

Advent 2

December 8, 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: 239: Hark, the Glad Sound!

Call to Confession:

P: Loving God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

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

The lighting of the second candle on the Advent wreath while singing:

240, 1 & 2: Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah

A song according to Luke 1, 68 – 79

L: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he came and set his people free.

C: He set the power of salvation in the center of our lives,

L: and in the very house of David his servant, just as he promised long ago

C: through the preaching of his holy prophets: Deliverance from our enemies

L: So we can worship him, made holy before him as long as we live.

C: And you, my child, "Prophet of the Highest," will go ahead of the Master to prepare his ways,

L: Present the offer of salvation to his people, the forgiveness of their sins.

C: Through the heartfelt mercies of our God, God's Sunrise will break in upon us,

L: Shining on those in the darkness, those sitting in the shadow of death,

C: Then showing us the way, one foot at a time, down the path of peace.

Reading from the Old Testament, from the book of the Prophet Malachi, 3: 1 - 4
See, I am sending my messenger

Hymn # 262: Wait for the Lord

Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 3: 1 – 6: *to those in darkness*

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 255: There's a Voice in the Wilderness

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 # 248: People, Look East

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

Postlude

Announcements

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2024

03:30 p.m. Family service

05:00 p.m. English Candlelight Service

06:30 p.m. German service Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. German service

Sunday, December 29, 2024

10:30 a.m. Joint Service

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

05:00 p.m. German Service With Holy Communion

Sunday, January 5, 2025

10:30 a.m. Joint Service at the beginning of a New Year



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