

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*  
*February 3, 2019*

## Gathering

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

### Prelude

*"Repton"*

setting by Robert J. Powell

### 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**

*Christ, Be Our Light*

ELW 715

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

## **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”

*ELW p. 120*

## **Gloria**

“Glory to God”

*ELW p. 121*

## **Prayer of the Day**

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope,  
and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what  
you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Word

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

## First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word in the midst of the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

The First Reading is from the first chapter of Jeremiah..

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’;  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the Lord.”

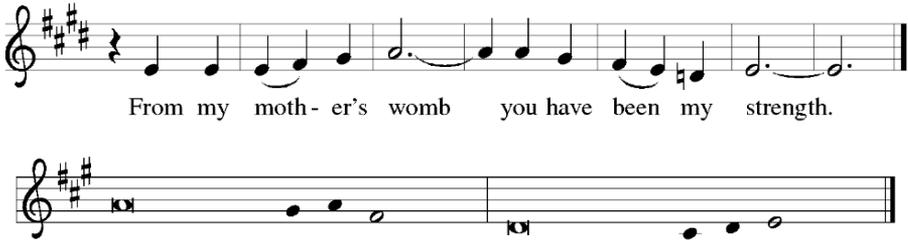
<sup>9</sup>Then the Lord put out a hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over realms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**



- <sup>1</sup>In you, O Lord, have I | taken refuge;  
let me never be | put to shame.
- <sup>2</sup>**In your righteousness, deliver me and | set me free;  
incline your ear to | me and save me.**
- <sup>3</sup>Be my strong rock, a castle to | keep me safe;  
you are my crag | and my stronghold.
- <sup>4</sup>**Deliver me, my God, from the hand | of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and | the oppressor. R**
- <sup>5</sup>For you are my hope, | O Lord God,  
my confidence since | I was young.
- <sup>6</sup>**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my  
mother's womb you have | been my strength;  
my praise shall be al- | ways of you. R**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

The Second Reading is from the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians:

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have

love, I am nothing.<sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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

## **Gospel Acclamation**

*ELW p. 124*

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## **Gospel**

Luke 4:21-30

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” <sup>24</sup>And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. <sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove Jesus out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went on his way

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**

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*

*ELW 737*

REPTON

## **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:*

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through  
Jesus Christ our 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.*

### **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.*

*Although I Speak with Angel's Tongues*

O WALY WALY

Hanna Knauss, soloist

### **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**

*ELW pg 129*

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

*thanks*

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.

**Sanctus**

*ELW p. 130*

“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

ELW p. 135

“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 661 - *I Love to Tell the Story*

HANKEY

ELW 359 – *Where Charity and Love Prevail*

TWENTY-FOURTH

### 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.**

## Nunc Dimittis

ELW p. 135

“Now, Lord Let Your Servant”

## 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

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*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

*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

HYMN TO JOY

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

*Munich*

setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

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# 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><b>This Week</b></i>	<i><b>Next Week</b></i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sheldon Erb	Garrett Kriebel
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Karen Hanna	Donna Kobi
<b>Readers</b>	Nick Minnick Steve Hurst	Donna Kobi
<b>Nursery</b>	The MacNeals	The Ramsdens
<b>Acolytes</b>	Chase Conklin	Stella Ruggiero
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Stephanie Conklin Sandy Portzer	Erin Orekar
<b>Ushers</b>	Scouts Scouts	Joe Dryburgh Erin Orekar
<b>Counters</b>	Rhea Moore Pam Keebler	Susan Dryburgh Susan Jacovino
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Joanne Copestick	Nate Ramsden
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	Scouts	The Logans
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Stephanie Conklin Joe Ruggiero	Sue Inderbitzen The Hoffmans

## Altar Flowers

Given by Terry and Harry  
Spence in loving memory of  
their parents, Earl and Helen  
Butler and Harry and Alma  
Spence

Kathy Bell

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### 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.

### Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers in March. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this as an annual memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

## 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:

## **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**

Thank you for your donations to the Souper Bowl of Caring! Even if our Eagles are not in the Super Bowl this year, we are in the game to end hunger in our local community. Your canned goods donations for CNC and Lutheran World Relief are helping us win the game against food insecurity in our community.

## **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. 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 are 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 101<sup>st</sup> 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 ([www.stmarksconshy.org](http://www.stmarksconshy.org))

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>7pm – Worship and Music Mtg</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <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>
<b>Friday</b> <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>
<b>Saturday</b>		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

## Welcome to Our Scout Troops

This morning we welcome to our worship and fellowship hour members, leaders, families and friends of the Scout troops which St. Mark's sponsors: Scout Troop 140 & their Scoutmaster, Nick Minnick and Cub Scout Pack 140 & their Cubmaster, Gerry Moore.

St. Mark's has been affiliated with a Scout troop for most of its history. The original troop – Troop 3 was chartered in March of 1928. Since that time, the scouts have been an active presence in the community working towards many service projects that make a difference in our world, create a greater appreciation for the great outdoors, and instill leadership qualities in hundreds of young people.

## **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 worshipers, "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 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: 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.