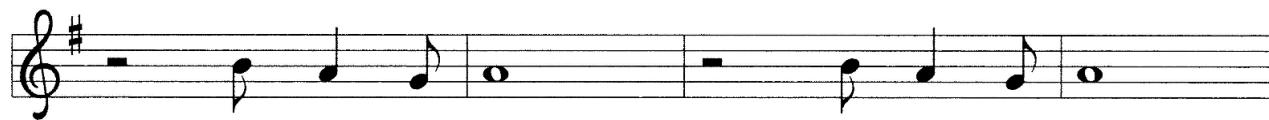
- ✘ *After receiving the bread, you may take an individual cup or drink from the chalice.*
- ✘ *You may return to your seat after communing.*
- ✘ *Those who do not wish to commune may come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this preference.*
- ✘ *Reception of the 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.*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### “One Bread, One Body”

ELW 496

*Refrain*  
One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of  
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y  
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord. →



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

**“Our God, Our Help, in Ages Past”**

St. Mark Handbell Choir

**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 “Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise” ELW 204**



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Assistant:* Let us pray...

**Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, Amen.**

**BLESSING**

May God bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love – Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit – today and always. **Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Live in hope. **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” *By Holden, 1793; Arr. by Long*

**MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY**

**Guest Presider & Preacher:** The Rev. S. Blake Duncan + **Assisting Minister:** Greg Guenther  
**Crucifer:** Corbin Monfre + **Lector:** Terry Tribout + **Organist & Choir Director:** Carol Kugler  
**Chalice Bearer:** Greg Martens + **Tech Minister:** Aaron Fuchs  
**Ushers:** Kathy Casey & Nancy Guenther + **Safety Volunteer:** Mark Bearth

**Prayer Intentions****St. Mark 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, Wilma Shroat, Larry Shurtleff, Cohen Summers, Carol and Gary Weshinsky

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

**Members and Friends Serving in Our Nation’s Military**

Taiylar Foppe Merrel & Josh Merrel, Ryan McKenzie

**Members Celebrating Birthdays This Week**

Natalie (Ott) Best (1/31) and Rylie Smith (1/31)

**Members who Mourn the Loss of Loved Ones**

Lois Gentsch, on the death of her sister-in-law **Lillian Jones** (1/13)

**St. Mark Staff**

**Pastor:** The Rev. Brian M. Robison + **Pastor Emeritus:** The Rev. Ronald C. Neustadt  
**Administrative Assistant:** Randi Cardoza + **Music Director:** Carol Kugler  
**Organist:** Evelyn Duncan + **Parish Nurse:** Becky Schnitzius

# MARK TIMES

## NEWS and NOTES for January 26, 2025

<b>Monday, Jan. 27:</b>	6:00PM	Pastoral Care committee – conference room
	7:00PM	Church Council meeting - CR
<b>Tuesday, Jan. 28:</b>	9:30AM	Christian Unity service - Holy Virgin Mary Armenian Church
<b>Thursday, Jan. 30:</b>	6:00PM	Yoga – parish hall
	6:15PM	Bell Choir Rehearsal
	7:15PM	Voice Choir Rehearsal
<b>Saturday, Feb. 1:</b>	6:00PM	SHINE worship - chapel

### Diaper Drive for Epiphany!



**Our Epiphany Diaper Drive continues through February 9.** Items collected will be donated to The Pregnancy Care Center, Fontabella Maternity Home, and other local organizations.

**Diapers sizes 3 through 7, pullups sizes 2T through 6T, and disposable pants sizes 2T through 6T 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.

### Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Brian is on vacation **through the afternoon of Monday, January 27.** We welcome back Pastor **S. Blake Duncan** as our guest preacher and presider this morning!

**In case of pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Mark Ohlemeier** of St. George's at **785-220-5528.**



### Trivia Night!

Get "**Animated for God**" at **Christ Community Lutheran Church** (Columbia) for their annual TRIVIA NIGHT youth fundraiser on **Saturday, February 8** from **6-8:00PM!** \*This event will raise funds for this summer's youth mission trip to Milwaukee, **which our youth from St. Mark will be participating in!**

**+ Cost is \$15 per person or \$100 for a table of 8.**

**+ Bring your own food;** drinks will be available for purchase.

**+ Costume and Table Decorating contests!** Dress up as your favorite animated characters and create cool matching table décor!

**+ Generic trivia categories** – there will be something for everyone!

**\*\*Let Melanie know if you are planning to join, and she will sign up all the tables at once. Checks can be written to **St. Mark Youth.****

## Yoga at St. Mark!



Classes are held for 45 minutes on Thursday evenings at 6:00PM 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!

## Week of Christian Unity Service 1/28

Belleville's annual **ecumenical prayer service** for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held next **Tuesday, January 28 at 9:30AM** at **Holy Virgin Mary & Shoghagat Armenian Church (400 Huntwood Road, Swansea)**. A light reception will follow. Bishop Michael McGovern of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville will be the preacher for this service. Clergy and members from many local congregations are invited to participate in this annual event, which is an opportunity to know each other a little better as sisters and brothers in Christ. Interested members of St. Mark are encouraged to attend!

## Great (Super) Bowls of Fire!



St. George's famous **white chili** (both mild and hot) will be sold **Sunday, February 9**, from **noon to 3:00PM** in the Parish Hall. Cost is **\$11/quart when ordered in advance with payment; \$12/quart for walk-ins**. Orders with payment can be made to Henry in the office or by mail to St. George's. Proceeds to benefit our food pantry.



## SHINE Worship NEXT Saturday

Join us on **Saturday, February 1 at 6:00PM** for praise worship in the **chapel** with combined musical talents from St. Mark & St. George's.

## Adult Forum: *History & Archaeology of the Bible: Young Jesus*

There are precious few stories from what scholars refer to as the "lost years" or the "desert years" in Jesus' life: the period between his birth and when he began his ministry around age 30. The Presentation in the Temple, which we celebrate next Sunday, is one of them, as is the well-known account of the "Finding in the Temple," when Jesus was 12.

Next Sunday's Adult Forum includes a 30-minute video that looks at the history and archaeology of Galilee from the years when Jesus was growing up, giving us some insight into what his life might have been like. Please plan to join us for the video and discussion!

**St. Mark Offerings for 1/19:** General Fund: **\$4,712.81**; Coffee Fund: \$50; Food Pantry: \$105; ELCA Disaster Relief: \$98.01