



Saturday Jan. 21, 2023 (5:00pm)

Sunday Jan. 22, 2023 (9:00am)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Our Vision for St. Mark's:

Our church is a vibrant family of Christians committed to growing the love of Christ by welcoming and inspiring ALL people, through worship, fellowship, service and outreach.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please welcome guest Pastor Christopher Raiford

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People : But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People : Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN : “Beautiful Savior” (Red #838)

Please open the RED hymnal to sing verses 1, 3, and 4

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "We Have Come To Join In Worship"

**We have come to join in worship
And adore the Lord our God
Let us come in prayer expecting
God to speak His mighty Word
All is vain unless the Spirit
Of the Holy One comes down
Christians pray and holy manna
Will be showered all around**

**Let us love our God supremely
Let us love each other too
Let us care for all His people
Till our God makes all things new
Christ will call us home to heaven
At His banquet we'll sit down
Christ Himself will rise and serve us
Living manna all around**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC "Let There Be Love" choir medley (Sun.)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. ²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. ³You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. ⁴For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1-9 [10-14]

¹The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers came upon me to eat | up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.**

³Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not | be afraid;

⁴**And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.**

⁵One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

⁶**To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.**

⁷For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe | in his shelter;*
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

⁸**Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.**

⁹Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

¹⁰**Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.**

¹¹You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

¹²**Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

¹³You have been my helper; cast me | not away; do not forsake me, O God of my
salvation.

¹⁴**Though my father and my mother forsake me, the LORD will sustain me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. ¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Lord Be Glorified”

**In my life Lord, be glorified
Be glorified
In my life Lord, be glorified today**

**In our home Lord, be glorified
Be glorified
In our home Lord, be glorified today**

**In our church Lord, be glorified
Be glorified
In our church Lord, be glorified today**

GOSPEL : Matthew 4:12-23

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

People : Glory to You O God.

¹² Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.” ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. ²³ And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.

Pastor : The Gospel of the Lord.

People : Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”* (Red #596)

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Clothed in His righteousness alone
Redeemed to stand before the throne
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERTORY HYMN : *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first fruits give**

**And we believe Thy Word
Though dim our faith may be
Whate'er we do for yours O Lord
We do it unto Thee**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor : The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you**

Pastor : Lift up your hearts

People : **We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People : **It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

People : **Amen**

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation

COMMUNION HYMN: *"This Is The Feast"*

**This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia
Sing with all the people of God
And join in the hymn of all creation
Blessing and honor and glory and might
Be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen
This is the feast of victory for our God
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People : Amen

BENEDICTION

Pastor : The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People : Amen

CLOSING HYMN: *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* (Blue #284)

**We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored**

**CHORUS:
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**We will work with each other
We will work side by side
We will work with each other
We will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity
And save each one's pride (CHORUS)**

Pastor : Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God.

*******Announcements, Cares, Concerns*******

In Our Prayers This Week

Please continue to keep Cheryl Olson, Darlene Carlson, Sue & Dennis Van Den Einde, Pat Dobbs, Bob Lord, Sarah Ley, Leo Koebler, Don Parlow, Brenda Moura, Reggie Threat, Kris Curtis, Kathy Lehman, Ron & Elaine Kreklow, Beverly Kraus, in your prayers for healing and comfort.

Please welcome Pastor Christopher Raiford and his wife Wendi. Wisconsin was pastor Raiford's territory during his first career. He was involved in leadership positions at churches in the Fox Valley and went on to Lutheran seminaries in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa. He has pastored in Minnesota, North Dakota, Pennsylvania and currently in Texas.

Hi wife Wendi is from Kiel Wisconsin and her father and sister live there. Their children live in Fort Atkinson, Waukesha and out east. She has owned an interior design/drapery business and actively supports her husband and other ministries in the church.

Welcome Visitors

Please sign the red attendance pads in the pew with your contact information! Thank you.

Community Chili Dump

You're invited to eat chili on Monday January 30th in St. Marks fellowship Hall from 5:00pm –6:00pm. Please sign up for donations in the church Narthex. Donations need are chili, Hot dogs, buns and volunteers for set up and clean up. Free will offerings are appreciated for the meal.

Fireside

We have reserved 20 seats at the Fireside for Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30 for their Christian concert and fish/chicken buffet beforehand. The Triumphant Quartet, a top awarded "Fan Favorite Quartet" will have the audience "laughing, encouraged, and uplifted". A \$45.00 check to Carroll Stevens is needed soon to insure your attendance. (Please sign up in the narthex or with Carroll, 674-5263.)

Apple Pie Filling

We still have some delicious frozen apple pie filling left. If you're wondering just how that works when making pie, here's a recipe. Thaw the pie filling. The only thing you need to provide is the crust. You can either makes your own or buy a refrigerated pie crust. Place 2nd crust on top. Seal the edges, cut a few slits in the top to vent. Bake about an hour at 375, till the crust is browned and pie filling is bubbling.

The peeling, coring and slicing of apples is done for you, as well as the spices etc. added. ***"Easy as Pie."***

If you helped with the peeling, coring & slicing of the apples, the cost is \$7.00. If you couldn't help that day, the cost is \$8.00. A great bargain for a wonderful apple pie.

Mary Magdalene Circle

Mary Magdalene Circle is planning events and projects to celebrate the 100 anniversary celebration for St. Mark's this Fall. /We decided to devote our time, talents, and funds to support this project. This means that we will put a hold on the college student/military CARE project this year. We are very grateful to our congregation members that have helped us or contributed to this project.

Staff/Administrative Team

Office Administrator	Erin Henry	920-674-2370
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Music Director/Organist	Carroll Stevens	920-674-5263
Custodian	Cindy Howard	920-650-6045

This Week’s Worship Helpers

	5:00pm	9:00 am
Readers	Jan Simmons	Vicki Schicker
Usher	Marv Kuntz	Wayne Sheil
Communion Helper	Dale Gaugert Mary Rueth	

Amount Needed Amount Received

Wish List

Boiler	\$45,000	
Bubblers	\$2,400	
New Pastor Moving expenses	\$8,000	\$3,000.00

Last Weeks Offering

Benevolence	
Saturday	
Sunday	
Memorials	
Total	

Upcoming events

Mon. Jan. 23	Manna Monday - 5:30pm
Tues. Jan. 24	Quilters -9am Men’s Bible Study 8am
Wed. Jan. 25	Choir Practice -7pm
Thurs. Jan. 26	Adult Bible Study– 9am
Fri. Jan. 27	
Sat. Jan. 28	Worship Service-5pm
Sun. Jan. 29	Worship Service– 9 am Sunday School– 10:15am

Worship Service Attendance

Saturday Jan.7	
Sunday Jan. 8	

