



**ST. MARK'S**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**Second Sunday after Epiphany  
January 15, 2023  
Worship Service 9:30 am**

# **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

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**Epiphany 2**

**9:30 a.m.**

**January 15, 2023**

*The time of gathering music provides us with an opportunity to visit with God.*

*Please take these moments to prepare your hearts for worship. Thank you for joining us for worship today, and please, remember to fill in the welcome pad.*

- 9:30 am Worship Service (live-streamed and broadcast to our YouTube page.)
- 10:30 am Fellowship Hour in the John Bates-FLC
- Nursery Available, 5 yrs. and younger, located adjacent to the Gathering Space.
- Nursing Nook is a private room for nursing mothers available on the upper level
- Your offering may be placed inside the boxes at the entrances.
- Communion is in the pew or at the altar (disposables can be placed inside the plastic bags clipped on the pews' book holders)
- During this season of Epiphany we emphasize hymns and songs from the global church; one of the themes of Epiphany is that Christ came for the nations, all peoples.

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. **Amen.**

Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

## OPENING SONG

“*Christ, Be Our Light*”  
(verses 1, 2 & 5)

Hymn #715

## GREETING

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

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** “*Glory to God, Glory in the Highest*” (Peru) Hymn #164  
(A leader sings the words in parentheses)

(Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!)

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!**

(To God be glory forever!)

**To God be glory forever!**

(Alleluia! Amen!)

**Alleluia! Amen!**

(Alleluia! Amen!) **Alleluia! Amen!**

**Alleluia! Amen!**

(Alleluia! Amen!) **Alleluia! Amen!**

**Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen! Alleluia! Amen!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*The congregation is seated.*

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Shannon Boynton  
Director of Children’s and Family Ministries

## SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

*Though God’s church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched*

*and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—<sup>6</sup>just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL VERSE:**      “*Listen, God is Calling*” 3 (Tanzania)      Hymn # 513  
(verses 1 & 3)

**GOSPEL:** John 1:29-42

The holy Gospel according to John, the first chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*John the Baptist’s witness to Jesus initiates a chain of testimony as his disciples begin to share with others what they have found.*

<sup>29</sup>[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ <sup>34</sup>And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.” <sup>35</sup>The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

“What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” <sup>39</sup>He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). <sup>42</sup>He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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

*The congregation is seated.*

## SERMON

*Please stand as you are able*

### HYMN OF THE DAY

“*Open The Eyes Of My Heart*” (Baloche)

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up,  
shining in the light of Your glory;  
Pour out your pow'r and love as we  
sing, "holy, holy, holy,"

“*Breathe*” (Barnett)

This is the air I breathe, this is the  
air I breathe;  
Your holy presence living in me.  
This is my daily bread, this is my  
daily bread,  
Your very Word spoken to me.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,  
open the eyes of my heart,  
I want to see You, I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in  
the light of Your glory;  
Pour out your pow'r and love as we sing,  
"holy, holy, holy,"

Holy, holy, holy (**x3**) I want to see You.

And I, I'm desp'rate for You.  
And I, I'm lost without You.  
I'm lost without You.  
This is the air I breathe,  
this is the air I breathe.

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Merciful God, Receive our prayer.

*Congregation may be seated.*

## GIVING THANKS

Your generous gifts help support the ELCA and its Young Adults in Global Mission program (YAGM). YAGM invites ELCA young adults ages 21-29 into a transformative, year-long journey in international service. As they offer themselves in service, ELCA young adults are shaped by the witness of our global neighbors. They share in the journeys of companion churches and organizations in one of nine countries around the world. 24 amazing young adults are currently serving. To learn more, scan the QR code or go to: <https://www.elca.org/our-work/global-mission/young-adults-in-global-mission>



## CHOIR ANTHEM:

*“Shout to the Lord”*

St. Mark's Choir

## OFFERING PRAYER

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord, be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

**SANCTUS:**                   “*Holy, Holy, Holy*” (Argentina)                   Hymn #473  
(Sung first in **Spanish** by **leader**, then in **English** by **congregation**)

Santo, santo, santo.  
Mi corazón te adora.  
Mi corazón te sabe decir:  
Santo eres Señor.

Holy, holy, holy,  
my heart, my heart adores you.  
My heart is glad to say the words:  
You are holy, God.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

### COMMUNION IN THE PEW

*If you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you.*

### COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR

*St. Mark's welcomes all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe our Lord is truly present in the sacrament. **Children** who have not been confirmed or received instruction in Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing. **Adults** who are not baptized and others who choose not to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please indicate that you desire a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. The ushers will direct you from your row toward the aisle. Come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will give you a wafer. Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor where you will be offered a tray with wine (dark colored) or grape juice (light colored) and in disposable cups which can be thrown away in receptacles.*

## COMMUNION SONGS:

“What Feast of Love” (English ballad)

Hymn #487

“Will You Come and Follow Me?” (Scottish)

Hymn #798

*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor’s rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **Amen.**



## SENDING SONG:

“Arise, Your Light Has Come!”

Hymn #314

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **All: Thanks be to God!**

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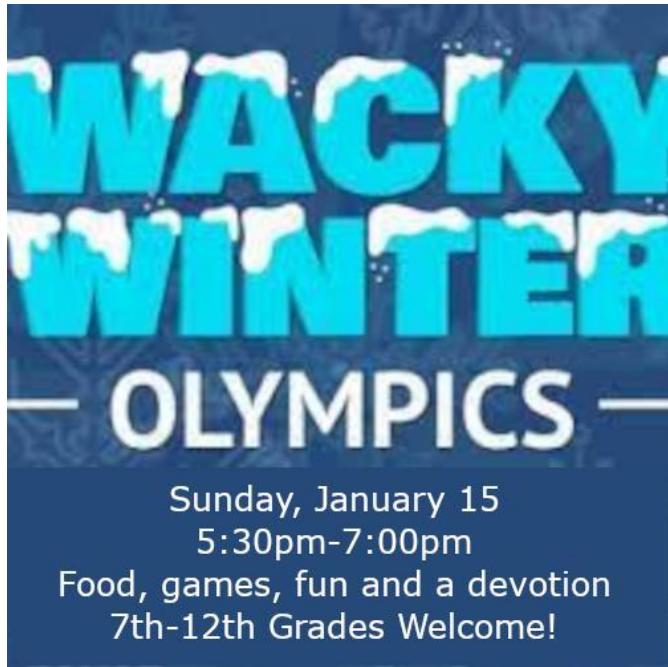
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### Parish Nurse Ministry



### Blood Pressure Screening Today

Come see our Parish Nurse, Mary Hills, in the Gathering Space after service to have your blood pressure taken!



**YYAM Event**  
*Today 5:30 – 7:00 pm*  
7-12 Graders

It's back! St. Mark's will play host to the Second Annual Wacky Winter Olympics.

The sports at this event will be Snowboarder's Balance Challenge, Human Curling, Downstairwell Moguls, Beanie Bear Hockey, and more!

Come ready to represent whatever country of your choice.

*Friends are always welcome!*

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## **HEARTS FOR HOMEBOUND VALENTINE MINISTRY**

Make or buy Valentine cards for our homebound members. Place completed Valentines (and any treats you want to share) in the decorated bags in the Gathering Space on **February 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>**. For a personal touch, a list of homebound members names are available at the kiosk in the Gathering Space.



*Help share God's love with St. Mark's homebound members!*

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## **WHIP JANUARY COLLECTION**

*Canned Chicken and Tuna*

WHIP provides food to local families twice a month. Donations may be left at the designated area in Beckwith Hall or in the basket in the vestibule of the East Entrance.



*Join us for a Potluck Brunch*

**Sunday, January 22, 2023**

During the Meet & Greet  
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.

Pastor Bacon and his family will join us for worship. After worship Pastor Bacon will lead us in a devotion in the FLC and a brunch will be served during fellowship to allow time to mingle and meet Pastor Bacon.

*There will be no Sunday School this day.*

To bring food look for the Sign-Up Sheet on the kiosk in the Gathering space or go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F45A8AD23ABF8C70-potluck1>

You may also sign up to bring a dish by scanning this QR code



As always you may email the church office at [office@stmarkswashington.org](mailto:office@stmarkswashington.org) or call 309-444-4618

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### **Serving at St. Mark's Today 9:30 am**

USHERS	Dee Mertens, Debra Morse, Beth Funcannon
DEACONS	Case Pudik, Dave Horwath, Dean Wiechman, Pastor Jeremy
FELLOWSHIP	Mary Hills and Tina, Erika and Eva Schierer
NURSERY	Marsha Rigg and Kim Metzloff
AUDIO/VISUAL	Mark Pfeiffer, Pam Marcoline, Barry Moore
READER	Bethany Marshall
ACOLYTES	Luke Stoecker and Harper Nightingale



*The altar flowers are sponsored today by Larry and Diana Lindahl in thanksgiving for Pastor Kendra and what a blessing she is to St. Mark's.*

## Serving next Sunday, January 22, 2023

Ushers	Joey Metzloff, Bruce Mathes, John Spring, Brett Shuckford, John Antrobus, Jodi Walter
Deacons	Cindy Calvert, Dee Mertens, Pam Marcoline-Griffith, Mike Griffith
Fellowship	Potluck Brunch
Nursery	Abby Swanson and Hailey Shuckford
Audio/Visual	Barry Moore, Andrew Crawford, Colin Earle
Readers	Cindy Calvert
Acolytes	August Albrecht and Nora Westphalen

## **PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer requests are left on the prayer list for three weeks. To add or remove names, please call the office 309-444-4618 or send an email to office@stmarkswashington.org*

<b>PRAY FOR</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>PRAYER/PRAISE</b>
Joe and Linda Young	Marsha Rigg	Healing
Don Welk	Becky Mischler	Health
Dean Zobrist	Pastor Kendra	Health
Emily Alexander	Dave & Lynn Horwath	Health
Joan Armstrong	Bryan & Sue Yocum	Health
Joan Flowers	Pastor Kendra	Health
Jane Kent	Mary Hills	Health
Cheryl Lucas	Bob Lucas	Health
Carolynn Chamberlain	Laurie Mathes	Health
Nick Gregory	Melissa Hoover	Health
Reed Fry	Joe & Carol Madden	Health
Bob Page	Laurie Mathes	Health
Joanne Hofford	Donald Hofford	Health
Judy Hester	Gary Hester	Health

## **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<u>Sunday, January 15</u>	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Epiphany Sunday</i>	9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
<i>Blood Pressure Screening</i>	10:30 a.m. Fellowship
	10:45 a.m. Sunday School
	11:00 a.m. St. John's Bible Study
	5:30 p.m. YYAM- Wacky Winter Olympics
<u>Monday, January 16</u>	9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting (Quarterly Planning Meeting)
<u>Tuesday, January 17</u>	4:30 p.m. Music Planning Meeting
<i>Sprinkler Inspection</i>	4:30 p.m. Secretariat Via de Cristo
	5:30 p.m. Childcare Board Meeting
<u>Wednesday, January 18</u>	1:30 p.m. Hanna Circle
	6:30 p.m. Confirmation and Cross Trainers
<u>Thursday, January 19</u>	10:00 a.m. The Way Bible Study
	1:00 p.m. Powell Memorial
<u>Saturday, January 21</u>	7:30 a.m. YYAM Event- Dream Center Hope Store
<u>Sunday, January 22</u>	8:30 a.m. Choir Practice
<i>3<sup>rd</sup> Epiphany Sunday</i>	9:30 a.m. Blended Worship
<i>Potluck Brunch</i>	10:45 a.m. Meet & Greet with Pastor Bacon and Family