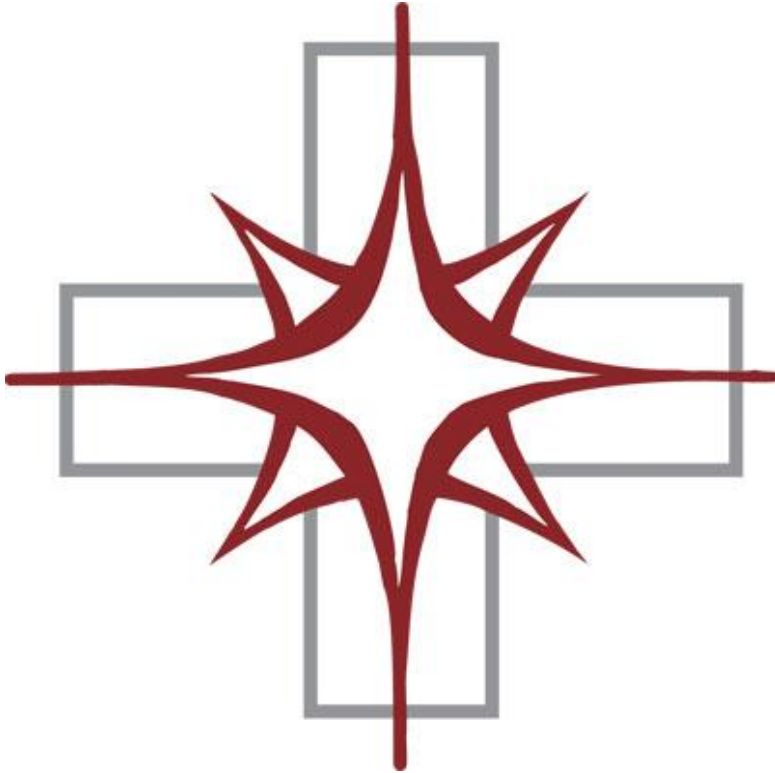


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for January 19, 2025



**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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2nd Sunday after the Epiphany of our Lord

January 19, 2025

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

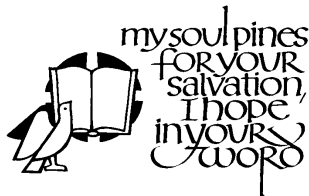
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Dark Blue (2021) /
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



Explore our website. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, and More.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: When you look out over the Ocean, what thoughts come to mind? When you drive to Auburn on 80 and look beyond the side of the road, what do you notice? Do you think or notice how vast the Ocean is or how the peaks and valleys seem to just keep going? We are small compared to the Ocean and the landscape, yet God is bigger than all of that and more. He who created such, He who has called you to be His own, He is the One who watches over you so continue to look to Him even when aspects of life seems impossible to you.

PRELUDE

O Love, How Deep

by John Eggert

Ruth Mackie

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Congregation: **Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: We worship this day in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

HYMN

His Robes for Mine

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 4

Christian Worship Blue # 568



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!
2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?
3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.
4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.
God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.
Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.
Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.
Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,
Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"
He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.
saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.
Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.
I, as though he, em-braced and wel - comed home!



Refrain
I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name...

C: who forgives all *our* sins and heals all *our* diseases

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

All: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Therefore hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name...

C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Christian Worship Blue # 566

Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.

Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us

Christian Worship Blue # 566

Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.

Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.

Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 62:1-5

The Lord rejoices over those who call Him their God.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ²The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow. ³You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Now Thank We All Our God

Christian Worship Blue # 597

**Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in his grace and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 3:14-21

A fitting prayer for all of us, to not under estimate the capabilities of God.

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

His Mercy Is More

Christian Worship Blue # 579



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
 He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
 We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.
 our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 2:1-11

Jesus provides a glimpse of who He is and what He is able to do.

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there,² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding.³ When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."⁴ "Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.⁸ Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet." They did so,⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside¹⁰ and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹ What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

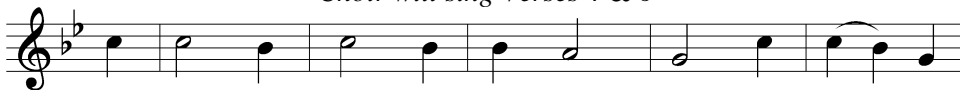
HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

O Love, How Deep

Christian Worship Blue # 545

Choir will sing Verses 4 & 6



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all
2 He sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
4 For us he prayed, for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of
fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tion
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!
hu - man frame, and to this world him - self he came.
sharp he knew, for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self but us.

**For us, by wicked men betrayed, for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,
he bore the shameful cross and death; for us he gave his dying breath.**

*For us he rose from death again, for us he went on high to reign;
for us he sent his Spirit here to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.*

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so high, so broad,
the Trinity whom we adore forever and forevermore.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Ephesians 3:14-21

“You Are Poised To Grow ”

A CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH – THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, mail your thank offering to the church, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the Bulletin.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions. Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

C: **Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

M: Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

C: **Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

C: **Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our**

lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

And we also pray ...

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*The Ushers will direct Communicants by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. **If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the west (Pulpit) side, right to left.** When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.*

As a reminder: Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Musical Introduction

Christian Worship Blue # 659

**Jesus Christ, our blessed Savior, turned away God's wrath forever;
by his bitter grief and woe he saved us from the evil foe.**

**As his pledge of love undying, he, this precious food supplying,
gives his body with the bread and with the wine the blood he shed.**

**Jesus here himself is sharing; take heed how you are preparing,
for if you do not believe, judgment instead you shall receive.**

**Useless would be Jesus' passion if salvation you could fashion.
Do not come if you suppose you need not him who died and rose.**

**Christ says, "Come, all you that labor, and receive my grace and favor;
those who feel no pain or ill need no physician's help or skill."**

**Then hold fast with faith unshaken that this food is to be taken
by the souls who are distressed, by hearts that long for peace and rest.**

**Praise the Father, who from heaven unto us such food has given
and, to mend what we have done, gave into death his only Son.**

**If your heart this truth professes and your mouth your sin confesses,
surely you will be his guest and at his banquet ever blest.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may hold firmly to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Amazing Grace

Christian Worship Blue # 576

**Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SONG by the Choir

Musical Introduction

May the Lord Bless You

Judy Hunnicutt, © The Sacred Music Press

May the Lord bless you; may the Lord keep you

May the Lord lift up his face to shine on you.

May the Lord hold you in his hand, May his love always protect you from all harm.

May God go with you wherever you walk. May his love guide you throughout your life.

POSTLUDE

New Thank We All Our God

by John Jordan

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

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For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1st: Why did the Lord show the patience He did with Old Testament Israel? What was the hope they had, and we have, to hold on to? Read Isaiah 65-66.

2nd: Note the role of each Person of the Trinity mentioned here. Why is having identity in the Father significant? How is the love of Christ described, and what does that mean for you? Instead of selling God short ... (finish the thought). Read Romans 11:33-36.

3rd: How does this account tie in with the Epiphany Season? How has this account been misused, even by Christians? What attitude of Jesus is displayed for us to imitate? Read Philippians 2:3-11.

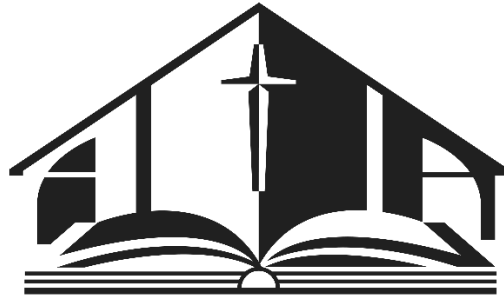
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Bible Time, starts in our Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	12:30 p.m.	Kolander's Farewell (in the MPC)
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Luther Room)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare # 3
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Friday		Women's Retreat (24 th -26 th)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Samantha Smith	<i>Jan 19</i>	
Jack Hopping	<i>Jan 20</i>	
Joshua Castagnola	<i>Jan 25</i>	



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