

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Third Sunday of Advent*  
*December 16, 2018*

## Gathering

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*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### Prelude

*Arioso on Veni, Emmanuel*

by Franklin D. Ashdown

### Introit

*If You Believe and I Believe*

arr. By John Bell  
Traditional Zimbabwe

*If you believe and I believe and we together pray,  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free,  
And set God's people free, and set God's people free;  
The Holy Spirit must come down and set God's people free.*

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### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
the Lord of Israel who comes to set us free,  
the mighty Savior who comes to show mercy,  
the Dawn from on high who guides us into peace. **Amen.**

Let us come before God in confession.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

To you, O God,

**we lift up our souls. You know us through and through; we  
confess our sins to you. Remember not our sins; remember us  
with your steadfast love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths;  
and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness  
in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Children of God, come with joy and draw water from the well of salvation. Remember the gift of baptism: your sin is washed away in the name of ✝ Jesus; you belong to Christ; you are anointed to serve. Stand up and raise your heads! The reign of God is near.  
**Amen.**

## Lighting of the Advent Wreath

### My Soul In Stillness Waits

Marty Haugen



For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits,



tru-ly my hope is in you. ———

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*The cantor will intone the verse the assembly is invited to join in the refrain*  
*O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, and in your advent, draw us all to you, our hope reborn in dying and in rising. **REFRAIN***

## Advent 3: Peace in our Relationships

On this third Sunday of Advent, we pray for peace in our relationships.

### *Headlines from the news this week*

Peacemaking God, we turn to you in prayer.

### **In stillness we wait**

As families and friends gather for the holiday season, our collective stress level often reaches a tragic peak.

### **In stillness we wait**

Domestic violence and substance abuse are higher during the holidays. The very people we claim to love can at the same time be the source of our pain.

## **In stillness we wait**

Help us to seek your serenity.

## **In stillness we wait**

*(Candle is lit)*

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.

John the Baptist calls all people to prepare the Lord's way  
for the kingdom of heaven is near.

Bless us as we light the candles on this wreath.

Baptize us with the fire of your Spirit,  
that we may be a light shining in the darkness  
welcoming others as Christ has welcomed us,  
for he is our light and our salvation.

Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

*Savior of the Nations, Come*

ELW 263

***Wondrous birth – oh, wondrous child – from his throne,  
a virgin mild! Very God, and Mary's son,  
eager now his race to run!***

Text: attr. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. hymnal version  
Music: J. Walter, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524 Text © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## **Greeting**

*During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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**

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears  
to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may  
bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# Word

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*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

## First Reading:

Zephaniah 3:14-20

*The prophet Zephaniah's message is mostly one of judgment for sin. This reading, however, which comes from the conclusion of the book, prophesies joy for Judah and Jerusalem. Judgment has led to repentance, and God's salvation is at hand.*

<sup>14</sup>Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup>The LORD has taken away the judgments against you,  
and has turned away your enemies.

The Sovereign of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.

<sup>16</sup>On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup>The LORD, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
the LORD will rejoice over you with gladness,  
and will renew you in his love;  
the LORD will exult over you with loud singing  
<sup>18</sup>as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup>I will deal with all your oppressors  
at that time.

And I will save the lame  
and gather the outcast,  
and I will change their shame into praise  
and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup>At that time I will bring you home,

at the time when I gather you;  
for I will make you renowned and praised  
among all the peoples of the earth,  
when I restore your fortunes  
before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord.

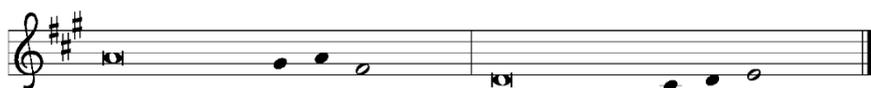
**Thanks be to God**

**Psalmody**

Isaiah 12:2-6



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.



<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,  
for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become | my  
salvation.

<sup>3</sup>**With joy you | will draw water  
from the wells | of salvation. R**

<sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's  
name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim  
that this name | is exalted.

<sup>5</sup>**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;  
let this be known in | all the earth.**

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. **R**

## Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-7

*Despite being in prison, Paul is remarkably upbeat as he writes this letter. Here, he urges his friends in Philippi to trust God with all their worries and concerns, with the hope they will experience God's joy and peace.*

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel as we sing*

*Come, O Lord, and set us free,*

*Give your people peace.*

*Come, O Lord, and set us free,*

*Come, Lord Jesus, come.*

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## Gospel Reading:

Luke 3:7-18

*John the Baptist heralds the mighty one "who is coming." John teaches that preparation for God's reign is not a matter of identity but of bearing fruits of merciful justice, radical generosity, and vocational integrity.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>7</sup>John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup>And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” <sup>11</sup>In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” <sup>12</sup>Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” <sup>13</sup>John said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” <sup>14</sup>Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

<sup>15</sup>As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup>John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup>With a winnowing fork in hand, he will clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into his granary, burning the chaff with unquenchable fire.”

<sup>18</sup>So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **Children’s Sermon**

*We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.*

## **Sermon**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## **Hymn of the Day**

ELW 241

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

## **Apostle’s Creed**

Together with the whole people of God, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle’s 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 People**

As we await the coming of Christ, we pray in hope for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

Confident that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we bring to you these prayers and those unspoken, in the name of Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.*

# Meal

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Announcements

*Announcements are made on behalf of the community*

## 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.*

## Musical Offering

*Advent Hope*

*Bell Choir*

*Derek K. Hakes*

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God. The conclusion of which gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward*

## Offering Prayer

God of abundance,

we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

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 our thanks and praise.**

*Together we sing Mary's Magnificat*

*ELW 723 v1*

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout  
that the God of my heart is great,*

*and my spirit sings of the wondrous things  
that you bring to the ones who wait.  
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,  
and my weakness you did not spurn,  
so from east to west shall my name be blest.  
Could the world be about to turn?*

**Refrain**

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

*The presiding minister continues,*

Mighty God, we rejoice with all who hunger,  
for your Son Jesus, whose coming we proclaim,  
spreads a table of blessing before us  
and feeds us with his very presence.

In the night in which he was betrayed ...  
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
... Do this for the remembrance of me.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon this meal,  
that we might be united with Jesus Christ,  
and with all who magnify his name.  
Sustain us with your presence  
and keep us faithful to the end,  
singing with joy and confidence:

*Together we sing Mary's Magnificat*

*ELW 723 v4*

*Though the nations rage from age to age,  
we remember who holds us fast:  
God's mercy must deliver us*

*from the conqueror's crushing grasp.  
This saving word that our forebears heard  
is the promise which holds us bound,  
till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,  
who is turning the world around.*

**Refrain**

*My heart shall sing of the day you bring.  
Let the fires of your justice burn.  
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,  
and the world is about to turn.*

*The great thanksgiving concludes:*

We pray with the One whose life turns the world as we say together:

**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**

*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.*

God fills the hungry with good things.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
*The bread may be broken for the communion*

## Lamb of God

*We invite you to begin making your way to the communion table as we together we sing*

*If in your heart you make a manger for his birth*

*Then God will once again become a child on earth.* ©2007 Ana Hernandez

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion.*

*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.*

## Communion Hymns

ELW 266 *All Earth is Hopeful*

ELW 243 *Lost in the Night*

## 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

ELW 253

*He Came Down That We Might Have Life*

## Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

# Sending

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## Blessing

May God direct your ways in peace,

make you abound in love for one another and for all,  
 and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our Lord Jesus.  
 Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sending Song**

ELW 244

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

**Dismissal**

Go in peace, Christ is with you!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude**

*Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

setting by Mark Sedio

**Leading us in Worship**

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<b>Presiding Minister</b>	The Rev. Bryan Penman	
<b>Director of Music</b>	Emily Ballentine Erb	
	<i>Today</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joe Jacovino	Sheldon Erb
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Lara Hoffmas	Donna Kobi
<b>Reader</b>	Joe Ruggiero	Karen Hanna
<b>Nursery</b>	The Ruggerios	The Walkers
<b>Acolytes</b>	Nate Ramsden	Don Turkowski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Erin Orekar	Pam Keebler
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Portzer Joanne Copestick	Donna Kobi Dolores Lush
<b>Counters</b>	Sue Jacovino Matt Fiore	Lauren Parkin Pam Keebler
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Pam Keebler	Joanne Copestick
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Christmas Bake Off	Open
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Allison Fike Sue Inderbitzen	The Hoffmans Kim Kriebel
<b>Altar Flowers</b>	Given by the Turkowski family in memory of parents, Roy & Mary Tomlinson, brothers, Theodore & Leroy Tomlinson and parents, Walter & Teresa Turkowski	

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### The Season of Advent

The tune, which we know as "Savior of the Nations, Come," (ELW 263) is our musical theme of Advent this year. Each Sunday, we will explore how we are waiting for the light and peace of Christ to enter our whole world. On Advent 1, this hymn tune will be heard in the music during our offering; on Advent 2, it will be the prelude music; the Bell Choir will play a piece that incorporates the tune on Advent 3; the entire congregation will sing the hymn together on Advent 4.

### Longest Night Worship: Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

The Longest Night worship service is a time for those who aren't feeling "merry and bright" this holiday season. Join us for this service of quiet contemplation as we await the coming of the Light amid the darkest days of the winter.

### Christmas Eve Worship: 4pm & 7pm

St. Mark's Christmas Eve schedule will again be two services at 4pm and 7pm. Our 4pm service will feature a shorter liturgy with some special music, while the 7pm will feature more special music (strings, bells, and adult choir) and conclude with our traditional candlelit singing of Silent Night. This year we will again offer a Pot Luck between the services for those who wish to join Pastor and Emily between the services for some fellowship and food.

### Decorating for Christmas

We have a short turn around this year between end of advent and Christmas Eve! The Altar Guild and Worship and Music team invites those who are available to stay after worship on December 23<sup>rd</sup> to help set the sanctuary for Christmas Eve.

## Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can deep your faith life*

### Faith Formation Today!

Our Family and Young Person's Class meets following Communion in our Worship service. Young folks are invited to commune first and then head upstairs for their Faith Formation Lesson from 10:15 and runs to 11:00am.

## Service Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

### Special Monthly Envelope: Bear Creek Camp

Bear Creek Camp is a ministry of the Southeastern and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

### Capital Appeal: Pipe Organ Repairs

Our second phase of our Capital Appeal process is in full swing as we raise funds to rebuild and repair our Pipe Organ. The cost of this work is \$53,000 and we hope to be able to raise the funds this year so that the work on the instrument may be completed in the summer of 2019. So consider giving a gift to your church by giving an extra gift to the capital appeal process.

## Evangelism & Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

*Ways you can share your faith with others*

### Christmas Bake-Off Next Sunday – December 16<sup>th</sup>

Bring your Christmas cookies and other holiday baked delights to share at the Fellowship Hour after worship and vote on your favorites!

### Join us Friday for Caroling Through Conshy

More details are coming soon, but save the date of Friday December 21<sup>st</sup> for our Caroling through Conshy event! We will start around 6pm here at the church! Join us as we spread some Christmas cheer through the streets of Conshy again this year.

### This Week at St. Mark's

**Mon** Office

Closed

6 am: Meals on Wheels / 7 pm: Boy Scouts

**Tues** 3pm-7pm

6 am: Meals on Wheels / 7pm: cub Scouts

**Wed. 10am-12N**

Longest Night – 7pm

6 am: Meals on Wheels / 8pm: AA Group

**Thurs** 3-7pm

Dinner Church 6-7pm

Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm

Theology on Tap – 7pm

Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45p

6 am: Meals on Wheels

**Friday**

10am – 12N

Caroling Thru Conshy- 6pm

6 am: Meals on Wheels

7 pm: AA / Al-Anon / 8:30 AA Group

**Saturday**

7 pm: AA Group

**Sunday**

9:30 am – Worship Service

10:30am - Faith Formation

7 pm: AA Group



# 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. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. 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 worshippers.

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:

- Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary
- Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs, just drop them in the offering plate

We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.

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## Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have an opening for Altar Flowers on the last Sunday of December. If you are interested in signing up for this date, please call the office 610.828.0581 OR email the Office Admin, Mary, at [office@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:office@stmarksconshy.org) OR sign up on the Altar Flower sign up sheet in the “sign up sheet hallway.” Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this a yearly memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

## New to St. Mark's?

Are you new to St. Mark's? Would you like to find out more about becoming a member? Are you a new member who would like to know more about becoming more involved? Please speak with Pastor Bryan we are so glad you are here and want to help support your walk of faith!

## Homework Help @ Conshy Library

Our congregation will again help to staff the Homework Help Club at the Conshy Public Library. The program is offered on Thursdays from 3:45pm – 4:30pm. If you are interested in helping to tutor, please see Jenn Schreiter

(jeschreiter@yahoo.com).

## **Special Monthly Envelope: Bear Creek Camp**

Bear Creek Camp is a ministry of the Southeastern and Northeastern Pennsylvania Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Located on nearly 3,000 acres in the beauty of the Pocono Mountains, Bear Creek Camp offers year-round opportunities, including summer residential youth camp, nature day camp, environmental education programs, weekend camp retreats and outside group rentals..

## **Helping Families in need this Christmas – Include Thank you**

St. Mark's will again adopt a few families in need this holiday season and help collect items for under their tree. Thank you to those who eagerly took items from the back of the sanctuary, we are helping 10 families in need this year! Please make sure to bring items back, wrapped and labeled to the church no later than Sunday December 16<sup>th</sup> so that they may be delivered to the families. Please take a moment to thank Karen Hanna for putting this effort together again for us this year!

## **Support Those Who Have Lost Everything**

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need.

The news cycle has moved on, yet people affected by this year's hurricanes and wildfires are at the beginning of a long journey to put their lives back together. Lutheran Disaster Response remains active working with people feeling the impacts of these and other disasters. Help Lutheran Disaster Response keep helping with a year-end gift.

Go to <https://community.elca.org/lutherandisasterresponse>

## **Sign up for Electronic Giving**

Our congregation uses the Give+ app (available on Apple or Google Play) for our electronic giving. Signing up is easy, simply download the app, search for St. Mark's, select how often, the amount, and how to pay (credit or ACH are both available). It's also a great help if you select the "offset" the fees for these transactions to help out the church's cost for using this program. You may also

set up St. Mark's as part of your web bill pay system with your banking institution and have your check mailed to the church. Regular recurring giving is a great way to help make sure our congregation stays moving in the right direction and with your help we can continue to grow our ministries that help transform the lives of others.