
Welcoming
ALL IN CHRIST

Journeying
TOGETHER IN FAITH

Reaching
OUT IN SERVICE

We extend a warm welcome to all and invite you to fill out the worship attendance card found in the pew racks in front of you and place it in the offering plate. For those who are interested in becoming a part of the Saint Mark community, we invite you to mark the appropriate place on the card or call the office at 503.588.0141.

You are welcome to remember your Baptism by dipping your finger in the font and making the sign of the cross on your forehead as you come forward for Holy Communion. We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. By partaking in this meal we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All are welcome at the Table.

Please talk with an usher for large print bulletins, hearing devices, or children's bulletins. Restrooms are on your left as you leave the sanctuary. Both the women and men's bathrooms have changing tables for infants. A handicapped accessible bathroom is located downstairs; an elevator located in the front entry way is available to that level.

Please share in refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service in our lounge also (to the left as you leave the sanctuary).

Saint Mark's Reconciling in Christ Statement:

At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of age, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic circumstance. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome you to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.



Welcoming

ALL IN CHRIST

HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Five, Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE *"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come "* arr. Manz

COMMENTS ON THE DAY

Stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

C: Amen.

P: Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of all time,

C: we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

P: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In ☩ Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN *"Hark, the Glad Sound!"* ELW - No. 239

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the refining fire of the Holy Spirit,
and the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

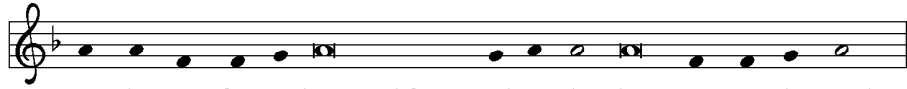
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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Sit

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN

"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"

ELW - No. 240

**Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.**

**Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**

Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe. Your prophets spoke of a day when the desert would blossom and waters would break forth in the wilderness. Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath. Strengthen our hearts as we prepare for the coming of the Lord. May he give water to all who thirst, for he is our light and our salvation. Blessed be God forever.

C: **Amen.**

Light three candles.

**Light three candles to watch for Messiah:
let the light banish darkness.
Lift your heads and lift high the gateway
for the King of glory.**

ANTHEM "Stir Up Your Power" (Saint Mark Choir) Shute

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come.
Again we pray, "Your will be done."
May Advent blue to us foretell
The echo of Emmanuel.

Is heaven's moment far or near?
And when will Jesus reappear?
The coming dawn is our delight
In this, darkest hour of night.

We could inside the church remain,
Like dry ground watching for the rain.
We could decide to sit and wait
As Jesus we anticipate.

But we must keep hands to the plow;
God's time is both not yet and now.
Our faith informs what we shall do,
May Christ return and find us true.

Journeying

TOGETHER IN FAITH

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

PSALM 126

SECOND LESSON 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Gloria in excelsis Deo*

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
Music: GLORIA, French carol

Stand

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to: John

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

John 1:6-8, 19-28

The Gospel reading concludes, "The Gospel of the Lord."

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Charles Mantey

Silence for reflection.

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* **ELW – No. 264**

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.

THE PRAYER RESPONSE

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 8/8. The lyrics are: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." and "Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords and some melodic movement.

Text: Taizé Community
Music: WAIT FOR THE LORD, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994
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PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

The ministers and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Peace be with you R Peace be with you.

Sit

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *"I Wonder as I Wander"* arr.

Lasky

Stand

OFFERTORY HYMN *"Lost in the Night"* **ELW – No. 243**

A: Let us pray.
Savior of the nations, come. Make your home here in us.
Feed us with your love, that our faith shine ever new
and our lives reveal your light.

C: **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.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the host of heaven, 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 in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We praise you, living and loving God, that you have sent your Son to this world. Christ is your Wisdom, sweetly ordering all creation,

our Lawgiver, burning with justice,
the Branch from Jesse's tree, sprouting flowers from old roots,
the Key of David, opening our prison doors.
And let the people cry, O come and save us:

C: O come and save us.

P: We praise you, serving and saving God,
that you send your Son also to this table,
who on the night before he died took bread, and gave thanks,
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

And let the people cry, O come and save us:

C: O come and save us.

P: We beg you, mighty and merciful God:
send us the Spirit of your Son.
Dwell in this food and in all who share it,
that the earth may rejoice in your presence.
In Christ, the Dawning Day, enlighten a darkened world,
reign as Sovereign to unite all peoples,
and live among us, Emmanuel,
our deepest desire now and forever.

And let the people cry, O come and save us:

C: O come and save us.

P: Even so, come, Lord Jesus, with your Father and your Spirit, to the church,
and receive our praises, now and forever.
Amen.

C: Amen.

P: And let the people pray:
C: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let these gifts to us be blessed.
Blest be God, who is our Bread;
may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

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LORD'S PRAYER

C **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Sit

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT MARK

Christ welcomes all to receive him in bread and cup. Following distribution to the assistants, the Sacrament will be brought to any who are unable to come forward. If you are unable, simply notify an usher or raise your hand so that those distributing Communion may serve you

As you come forward, you will receive bread or if you wish, a gluten free wafer. Three chalices are offered. The first two are wine. The third ceramic cup is grape juice. The first is for intinction. You may dip your bread into this cup. The second is a common cup. You may take a sip. All are welcomed to the table.

COMMUNION

As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.

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. A - men.

Stand

COMMUNION HYMN *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"* **ELW - No. 257**

COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: **Amen**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share. Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and

send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

Reaching

OUT IN SERVICE

SENDING HYMN

"People, Look East"

ELW - No. 248

Silence for reflection.

BLESSING

P: May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path. Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Prepare the Royal Highway"

arr. Hobby

Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of serving as Organist at Saint Mark for the last 25 year --- by Tim Bibelheimer

Worship Assistants

Lector: Owen Hoelter
Assisting Minister: Gretchen Flesher Moon
Communion Assistants: Daina Upite, Owen Hoelter, Chris Woods,
Verne Deplois, Mike & Judy Miller

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Staff

Brian Smith	Maintenance
Melonie Watson	Director, Child Development Center
Deb Mantey, Deaconess	Outreach Coordinator
Kelly Carlisle	Musician
Judith Linder	Choir Director
Tim Bibelheimer	Organist
Theresa Sawtell-Davie	Parish Administrator
The Rev. Charles Mantey	Pastor

Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Today we especially pray for: Harry Flesher, Dolores Vrooman, Linda, Dessa Scheelar, Kathryn Barnhouse, Yahya Sanneh, Rowan, Eva Mae Larson, Bonnie Maier Hensley, Tim Good, Carrie, Christine Peters, Sammy Fratto, Diane Olson, Debra Eisenbeis, Tim, Linda Mattoon, Tom, Marty & Mary O'Brien, Scott Waychoff, Carol Downing, Mary Sorenson, Jeanene Basye, Pat Tschesche, Maureen O'Brien, John Lange, Esther Nygaard, Bud Bridges, and Peyton Higgins.

And Family Members in the Military: Nelson Westby, Frank Young, Mathew & Adam Roth, James Krogh, Daniel Krogh, and Nicolas Tallman.

This year's Tree of Giving is up in the West Narthex. The Giving Tree now has ornaments on it for giving to ELCA Good Gifts. Envelopes for Christmas Tree of Giving are in the pews, also.

Plan now, Christmas is just around the corner! On Christmas Eve Worship at Saint Mark in the morning for regular worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 am. Then, at 5:30 p.m. Family Worship and 10:00 p.m. with Candlelight, Carols and Communion. Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.

American Magnificat - Our Lady of Guadalupe for Our Time is the theme of mid-week Advent services. You are invited to worship on Wednesdays in Advent at 12:05 followed by a soup luncheon. On December 20, we will seek to discern the gifts Our Lady may bring for us as Lutherans. Also, the Labyrinth will be available each Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

FORUMS: December 17 From our UNICEF collection of prints we shall examine images of Mary from the Norwegian school and the Austrian school, which are displayed in the lounge. Then we shall read and respond to a poem by Kay Ryan titled "Crib". Discussion led by Marjory Lange.

December 24 On the eve of our Lord's birth we shall examine what Dante's vision of Mary as it is early presented in the "The Inferno" and culminates in "The Paradiso". Led by Dr. Marjory Lange, Professor of English at Western Oregon University.

A New Member Orientation is planned for Sunday, January 7th at 12:30 p.m. Please contact Pastor Charles or Deb if you would like to be included in the light lunch that will be served.

***This Week:
Join to worship, serve, and celebrate!***

Sunday, December 17 - Advent III

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday Church School Christmas Party
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Worship
2:00 p.m. Kairos Community Lunch
5:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Monday, December 18

6:00 p.m. Salem Community Chorus

Tuesday, December 19

6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Wednesday, December 20

9:00-4:00 p.m. Labyrinth
12:05 noon Advent Worship / Lunch

Thursday, December 21

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Alanon
6:45 p.m. NonViolent Communication
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

Sunday, December 24 - Advent IV

8:30 a.m. Contemporary Worship
9:45 a.m. Education
11:00 a.m. Liturgical Worship
2:00 p.m. Kairos Community Lunch
5:30 p.m. Family Christmas Worship
10:00 p.m. Candlelight, Carols & Communion

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