

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 27, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

"Nettleton"

setting by Joel Raney

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates us and forms us,
who redeems us and calls us,
who unites us and sends us.
Amen.

Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty and loving God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**
We seek our own way.
We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths,
the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything that we do
be filled with faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

Hear the voice of Jesus:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me
to proclaim release to the captives.”

In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ,

I proclaim to you

that your sins are forgiven and you are released.

The joy of the Lord is your strength,

and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

ELW 843

Nettleton

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.

Kyrie

“Lord have mercy”

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Gloria

“Glory to God”

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Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written
for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them,
read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your
promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal
life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride; and the people are called to the celebration.

The First Reading is from the 8th chapter of Nehemiah:

[When the seventh month came—the people of Israel being settled in their towns—] ¹all the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³Ezra read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, “Amen, Amen,” lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸So the Levites read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, “This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.” For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then Ezra said to them, “Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send

portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.”

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 19

The teach- ing of the LORD re - vives the soul.

- ¹The heavens declare the glo- | ry of God,
and the sky proclaims its | maker’s handiwork.
- ²**One day tells its tale | to another,
and one night imparts knowledge | to another.**
- ³Although they have no | words or language,
and their voices | are not heard,
- ⁴**their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the
ends | of the world,
where God has pitched a tent | for the sun.**
- ⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out | of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to | run its course.
- ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs
about to the end of | it again;
nothing is hidden from its | burning heat. R**
- ⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to | the simple.
- ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the
eyes.**
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

**¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward.**

¹²Who can detect one's | own offenses?

Cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight,

O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

The Second Reading is from the First Letter to the Corinthians, the 12th chapter.

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one part but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the parts of the body, each one of them, just as God chose. ¹⁹If all were a single part, where would the body be? ²⁰As

it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” ²²On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable parts are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable parts do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior part, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the parts may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one part suffers, all suffer together with it; if one part is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually parts of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel:

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

The Lord has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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 of heading off to the nursery.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Hail to the Lord’s Anointed

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Freut Euch, Ihr Lieben

The Apostles Creed

Together with the whole church 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, 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

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

A brief silence is kept.

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded:

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your
life through the faithfulness of Jesus 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

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.

Offertory

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

Siyahamba

arr. Anna Laura Page

Bell Choir

Offering Prayer

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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

Sanctus

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“Holy Holy Holy”

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 Great Thanksgiving concludes:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

The bread may be broken for the communion

Agnus Dei

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“Lamb of God”

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 483 - *Here is Bread*

Here is Bread

ELW 726 – *Light Dawns on a Weary World* Temple of Peace

Nunc Dimittis

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“Now, Lord Let Your Servant”

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.**

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God,
that you have fed us at your banqueting table
with bread and wine beyond compare,
the very life of Christ for us.
Send your Spirit with us now,
that we may set the captive free,
use your gifts to build one another up,
and in everything reflect your glory
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

The God of glory dwell in you richly,
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Sending Song

O Zion, Haste

ELW 668
Angelic Songs

Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is your light.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Dix

setting by Wayne Wold

Leading us in Worship

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Assisting Minister	Kim Kriebel	Sheldon Erb
Communion Asst.	LJ Kriebel	Karen Hanna
Reader	Don Dunn	Scouts
Nursery	The Holsts	The MacNeals
Acolytes	Gavin Kriebel	Chase Conklin
Altar Guild	The Dryburghs	Stephanie Conklin Sandy Portzer
Ushers	George Pokalo Kathy Pokalo	Scouts Scouts
Counters	Susan Dryburgh Erin Orekar	Rhea Moore Pam Keebler
Offering Recorder	Jen Schreiter	Joanne Copestick
Fellowship Hour	Kathys Bell & Turner	The Holsts
Faith Formation	Holly Holst Becca Casey	Stephanie Conklin Joe Ruggiero
Altar Flowers	Given by Nancy Saldutti in memory of loved ones	Terry & Harry Spence

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Scout Sunday – Next Sunday February 3rd

On Sunday February 3rd Scouts from our Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack will be with us in worship as they celebrate one of the points of the Scout Law – “a scout is reverent” by observing Scout Sunday with us.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Classes after worship

We offer two faith formation opportunities after worship today, a class for young disciples and their families and an adult forum (for disciples young at heart!) Both classes meet following worship, our young persons' class begins following communion and the adult forum starts shortly after the fellowship hour

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

2018 Year-End Giving Statements Available Now

Please pick up your 2018 Year-end Giving Statement and 2019 Offering Boxes in the back of the sanctuary today.

Souper Bowl of Caring for Super Bowl Sunday

Even if our Eagles are not in the Super Bowl this year, we are in the game to end hunger in our local community. So help us win the game against hunger for CNC and Lutheran World Relief by donating and bringing in canned goods between now and Super Bowl Sunday (Feb. 3rd).

Knitters & Crocheters

We're still collecting 12" knitted or crocheted squares to be assembled into blankets that we'll take to the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown. This week we will be delivering the 3 blankets and dozen hats & scarves we've been making since October. If you have any questions, please speak to Kathy Pokalo or Karen Hanna.

Items Needed at Our Local Food Bank

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council have a special need for Chef Boyardee products and canned fruit. Collection baskets in the back of the sanctuary. Items will be delivered to CNC weekly.

Evangelism Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Easter Egg Industry Continues

Our annual Easter Egg Candy making fundraiser production continues! Volunteers 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 and we need lots of help to make the 101st year another successful season in the longstanding Conshohocken tradition.

Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm: Volunteers are needed to help roll / cut fondant centers. We are in special need of folks who can volunteer from 5pm – 7pm in the kitchen to assist with making the candy batches.

Wednesday Evenings 6pm – 8pm: Volunteers are needed to help coat the candies in dark chocolate, each candy is hand coated so we need lots of hands to help coat the candies!

Friday Mornings 9am – 11am: Packers are needed to help pack and weight the candies in boxes.

To place orders: you may order in person during production, fill out an order form (available in the back of the sanctuary) and turn it into the church office, or you may contact our order coordinator Donna Kobi 610.825.3021, or you may place an order using our website.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>Dinner Church 6-7pm</i> <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm</i> <i>Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45pm</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>9-11am Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

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.

