

Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.



SAINT MARK
Evangelical Lutheran Church

ORDER OF SERVICE

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS **Sunday, December 27, 2020**

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at stmarkcp.org or our Facebook page "St.MarkCP".

All words for music will be in the Worship video.

** denotes additional resources not used in worship*

Today we once again, invite you to listen to our guest musician, Rachel Kurtz. She brings her gift and love of music to our worship service. The songs you hear today, are Rachel's version of some classic Christmas music.

More of her songs can be found on her website: <https://www.rachelkurtz.com/>

A wholehearted thank you to Rachel for sharing her gifts with us today.

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

"In the Bleak Midwinter"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who was in the beginning,
who makes a dwelling among us,
who covers us with justice and mercy. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

**L: God of goodness and loving kindness, we confess that we have sinned against you
and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life.**

We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden.

**In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins,
those we know and those known only to you,
for the sake of the one who came to live among us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

L: Hear the good news of peace and salvation!
God forgives us all our sins, not through our own work,
but through † Jesus Christ, made known to all people.
With all who come to the manger, rejoice in this amazing gift of grace.
Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Our Joy"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

PSALM*

Psalm 148

SECOND READING

Galatians 4:4-7

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 2: 22-40

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

"Shine On Us"

APOSTLES' CREED

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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God,"
Please respond with "Your mercy is great."*

PEACE

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God's peace with them.

OFFERING

*We have a generous God who provides for us richly. We honor God in return with our offering.
Thank you for giving generously to St. Mark.*

We invite you to try our "Text to Give" option. Text the dollar amount to 763-296-067
If this is your first time using "Text to Give", you will be asked to fill out your card information.

OFFERING PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

"Agnus Dei"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"Joy to the World"