



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS

We are grateful and blessed to have you worship with us, as God's family, here at St. Mark's. When God's people come together we are the beating heart of His Church. We come together to receive His gifts of mercy and grace that sustain our faith and renew our Spirit. When we leave we have the privilege of sharing these gifts with others in our own lives. We hope you can see what a blessing it is to be a part of the heartbeat of God's people. Enjoy your time, meet some new people, and draw closer to Jesus Christ. ~ Pastor Eric Hauan

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

Adult & High School Bible Study meets from 9:15 - 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall

Pastor Eric will be doing a video series for bible study called "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?"

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG: "Forever Reign"

INVOCATION

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

ADVENT RESPONSES

P Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.

C **Our God shall come; He does not keep silence.**

P Prepare the way of the Lord.

C **Make His paths straight.**

P Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

C **Let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "Holy Holy Holy"

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 23:5-8

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: The Lord is our righteousness."

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when they shall no longer say, 'As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 21st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, “The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them at once” This took place to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet, saying, “Say to the daughter of Zion, ‘Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.’”

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them. They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: “*We Believe*”

MESSAGE

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P My brothers and sisters, God knows all of our sins; let us therefore ask him for grace with sincere repentance.

C Father of mercies and God of all consolation, you do not wish the sinner to die but to repent and live. Come to the aid of your people, that we may turn from our sins and live for you alone. May we be attentive to your word, confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and always be grateful for your loving kindness. Help us to live the truth in love and grow in the fullness of Christ, your Son.

P How often do we truly reflect on the fact that God has saved us? He sent his only begotten Son to save us from our sins and to free us from death. He offers his ever present Spirit to guide us. We have been saved! Therefore as a called and ordained servant of Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all of your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. If you share this belief, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. After placing it in your mouth, you may either drink from the common cup or take an individual cup. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION SONG: "Lord I Need You"

BLESSING ~ BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Who You Say I Am"

DISMISSAL

P Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.
Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

READERS

Rev. Eric

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POWERPOINT

Jason Grulkowski

Michael Deedon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Gary Krause, Sharon Rezin

Rita Woller, Rachel Olson

USHERS

Ken Berndt, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon
Brad Peck, Roger Block, Chris Dahlke, Tyler Woller, Jim Wilkerson

Verses to meditate on for our upcoming Advent theme on **WAITING - Wednesday, 12/2/2020**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.

Let not my enemies exult over me.

Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord;

teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;

for you I wait all the day long.

May integrity and uprightness preserve me,

for I wait for you.

Redeem Israel, O God,

out of all his troubles.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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November 29 - December 6, 2020

Sunday, Nov. 29	CONTEMPORARY - First Sunday of Advent 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship
Monday, Nov. 30	8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tuesday, Dec. 1	6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 3:00 Christmas Decorating
Wednesday, Dec. 2	6:00 Worship - No H/C 6:45 Midweek
Thursday, Dec. 3	Autism Society
Friday, Dec. 4	Pastor's Family Day
Saturday, Dec. 5	Funeral
Sunday, Dec. 6	CONTEMPORARY 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge



Who do I contact to ...

Become a member - Pastor or Jean
 Baptize my child - Pastor or Jean
 Make a prayer request - Jean or Sharon
 Get married - Pastor or Jean
 Volunteer - Sharon
 Give to church - Sharon
 Ask a question about finances - Sharon
 Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean

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Christmas Eve and Day Service Sign Up

We would like to get an idea of how many people we can expect at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services. We are asking you to sign up so we can get a rough estimate of how many people to expect at each service. Please write your family name and put an "X" under the service(s) you are attending this year. Also indicate the number of people that we can expect. The sign up sheet is located by the doors on the podium that usually holds our Guest Register.

Please note that this is for estimating purposes only! If plans change, feel free to cross your name off the list or give the office a call.



Offering vs. Budget

As of 11/22/2020

Budget per Week:

\$8,545.35

Actual this Week:

\$3,706.25

Quilting Day
December 1st from
9:00—11:30

Please keep the following people in our prayers: Helen Prochnow, Lyle & Sandy Royce for medical healing. Rex Mortensen for medical concerns. Sully McGuire, friend of Pastor Eric, who are battling cancer. For Bethany and the Haiti Mission. For Becky Haltaufderheid, LWML Dist. President, who is battling pancreatic cancer. For Todd & Sandy Hass and Gary Langbecker for health concerns. Pastor Ken Albers and Traci Borchardt for ongoing health concerns. Marliss Fritz who is battling cancer. Elaine Klockziem, who has had a stroke. For the family of Kim Rhyner whose mother recently passed away. Cal Hauan, for clear results for upcoming medical tests.