



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

## LITURGY

### THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

**Presiding Pastor:**

Rev. Gary Haddock

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Gina Schaefer

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**Acolyte:** Braeden Fox

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Carol Schaefer

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Aaron Carpenter: Drums;

Jonathan Ray: Keyboard

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 30, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.

CELEBRATING THE CHRIST CHILD

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Lessons  
& Carols*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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December 30, 2018

\*Please stand if able

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all. C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, wonderful counselor,

C: We confess that we have turned from you and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire things that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the reconciliation offered through your son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

P: God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always. C: Amen.

\*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that we may faithfully live and serve continually in the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C: Amen.

WORD

Assisting Minister will read Lessons 1—8 and Presiding Pastor will read Lesson 9.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

P: Let us hear the good news that comes to us this season and respond with hearts and voices filled with wonder, joy, and praise.

FIRST LESSON: MATTHEW 1:18-23 The Angel tells Joseph of Mary's conception and who the child will be. Gina Schaefer

CAROL "Emmanuel" Insert

SECOND LESSON: LUKE 2:1-5 Joseph and Mary journey to Bethlehem from which shall come the promised ruler of Israel.

CAROL "Jesus Messiah" Insert

THIRD LESSON: LUKE 2:6-7 The long-awaited child is born.

CAROL "Sweet Little Jesus Boy" Solo, Tim Carpenter

FOURTH LESSON: LUKE 2:8-14 The angel tells of good news of great joy. The heavens resound with praise.

CAROL "Hope Was Born this Night" Insert

FIFTH LESSON: LUKE 2:15-16 Everything on this night is just as it had been told by the angels.

CAROL "Go Tell It on the Mountain" Insert

SIXTH LESSON: LUKE 2:17-19 The good news is shared.

CAROL "Mary, Did You Know?" Insert

SEVENTH LESSON: LUKE 2:20 Hearts and minds filled with the good news break forth in praise.

CAROL "Hark the Herald Angels Sing / King of Heaven" Insert

EIGHTH LESSON: MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9B-11 Those who come to him find joy in the Kings of Kings.

CAROL "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen / We Three Kings" Insert

\*NINTH LESSON: JOHN 1:1-14

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In Him, the Word of God, is light for all to receive, believe in His name, to become children of God.

\*CAROL "Great Light of the World" Insert

**\*NICENE CREED**

**C: 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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

**\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Linda Hewitt

**MEAL**

**THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY**

“Little Drummer Boy”

Carol Shaffer, Aaron Carpenter

**\*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY**

“Communion”

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.  
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Gina Schaefer

A: Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around this sacrament of your presence, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **C: Amen.**

**\*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER XI**

P: We give you thanks, Father... **C: Amen.**

**\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

*The congregation sits. The following is sung: “Worthy Is the Lamb”*

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious.**

**High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

**DISTRIBUTION**

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

Allyson Sestric

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Gina Schaefer

A: God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*BLESSING** P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING CAROL**

“It's Christmas”

Insert

**\*DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory of God, and in memory of Renee Hedrick by Gloria Sigmon.

### **MATTHEW 1:18-23 (LESSON 1)**

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us."

### **LUKE 2:1-5 (LESSON 2)**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child.

### **LUKE 2:6-7 (LESSON 3)**

While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

### **LUKE 2: 8-14 (LESSON 4)**

In that region, there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see — I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

### **LUKE 2: 15-16 (LESSON 5)**

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

### **LUKE 2:17-19 (LESSON 6)**

When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

### **LUKE 2: 20 (LESSON 7)**

The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

### **MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9B-11 (LESSON 8)**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

### **JOHN 1:1-14 (LESSON 9)**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.