

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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## *The Baptism of Our Lord* January 10, 2021

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- *During worship we will celebrate communion, so if you wish to participate with us, we invite you to grab some bread, and some wine or grape juice so that when we get to the MEAL, we can celebrate together.*
- *You are invited to speak the assembly responses and sing, but we ask that you stay on mute so that all may participate together.*

## **Welcome to St. Mark's!** **We're 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.

***We gather in community.*** Despite the mandate to "physical distance" we gather in community across virtual means. We welcome those who may be joining us from afar! If you would like to be added to our mailing list, leave your address in the Chat on Zoom. We are so glad that you have joined us today!

# Gathering

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

## Prelude

*Children of the Heavenly Father  
Baptized and Set Free*

arr. Anne Krentz Organ

## Introduction to Virtual Worship

*The Presiding Minister introduces us to our virtual worship space*

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,**

**you know them;**

receive them in your divine mercy.  
**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!  
 Through the power and promise of † Christ Jesus,  
 our sins are washed away  
 and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
 Indeed, we are forgiven.  
 In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
 we are called to be the beloved community  
 living out Christ's justice  
 and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

ELW 306

**Come, Beloved of the Maker**



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -  
 2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those  
 3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low  
 4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -  
 5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's  
 bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in  
 to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of  
 splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and  
 glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.  
 wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."  
 an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.  
 height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.  
 splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

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## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

Holy God, creator of light and giver of goodness, your voice moves over the waters. Immerse us in your grace, and transform us by your Spirit, that we may follow after your Son, 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

Genesis 1:1-5

*Out of chaos, God brings order. Out of the formless void, God brings light. This familiar story was good news for the Israelites, who experienced much chaos in their history. It remains good news for us. God created and continues to create new life.*

The First Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Genesis:

<sup>1</sup>In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness God called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

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

## Psalms

Psalm 29

*The voice of the LORD is upon the waters. (Ps. 29:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

<sup>2</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;  
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory  
thunders; the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

<sup>4</sup>**The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;  
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

<sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;  
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

<sup>6</sup>**the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,  
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup>The voice | of the LORD  
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

<sup>8</sup>**The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;  
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips  
the | forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying,  
“Glory!”

<sup>10</sup>**The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

<sup>11</sup>O LORD, give strength | to your people;  
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

## Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

*In Ephesus, Paul encounters people who had received John’s baptism of repentance but had never heard of the Holy Spirit or of baptism in the name of Jesus. After Paul baptizes them, the Holy Spirit comes upon them and empowers them with gifts of the Spirit.*

The Second Reading is from the 19th chapter of Acts:

<sup>1</sup>While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. <sup>2</sup>He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became

believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” <sup>3</sup>Then Paul said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” <sup>4</sup>Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” <sup>5</sup>On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—  
<sup>7</sup>altogether there were about twelve of them.

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

### **Gospel Lesson:**

Mark 1: 4-11

*Mark’s gospel reports the story of Jesus’ baptism with some irony: the one on whom the Spirit descends is himself the one who will baptize others with the Holy Spirit.*

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the First chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>4</sup>John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup>And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup>Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He proclaimed, “After me the one who is more powerful than I is coming; the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. <sup>8</sup>I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven,

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
Praise to you, O Christ

## Children’s Sermon

*A special message for our young disciples, we invite them to come to the screen so that they can see each other.*

## Sermon

*The Rev. Bryan Penman*

## Hymn of the Day

ELW 305

### When Jesus Came to Jordan



1 When Je - sus came to Jor - dan to be bap-tized by John,  
2 He came to share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, aid us to keep the vows we make;



he did not come for par - don but as the Sin - less One.  
for us and our sal - va - tion to die up - on the cross.  
this ver - y day in - vade us, and ev - 'ry bond-age break.



He came to share re - pen - tance with all who mourn their sins,  
So when the dove de - scend - ed on him, the Son of Man,  
Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the gift we cov - et most:



to speak the vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
the hid - den years had end - ed, the age of grace be - gan.  
to share the res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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## 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

Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

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

Hear Us, O God

**Your mercy is great**

*The prayers are concluded:*

God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.

## 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.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with those who have gathered together or with others on the screen.*

## 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. During this time of “physical distancing” contributing via electronic funds is a way to continue to support the ministry of St. Mark’s. At this time, contributions towards “Current Ministry funds” are most needed. To contribute electronically, download our “Give+” giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play take a picture of the QR code with your phone to be directed to the download page.*



## Offertory

*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*

setting by J. S. Bach

## Offering Prayer

Gracious God, you came to us as one unknown,  
bringing joy and salvation to the earth.  
Nourish us at your banquet table,  
that with all who welcome your birth  
we may proclaim your peace,  
revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
Amen.

## 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:

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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.

*Instructions for the Lord's Prayer*

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.*

The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine.  
Come meet Christ in this meal.

## **Distribution of Communion**

*Today we will receive along with the presiding minister or invite those who have gathered together to commune one another by distributing the elements or offering a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

## Communion Blessing

*The assembly receives the blessing*

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

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us from your very self  
with the body and blood of Christ.

Through this mystery, send us forth  
to proclaim your promise to a world in need,  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Sending

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*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world*

## Blessing

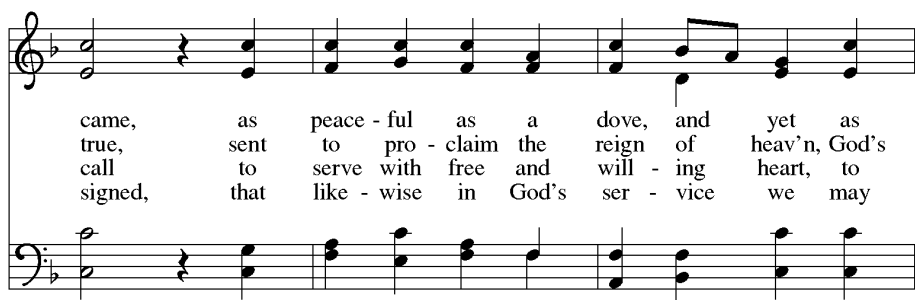
Almighty God,  
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,  
proclaimed joy through the angels,  
sent the shepherds with good news,  
and led the magi by a star,  
bless you this day † through the Word made flesh.

**Amen.**

# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight-way and stead-fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

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## Dismissal

*The assisting minister sends us forth*

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen*

setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

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## Leading us in Worship

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**Presiding Minister**

The Rev. Bryan Penman

**Dir. of Music Ministry**

Emily Ballentine Erb

**Digital Sacristan**

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**Altar Guild**

Sheldon Erb

**Assisting Minister**

Mike Todd

**Reader**

Katie Colaneri

## Annual Meeting Announcement

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup> *during* worship. At the annual meeting we will be updating the congregation on ministry efforts for 2021 as well as celebrating all the ministry we were able to do in 2020 during this most extraordinary year. We will also be voting on a ministry spending plan (budget) for 2021 as well as electing Council members to serve as leadership for our congregation. In order to facilitate voting for the meeting, we will be asking as many folks as possible to join us on Zoom rather than Facebook live.

## Worship Ministry:

*Ways we gather in praise of God.*

### Welcome!

To Seminarian Mike Todd, serving as the Assisting Minister this morning. He has been assigned to St. Mark's for 'fieldwork' (whatever that will look like under pandemic conditions!) Mike is a native of Worcester, PA; a graduate of Ursinus College and is a first year student at United Lutheran Seminary. Mike is married to Tiffani and father to teenagers Lochlainn, Liam and Eleri.

### Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request send it to the church office (office@stmarkskonshy.org). They will be shared with Pr. Bryan. If we receive it by Friday morning, it will be included in that Sunday's Prayers of the People.

## Faith Formation Ministry:

*Ways you can deepen your faith life*

### Star Words – Seeking the Light of Christ in our lives

During the season of Epiphany, we will be exploring the spiritual practice of receiving "Star Words." Each day pick a new word and consider the following:

- Look up the definition of your word, even if it is a word you know well. You may even look into the etymology of the word and how its meaning has changed throughout history. If you drew a non-English word, do as much research as you can into the meaning of the word in its original culture.
- What does this word remind you of? Does it recall any memories or experiences? How might God be speaking to you through this word?
- See if you can find your word—or a synonym—in the Bible. What scripture passages can you find? How is the word used in these passages? Are there other scripture passages that remind you of your word?
- Write or speak aloud a prayer using your word. (This is a fun challenge for children using the star words.)

## **Fellowship & Evangelism Ministry:**

*Ways you can help spread the "Good News" with others*

### **Easter Egg Industry**

It's that time of year when we would normally be kicking off our Easter Egg Industry candy making fundraiser. Due to the pandemic we believe it is not safe at this time to begin the candy making process. We will be monitoring conditions over the spring with the hope that at some point we may be able to get out a limited run of candies for the year. We are also exploring other options to potentially have the candies made in a safe manner, but we are still exploring those options.

## **Service Ministry:**

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

### **Monthly Special Collection Envelope: SEPA Synod Anti-Racism Team**

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod's Anti-Racism Team and their mission to educate and inspire our Synod and its congregations to face difficult and destructive spiritual and social aspects of our lives that have been shaped by America's history.

### **Blessing Bags**

As folks return to venturing out in public more, Rebecca Casey reminded me this week that folks might need some blessing bags during this time. I put a box of them in the Parcel Room at the church. Feel free to take as many as you would like and I'll refill them as I see it needs refilling, we have more inside the church.

### **2021 Offering Envelopes and year end statements**

For those who are continuing to utilize a box of offering envelopes, your new 2021 are being assigned. When they are ready we will be in touch with you about coordinating their delivery. For those who have converted to electronic giving or your bank's bill pay, we did not assign a box of envelopes this year. However, if you would like a box of offering envelopes, please call the church and we would be happy to assign one for you.

We are also in the process of printing and compiling year end statements for everyone. Please note that for those who gave an offering by mail in December, the mail was significantly delayed, so some of the giving in

December will not show in 2020 but has been added to 2021.

## **Food Collection Items Needed**

Mac and Cheese --- Sandy has mentioned that Mac and Cheese is needed this week, so as you sparsely do your shopping if you could remember to grab a bottle or jar of jelly that would be greatly appreciated! Given the unknown nature of this time of “physical distancing” the schools are closed and lots of families in our area that depend on school meals have extra needs – kid friendly snacks are greatly appreciated. Also, in urgent need of Chef Boyardee, fruit and, as always, toilet paper.

To make a donation – you can leave items in our Delivery Room located on Harry Street at the 508 sign. That door is always unlocked and you may leave your items in there and Pastor will work to get those items down to CNC during the week.

## **MLK, Jr. Day of Service Activities**

Saint John’s Lutheran of Blue Bell put together these service project ideas for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There are some awesome activities that you can do by yourself or with your kids.

Feel free to drop them off at St. John’s church yourself or you can put them in the parcel room at Saint Marks and we will get them over there. Thank you so much!

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