

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428
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Christmas Eve 7pm
December 24th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

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Ushers	<i>Joe Dryburgh & LJ Kriebel</i>
Counters	<i>Pam Keebler & Erin Orekar</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>

Altar Flowers *Flowers are given by Don and Jeanette Nazaryk to the glory of the Christ child, in thanksgiving for many blessings received, and in loving memory of our departed family members and friends. Wishing Merry Christmas to all!*

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Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. ***This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.*** We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. We invite all children to try to be in worship through the children's sermon (about 20 minutes) and then invite the children, if they want, to head to the nursery, but we love to have the children with us through the whole worship service! To help our youngest worshipers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a children's bulletin that has puzzles and activities for little worshipers to work on during the service, and we offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

Restrooms are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the Good News you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshipers.

Our team of ushers is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

Are you new or visiting St. Mark's? If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us. At the entry ways to the sanctuary, you will find our guest books in which you can leave your name and contact information, or in the pews we have blue cards that you can fill and place in the offering plate, or if you like, you can sign our electronic guest book. We'd be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again. For the electronic book, open your mobile device to the bar code scanner and take a picture of this square QR code; it will take you to our electronic guest book.



Instructions

Leader says

We all say together

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit gathers us together for worship

Introduction

On a long winter evening we gather to proclaim the coming of the light. Isaiah announces that the people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Paul reminds us that the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all. In the familiar account of Christ's birth, the evening sky is bright with the heavenly host singing, "Glory to God in the highest." Amid our broken world we proclaim that the prince of peace is born among us. God comes to us in human flesh—in Christ's body and blood—so that we may be bearers of divine light to all the world.

Prelude

*Concerto grosso in G Minor Op. 6 No. 8
"Christmas Concerto" Largo*

by Arcangelo Corelli

Invocation

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

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel,
the Word made flesh,
the Power of the Most High,

✠ one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Gathered in the name of Jesus,
let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

**in Christ Jesus you come among us
as light shining in darkness.**

We confess our failure to welcome this light.

**Forgive us and renew our hope,
so that we may live in the light of your grace,
and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people:
To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord.

Your sins are forgiven in ✠ Jesus' name.

Amen.

Opening
Hymn
ELW 283

O, Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain



Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,



ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus Do - mi - num.
O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Text: attr. John Francis Wade, 1711–1786; tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802–1880, sts. 1, 3–4; tr. unknown, st. 2
Music: ADESTÉ FIDELES, attr. John Francis Wade

Apostolic Greeting

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other as we begin a time of prayer

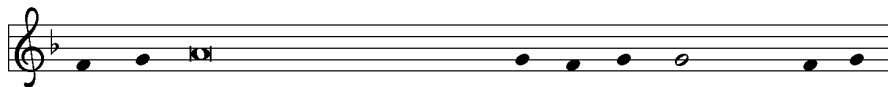
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie



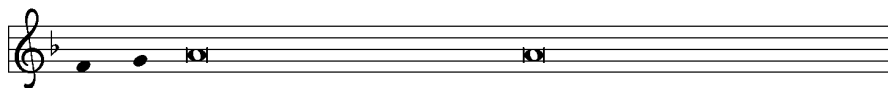
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



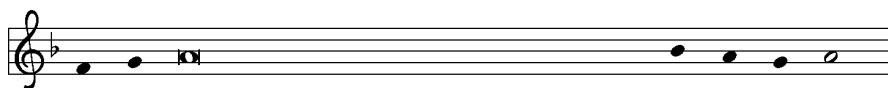
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

Canticle
of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,
Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the brightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Assembly may be seated

+ Word +

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, song and prayer

First

Lesson

Isaiah 9:2-7

This poem promises deliverance from Assyrian oppression, a hope based on the birth of a royal child with a name full of promise. While Judah's king will practice justice and righteousness, the real basis for faith lies in God's passion for the people: The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!

A Reading from the book of Isaiah,

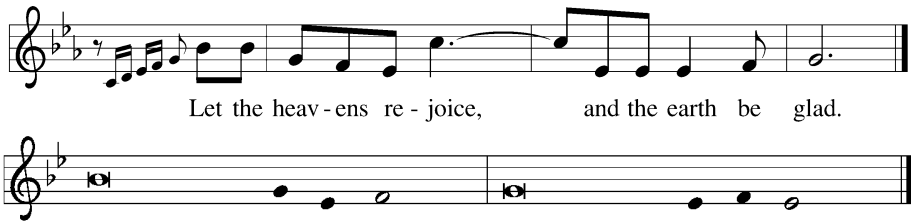
- ² The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.
- ³ You have multiplied the nation,
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴ For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
- ⁷ His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 96



¹Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. R**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
com- | ing, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteousness
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

Second Lesson

Titus 2:11-14

The appearance of God's grace in Jesus Christ brings salvation for all humanity. Consequently, in the present we live wisely and justly while also anticipating the hope of our Savior's final appearance

A reading from Titus,

¹Paul, The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹²training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

I am bringing you good news of great joy for | all the people:*
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- |
ah, the Lord.

Gospel Reading

Luke 2:1-14
[15-20]

God's greatest gift comes as a baby in a manger. Angels announce the "good news of great joy" and proclaim God's blessing of peace.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you O Lord.

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to

be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

⁸In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹²This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.” ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

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¹⁵When 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.” ¹⁶So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

**Children's
Sermon**

Children are invited forward for a short lesson before the sermon. After the children's sermon, the children are invited to return to their seats with their parents or leave to spend time in the nursery..

Sermon

Rev. Bryan penman

Hymn of
the Day

ELW 270

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born king;
2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
3 Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ - teous - ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el!
born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: MENDELSSOHN, Felix Mendelssohn, 1809–1847; arr. William H. Cummings, 1831–1915

Apostles Creed

Together let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.
**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*

On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 People

*Prayers reflect the
wideness of God's
mercy for the
whole world.*

The Assisting Minister invites us into prayer

This night the eternal Word of God is
born in us. We pray for Christ's light of
life to take flesh in the church, the
creation, and all people of God.

Each portion of the prayers ends with:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with
these words:*

Into your outstretched arms, O God, we
commend ourselves and all for whom we
pray, trusting in Jesus Christ, the light and
life of the world.

Amen.

For our friends and family:

*Samuel Saldutti, Sharon, Joe,
Don Dunn, Katie Gresh,
Donnie, Jenny, Dottie
Woodring, Ann Beatty, Dawn
W Linda Jara, John
Holdsworth, Nancy, Joanne,
Melissa Mussoline.*

We give thanks for:

*The volunteers and lay leaders of
St. Mark's for making
Christmas eve a success*

We pray for those in grief:

Lukens Family

Sharing of the Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen
Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace
be with you," or similar words.*

The assembly is seated.

+ Meal +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play.

Offertory

Still, Still, Still
Bell Choir

arr. Cathy Moglebust

Offertory Canticle

The assembly stands as the gifts and offerings are brought forward

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

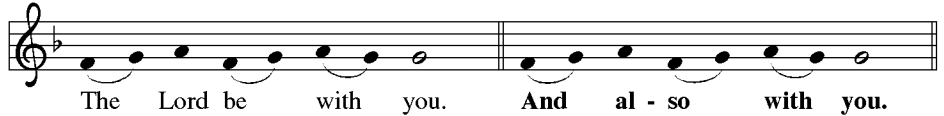
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your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

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress and music © 2004 Augsburg Fortress.

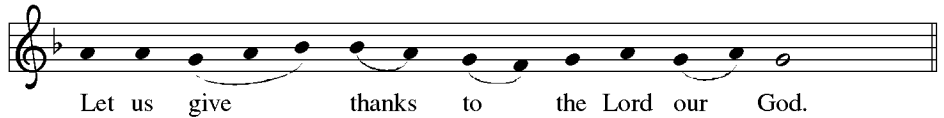
**Offertory
Prayer**

God with us:
You came as a baby to a manger.
You slept on straw and greeted shepherds.
You come again in bread and wine.
Remind us how good you are at blessing ordinary things.
And then, through these gifts,
help us to bless the lives of others
in the strength of your holy name.
Amen.

**Great
Thanksgiving**



Dialogue

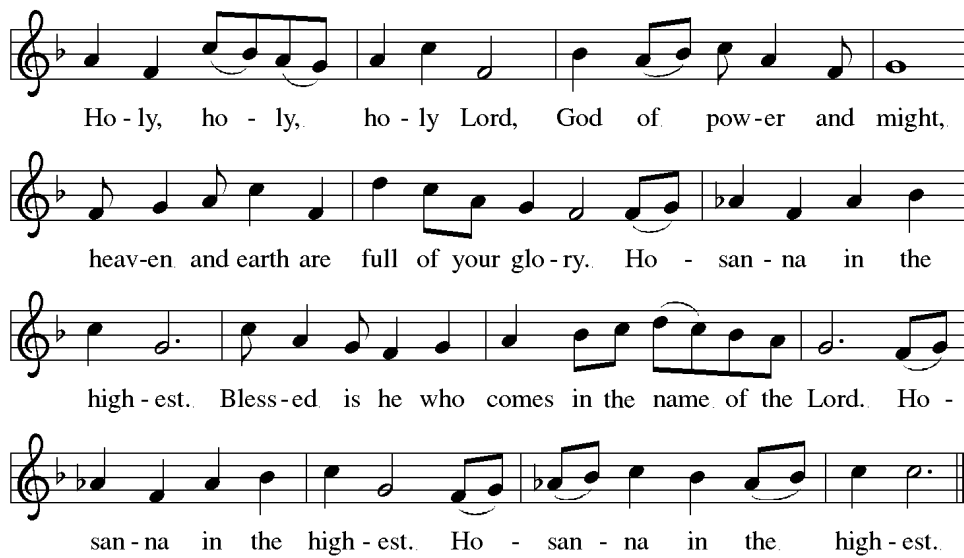


Proper Preface

The Presiding Minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

*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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold to pray in the words
our Savior taught us,
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.

The Assembly may be seated.

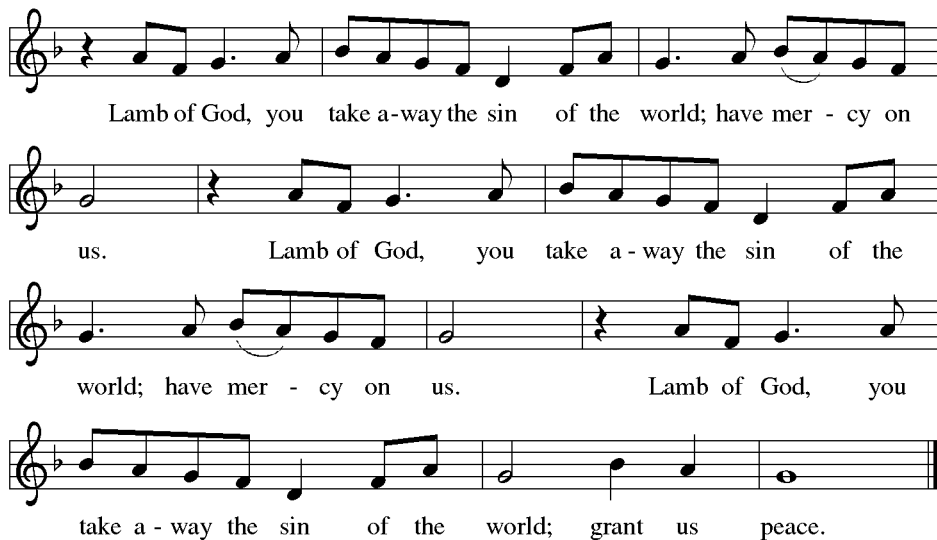
Invitation to Communion

Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

The bread may be broken for the communion

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.

Distribution of Communion

The assembly will be guided up to the communion stations by the ushers. Bread and red Wine are used for our communion, but gluten free wafers and white grape juice are also available so that all may commune. Please take one of the prefilled cups after to receive bread and take the outside aisle to return to your seat.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond -- Amen.

When you have finished communing you are invited to return to your seat by the side aisle and join in singing the communion hymns printed in the bulletin.

Communion Anthem

How Quietly
Adult Choir

By Joel Raney

Communion
Hymn

ELW 296

What Child Is This



1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; come, peas-ant, king, to own him.



Whom an - gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris-tian, fear; for sin-ners here the si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; let lov - ing hearts en-throne him.



This, this is Christ the king, whom shep-herds guard and an-gels sing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;



haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mar - y!
joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mar - y!



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898
Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

**Post
Communion
Blessing**

The assembly stands

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

**Post
Communion
Canticle**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**Post
Communion
Prayer**

Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous.

May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

Amen.

+ Sending +

The Spirit sends us into the world to serve

**Sharing of
the Light**

Jesus said: "You are the light of the world." Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God in heaven.

The Presiding Minister will take the light from the Christ Candle to pass to the ushers to pass to the assembly. Please hold lit candles upright and dip unlit candles into the lit candles to minimize wax clean up

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!

Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,

ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,

Hol - der Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your

Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

Blessing

May Christ, who by his incarnation
has filled us with grace and truth,
give you peace this Christmas and always.
Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

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Angels We Have Heard on High



1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



Glo - ri - a



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



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

Dismissal Glory to God in the highest!
Peace to God's people on earth!
Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude *Messiah: Overture*

by G.F. Handel

A Special Thanks to the String Quartet:

We are blessed by these musicians this Christmas Eve

Luis Cuevas, *Violin*

Anna Hallet, *Violin*

Rosa Ortega, *Viola*

Ajibola Rivers, *Cello*

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can develop your faith life, learn about God and develop as disciples

Faith Formation on Sunday Mornings

Children's Faith Formation starts at 10:15-11:30am upstairs. We do this in light of our baptismal promises to teach our young ones about faith. This is always an incredibly exciting time to share the rich tradition of the Gospel with our little ones, and our older ones.

Adult Faith Formation

Adult faith formation meets *after worship during fellowship hour on Sunday mornings*. Grab a snack and join us for discussion of the lectionary lesson of the day and share your insight and thoughts of what we heard in worship. Also once a month, we are working on having a theme session where we will have guests come in to discuss some of the programs within the ELCA such as the refugee program; adoption; human sexuality and the church. Hope to see you in Faith Formation!

Pastor's weekly email

Pastor sends out a weekly message with reflections on the coming Sunday's readings as well as announcements upcoming during the week at church. To sign up for this email check out our homepage www.stmarksconshy.org to enter your email address or let Pastor know to add you to the list.

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. Meals feature prominently in our great tradition of faith, from pot lucks, to picnics, to the Holy Supper we share in communion – food plays a central role in who we are as Christians. We like to say that we are also “fed” by the experience of worship, so Dinner Church seeks to feed you both spiritually and physically. Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship experience, some come right from work, some right from the gym, some from just picking the kids up. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

Annual Congregational Meeting – January 21st

This year we will hold our annual congregational meeting as worship on Sunday January 21st – our worship service will highlight our various ministries from 2017 and look forward into 2018 program year. All members of the congregation are encouraged to attend as we affirm our ministry, vote on new leaders for church council, and approve our ministry budget for 2018. Please note – this meeting will not happen AFTER worship, but AS worship on this particular day, so please plan to join us at 9:30am.

Service Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways you can do God's work with our hands

2018 Offering Box Envelope Sets are ready for Pick Up

Our 2018 year offering envelope boxes are available in the rear of the sanctuary. Thank you for those who utilize the offering envelope as a way to support the mission and ministry of St. Mark's. This year we have also picked up a more robust electronic giving utilizing the Give+ app which can be downloaded via Apple Store or Google Play. Thanks to your generous support we can continue to spread God's love in our community.

Collection Items for local food bank

We support the work of feeding those in need in our community by collecting weekly items for our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council. The food pantry is always in need of paper products (paper towels, toilet paper and toiletry items) and shelf stable meals like Chef Boyardee and boxes of Cereal. Baskets are located at the rear of the sanctuary to collect items that will be taken over each week to the food bank.

Download our new electronic giving app

You can now give electronically through the “Give+” app. Simply search for “give+” in either google or apple app store, set up a login, search for St. Mark's Lutheran church and

set up either a onetime gift, or recurring payments. It's that easy! Look for other ways to give in the coming weeks and months as we continue to expand the ways you can generously support the ministries of St. Mark's.

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways that you can help spread the "Good News"

Easter Egg Industry Begins 100th Year

The week of January 8th will begin production for our 100th year of the Easter Egg Industry. Volunteers will again be needed on Monday and Wednesday evening for candy making and chocolate coating as well as Friday mornings to assist with packing. This is St. Mark's largest fundraiser for the year and it's a special year of celebration as we continue the 100th year of this Conshohocken tradition!

Becoming Members of St. Mark's

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the St. Mark's community? Speak with Pastor or Vicar Lenny about taking the next steps to join our congregation.

Christmas Poinsettia Memorial Flowers

A word of thanks for those who helped adorn our sanctuary

Karen Hanna- For blessings received

Lauren Parkin- In memory of my grandmother and grandfather

Terry and Harry Spence- For blessings received

Edmund and Jane Krauss- In loving memory of Robert Krauss

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Sandy and Bill Portzer- In loving memory of our brother-in-law Joseph Keith

Dave and Gail Penman- In memory of family saints who have gone before.

Dolores and Dave Lush- Merry Christmas!

Debbie Eskate- In memory of loved ones.

Pam Keebler- In gratitude for God's Grace

The Schreiters- In thanks for Grandma's and Grandpa's

Dayle Malantonio- In memory of George & Barbara Snear, Harry & Edna

Snear, William & Alberta Ardell, Betty Ardell, and Ruth Snear

Philip and Midge Lachenmayer- In Memory of Helen Reigner

Wreaths are given by

A word of thanks for those who helped adorn our sanctuary

Outside Doors

By Ann Beatty and Terry & Harry Spence

In Memory of Loved Ones

Chancel Wreaths

By Phil Lachenmayer

In loving memory of

Phil & Midge Lachenmayer

And by Joan Holohan

In memory of loved ones

This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7pm - Boy Scouts</i>
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<i>Tuesday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7pm - Cub Scouts</i>
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<i>Wednesday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		
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<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6pm - Dinner Church</i>	
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>7pm-Adult Choir</i>	<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
	<i>7:45pm-Bell Choir</i>	
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<i>Friday</i>		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6:30pm - AA / Al-Anon</i>
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<i>Saturday</i>		<i>7pm - AA Group</i>
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:30am - Worship Service</i>	<i>7pm - Venture Crew</i>

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Sheldon Erb</i>
Communion	<i>Lara Hoffman</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Susan Dryburgh</i>
Nursery	<i>Ramsden Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Joanne Popowicz</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Dryburgh Family</i>
Ushers	<i>Joe Dryburgh & Bill Portzger</i>
Counters	<i>Susan Jacovino & Lara Hoffman</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Open</i>

[Isaiah 60:1-6](#)

Nations come to the light

[Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14](#)

All kings shall bow down before him. (Ps. 72:11)

[Ephesians 3:1-12](#)

The gospel's promise extends to all

[Matthew 2:1-12](#)

Revelation of Christ to the nations of the earth