

SAINT MARK-GOOD SHEPHERD
WORSHIP SERVICES

JANUARY 29, 2023
4th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY



IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Florham Park, NJ**



**Saint Mark Lutheran Church
Morristown, NJ**



IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE JOINT GOOD SHEPHERD-SAINT MARK COUNCIL - 6/15/21

- **Social Distancing** - Seating every other pew.
- **Masks** - To allow singing within the Service and help protect those who are unvaccinated, extra disposable masks provided at entry by Usher for those who may have forgotten to bring theirs.
- **Offering** – Will be collected at back of church in offering plate before/after service

We thank you for your cooperation!

Introduction

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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**

*Gathering Song - ELW #886**“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”*

- 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.

Apostolic 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.**

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

—————WORD—————

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart."

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

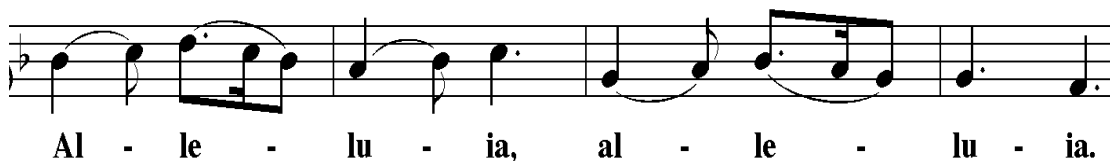
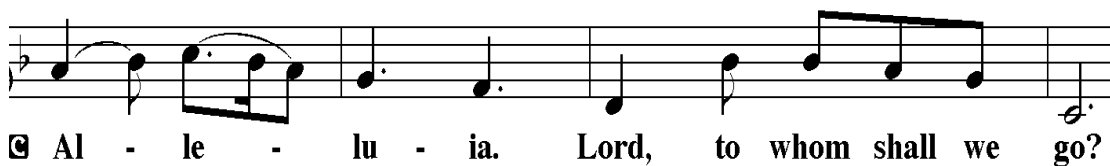
²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 15**Refrain: Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)**¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;**Refrain: Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill?**³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear
the LORD.They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their
word.⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.**Refrain: Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill?****Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th Chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Sermon

Sermon: Rev. Beau D. Nelson

Hymn of the Day: ELW #866**“We Are Marching in the Light of God”**

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
 light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
 We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
 we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Praise Reports

Prayers of Intercession


Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me
Let There Be Peace on Earth
The peace that was meant to be
With God as our Father
Fam’ly all are we
Let us walk with each other
In perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me
Let this be the moment now.
With ev’ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me

—————**MEAL**—————

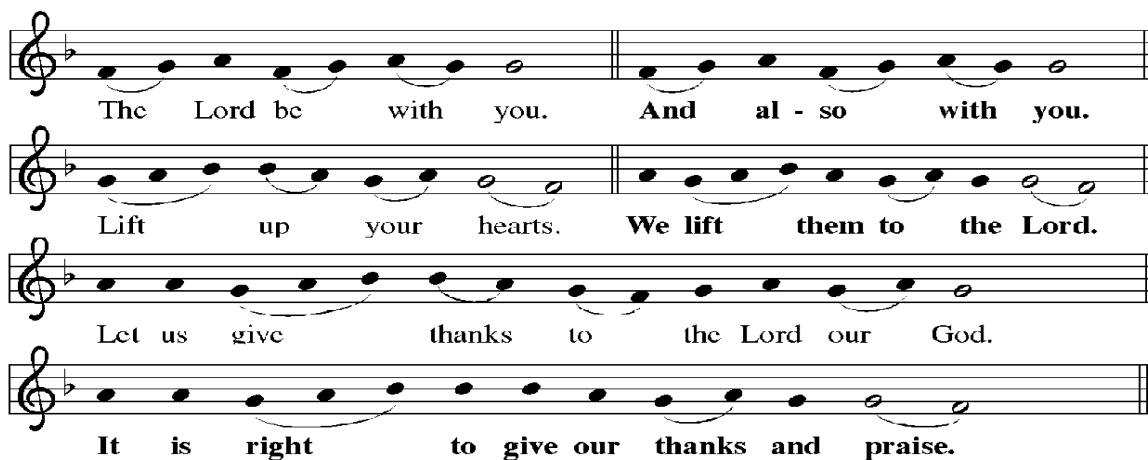
Offering—There are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary - one for each congregation.

Offering Song- ELW #182 "Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful"

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Receiving of Gifts**Setting the Table**Offertory 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.

Great Thanksgiving


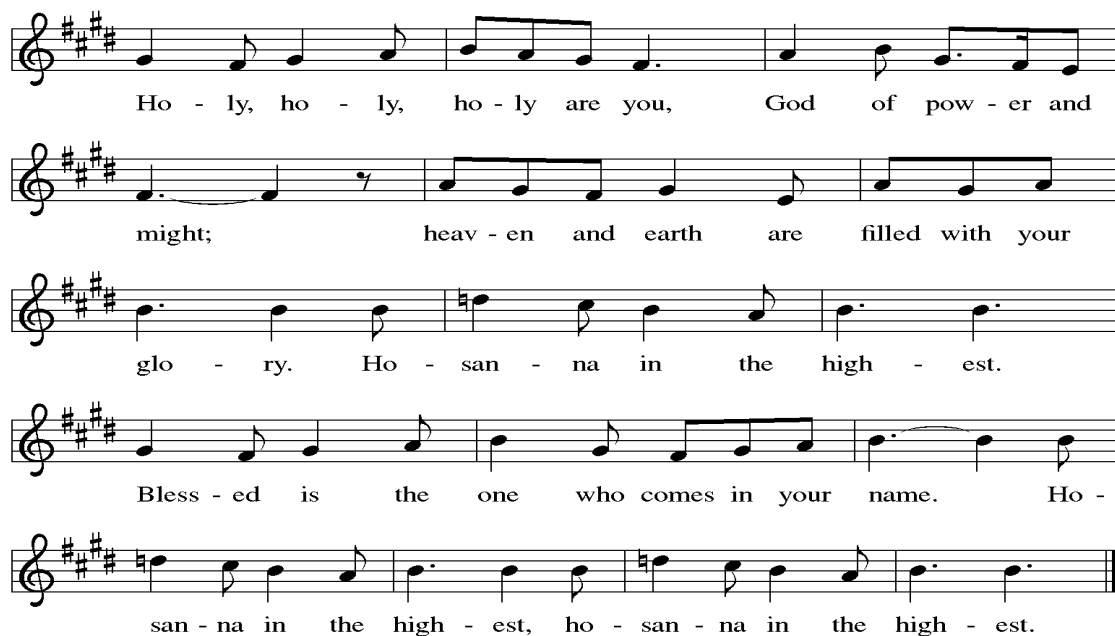
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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, our duty and our joy, And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might; heav - en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

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.

Invitation to Communion

Come and taste the joy of God!

Lamb of God

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



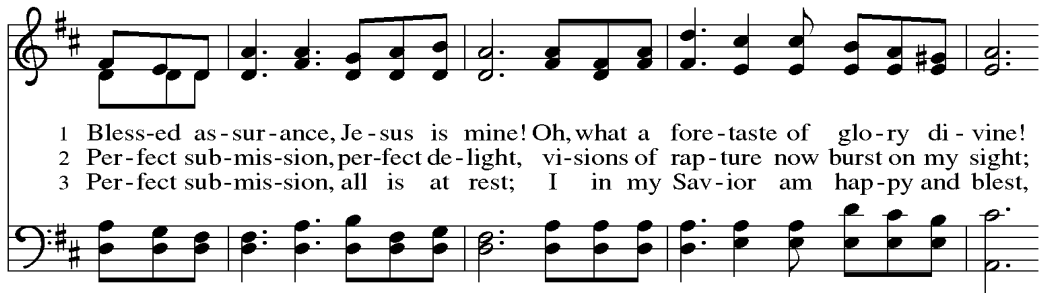
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



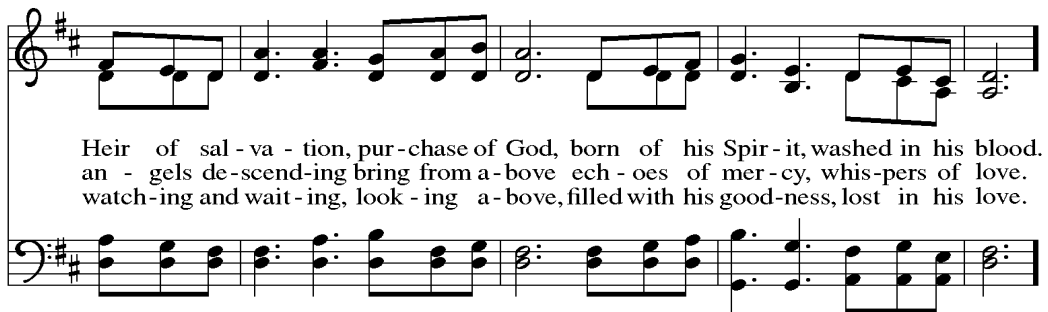
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution of Communion

Communion Hymn - ELW #638 "Blessed Assurance"



1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Post-Communion Blessing

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.**

-----**SENDING**-----

Announcements

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: ELW #798 "Will You Come With Me?"
(See page 16)***

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Sending Song: ELW #798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Beau D. Nelson

Organist: Ralph Petersen

Media Tech: Tara Kevorkian

SAINT MARK

Lector: Paul Dodenhoff

Worship Asst.: Paul Dodenhoff

Usher: Donna Mertz Burkhardt
Bob Burkhardt

Altar Guild: Dot Tureson, Cookie Davidsen

GOOD SHEPHERD

Karen Holota

Alice Schwartz

Eunice Dickenson

Good Shepherd Vounteers

February 5, 2023

Lector: Bud Vincent

Worship Asst.: Art Zinn

Usher: Jamie Davidson

PRAYER LISTS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 29th

(Note: New entries appear in Bold Font)

GOOD SHEPHERD: Mary Jane Zeien; Marianne Dennig; Ron Bauer; Dick Zeien; Ron and Irene Nagle; Kathy Briedis

Friends and Family: Lucy Barrieres; Bob Newhouse; Paul Mantone; Bill Jardine; Peter Rinaldi; Wendy Estes; Ed Denton; Vince Bober; Doris Felmore; Melissa Kelly; Herbert Holly; Ralph Swinburne; Joe Mihalko; Joe Caparo; Cathy Caparo; Ginna Zukswert; Gene & Al Clelland; Ruth Moolin; Bob Swanson; Nancy and Jeff Martin; John Holl; Joy Griffith; Leslie Spohn; Pauline Morris; Wendy Wyll; Winnie A. Maroney; Lina Petrullo; Janice Bitondo; Charles Tobias; Eileen & Dave Word; John West; Brian Goldrich & Barbara Gemma; and Robert Zeien

Family Of: Daryl Fahy; Peter Rinaldi; Terry Scullin; Russell White; Glenn Jones; Robin Pluciniak

SAINT MARK:

Our Church Family: Carla & Wolf Bauer; Patty Chadwick

Friends and Family: Joe Canorelli (friend of Bob Burkhardt); Rhiannon Langowski (Paul Dodenhoff's son-in law's niece); Sara Neidig (Paul Dodenhoff's sister); Mary Sigley (Granddaughter of a college friend of Cookie Davidsen); Rev. Sidney Williams and Family: Evelyn Stock (Sister of Henry Stock); Rev. Paul Strockbine; Larry Lane (friend of Judy Geller); Geri Monetti (Former Member); Patty Barnes & Family (Daughter of Carla & Wolf Bauer); Bonny and Bob Caridad (Bob Burkhardt's Sister and Husband); Janet (Friend of Carla Bauer); June Mueller (Cousin of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt); Stanley Nagy (Brother of Carla Bauer); Brian Vohs (Nephew of Gail Glennon)

Family of: Betty Perkins (friend of Sheri Anderson); Jim Topor (Friend of Judy Geller); Deanna Rene Reese Hansen; Harriett Nahrstedt (mother of Sheri Anderson); Peter Bauer (brother of Wolf Bauer)

IN THE WORLD:

The People of Ukraine; All who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic

NOTE: If you have any announcements or prayer requests to add or delete, please call 973-538-3939 or email: **secretary@saint-mark-lutheran-church.org**



UPCOMING DATES

JANUARY 29th

GOOD SHEPHERD ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following the worship service

FEBRUARY 5th

SAINT MARK ANNUAL MEETING

Immediately following the worship service

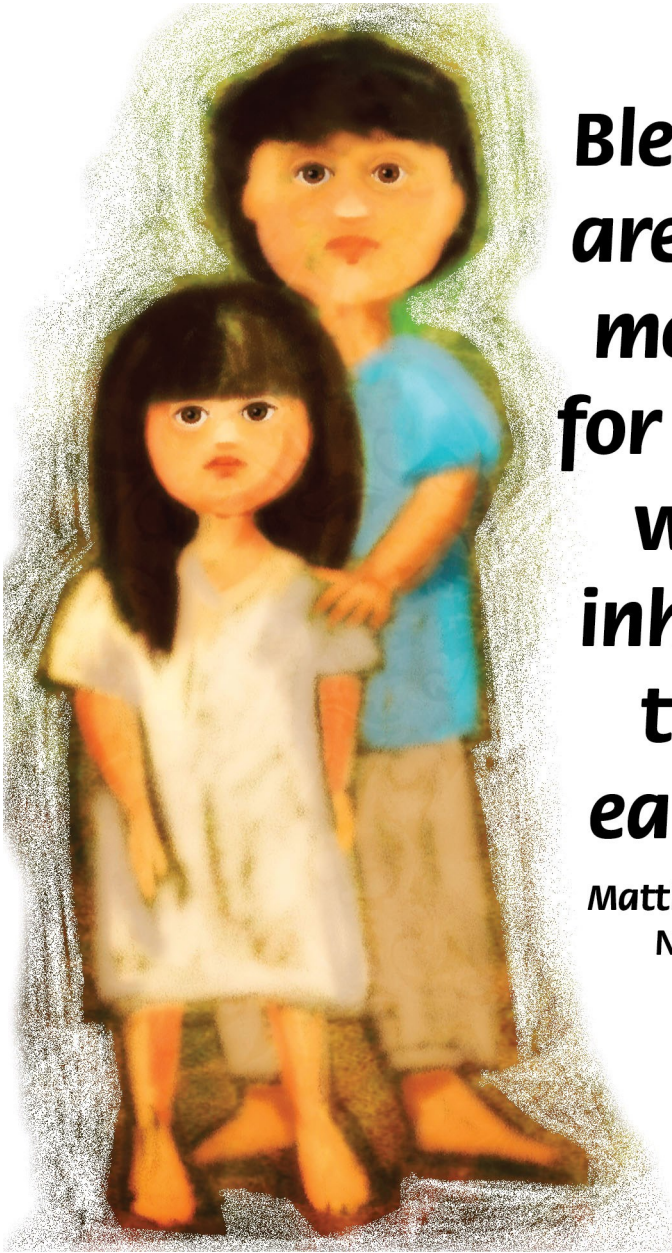
- in the Large Classroom

FEBRUARY 12th

LAST SERVICE AT SAINT MARK

***Joint Services at Good Shepherd begin on**

February 19th



**Blessed
are the
meek,
for they
will
inherit
the
earth.**

**Matthew 5:5,
NRSV**