

ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL
TO MAKE DISCIPLES
TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

Introduction

In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations.

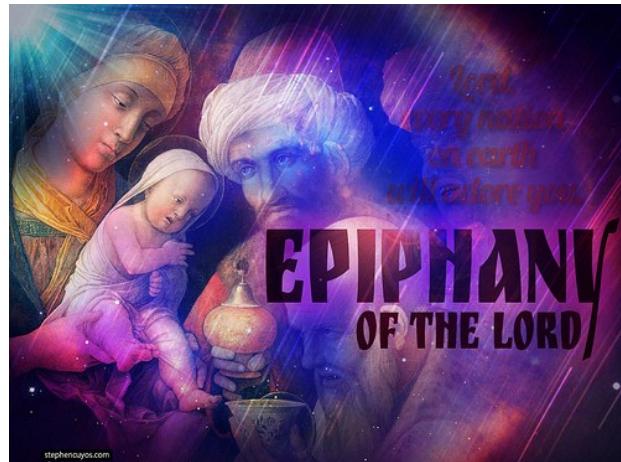
In the waters of baptism we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Thanks be to God!



JANUARY 11, 2026

EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY
SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM
BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM
YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM 10:00 AM



Assisting in Worship Today

Preaching: Pastor Quentin Surace
Organist: Emily Schuttenberg
Acolyte:
Lay Reader: Linda Hewitt
Greeters: Tim & Deborah Sherrill

Ushers: Deb Crawford
Assisting Minister: Linda Hewitt
Crucifer:
Communion Assistants:
Council Duties:

Attendance last Sunday, January 4th was **71** (includes YouTube Live viewers).

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EPIPHANY/BAPTISM OF OUR LORD SUNDAY

10:00AM

JANUARY 11, 2026

*Please stand as able

*P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation
Setting 2 ELW*

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC (9:45am)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:55am)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES BY ACOLYTE

Instrumental

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the **✚** Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of Baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, who gives us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit and forgives us all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN**

"Hail To The Lord's Anointed"

ELW #311

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***KYRIE (Setting 2) Pastor signs the verses, assembly sings the refrain.**

ELW p. 120-121

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

WORD

LESSONS

Isaiah 42:1-9; Acts 10:34-43

Linda Hewitt

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

"Alleluia"

ELW p. 124

GOSPEL READING P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **C: Glory to you, O Lord**

Matthew 1:18-25

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Quentin Surace

SERMON

Pastor Quentin Surace

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Wade In The Water"

ELW #459

***APOSTLES CREED**

***PRAYERS BY ASSISTING MINISTER**

A: As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church,Merciful God, **C: hear our prayer**

INSTALLING LAY LEADERS—COUNCIL AND ALTAR GUILD

***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

MEAL

THE OFFERING

INSTRUMENTAL SPECIAL

OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

ELW #885

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*PROPER PREFACE FOR EPIPHANY

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

ELW p.190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION: II

ELW p.190

*THE LORD'S PRAYER P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all who believe Jesus is Lord to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. An usher will guide you to the center aisle to receive communion. You may return to your seat by the outer aisle. If you are not able to come forward, please notify an usher by raising your hand and communion will be brought to you. After communing all who wish may go to the altar for prayer. You may also come forward for a blessing.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p.191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Spirit of Gentleness"

ELW #396

SENDING COMMUNION TO SICK AND HOMEBOUND PRAYER

ELW p. #72

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BY ASSISTING MINISTER

A: Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING P: May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and tuned your heart for praise bless you now and forever. Together let us proclaim our mission:

C: To proclaim the Gospel. To make disciples. To embody God's love. Amen.

*SENDING HYMN

"Songs Of Thankfulness And Praise"

ELW #310

*DISMISSAL: P: Go in peace. Share the harvest. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Isaiah 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry out or lift up his voice or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth, and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now, for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw God’s Spirit descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from the heavens said, “This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”

Church Staff

Pastor: Pastor Quentin F. Surace
Music Director: Emily Schuttenberg
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