

Epiphany 3

January 21, 2024 at 11:30am

Welcome to worship at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers.

P (Pastor) L (Lector) **C (Congregation)**

Church Bells

Organ Prelude

Organist: Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Gathering Hymn : 733: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 62:

P: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

G: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

P: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

G: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

P: On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

G: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

P: Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

G: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,

P: and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Prayer of Confession:

P: Gracious God, have mercy on us.

C: We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Reading from the Old Testament, from the book of Jona, 3: 1 – 5 & 10:
Mission Possible?

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Mark 1, 14 – 20: *No Use For Nets*

Hymn # 814: Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 659: 1 – 3: Will You Let Me Be My Servant

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and 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.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

Announcements

Sending Hymn: 659: 4 & 5: I will weep

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

Postlude

Announcements

Dear members, dear friends. As decided by the congregation last year, the old parsonage has been put up for sale and was bought by a family within a few days. The closing date is February 29, 2024.

IMPORTANT: We would like to ask all members and groups who still have items stored there **to clear them out by January 28, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please also note the dates in February:

- February 10: Tin's family garage sale
- February 10. and 11.: Church's open home sale

English Bible study: Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 – 07:00 p.m.



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