

**The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024**

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we seek, "To know Christ and to make Christ known."



An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am

(Setting One, LBW)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use; face masks are optional; offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

A guide to hymnal use: LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world.

PRELUDE *Hostis Herodes impie* Giovanni Battista Fasolo (1598-1664)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
creator of darkness and light,
word of truth,
wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

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

Kneel/Stand

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

**We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit
dwelling in each of us.**

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of † Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

***HYMN O Christ Our Light, Our Radiance True LBW, "Green", 380**

***THE GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Beloved, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.

**⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.**

⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

**⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.**

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

**¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.**

¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.

**¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds.**

THE SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who

deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL.....Mark 1:14-20**

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, 15and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

16As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. 17And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” 18And immediately they left their nets and followed him. 19As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult LBW, “Green”, 494**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

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

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

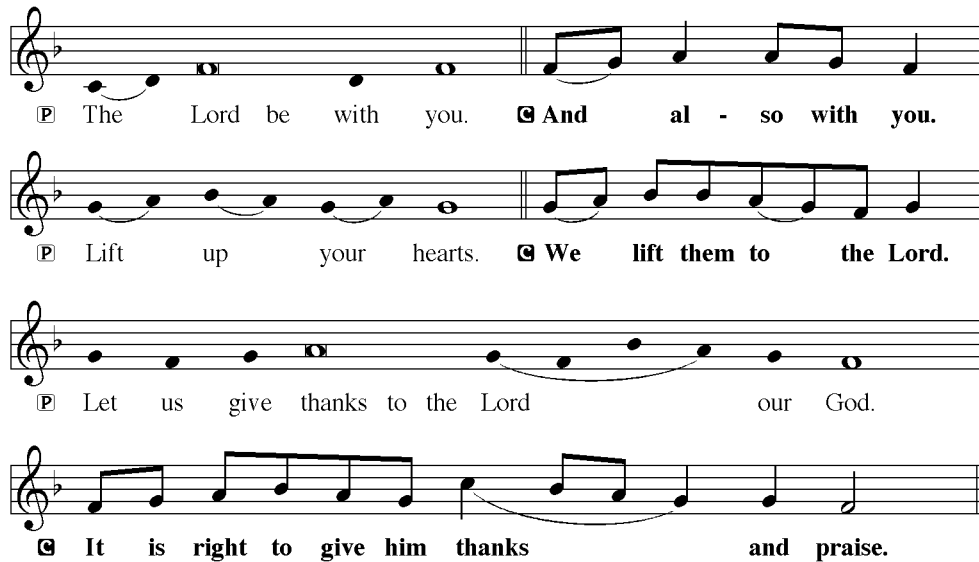
After each petition: God of Grace/Receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you. *The ministers and congregation greet each other.*

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



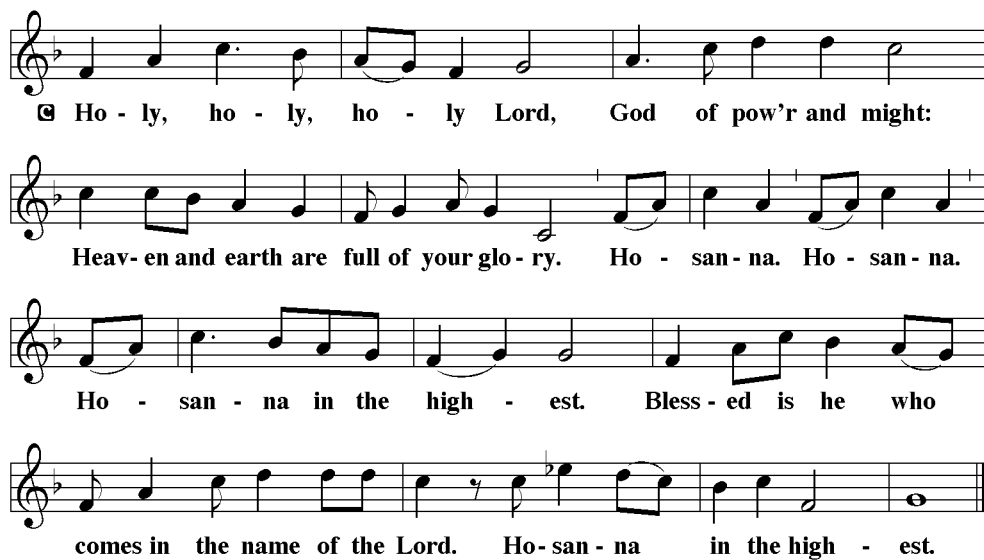
♩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



☩ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth.
In mercy for our fallen world you gave your Son,
that all those who believe in should not perish but have eternal life.
We give thanks to you for the salvation
you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
Send now your Holy Spirit
into our hearts and on these gifts,
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
as he comes to us in this his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed
our Lord Jesus took bread,
gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples saying:
Take and eat;
this is my body given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord as you have taught us, so now we pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

***LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.
 Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Amen.

All Are Welcome to Receive. Please come forward as directed by ushers. Take a small cup from the tray and proceed to receive the bread from Pastor Vasey.. After receiving the bread, proceed to receive the wine from two stations by way of a pouring chalice. After receiving the wine, please return to your pews by way of the side aisles.

THE COMMUNION

***AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Giver of every gift,
Christ’s body is our food, and we are Christ’s body.
Raise us to life by your power
for the benefit of all and to your glory,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The God who names you, claims you, dwells in you,
Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and remain with you always.
Amen.

***HYMN** **Rise Up, O Saints of God** **LBW, “Green”, 383**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, you are God's Beloved
Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE** *Te Deum Laudamus* Giovanni Battista Fasolo (1598-1664)

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Mike Ford, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Eileen Montgomery.

WORSHIP LEADERS January 21, 2024

Lector	8:00AM	Drew Haussmann
	10:30AM	Brenda Gair
Communion Assistants	8:00AM	Becky Pryor
	10:30AM	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers	8:00AM	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30AM	Tim Maggs, captain
		Carl Hieber, Charles Kurtz
Altar Guild	January	Cindy Huff and Linda Rosini



THANK YOU! Thank you to all who ministered to the Vasey Family as we both celebrated the birth of our granddaughter Robin and mourned the passing of my mom. We praise God for you our church family! *Pastor Vasey and Family.*



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith Formation has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

OUR STEWARDSHIP

January 14, 2024

Due to internet/computer problems information not available at this time.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today are given to the glory of God:

+In Honor of Anna and Laura's 25 birthday by

Dan Zeigler

+In Celebration of our Saint Mark's Family

Go Green for Gifting



Have more Christmas gift bags, new greeting cards and tissue paper than you can use? Donate them to the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for gifting the ladies of CM-6 and others in 2024. We can also find homes for extra 2024 calendars and day planners. Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

P.S. Now is the perfect time to pack up those holiday decorations you no longer need and donate them to the annual Fall Sale.
Christmas Clean-Up

MUSIC NOTES



Giovanni Battista Fasolo, a notable Italian Baroque composer and Franciscan friar, is celebrated for his influential organ music. His renowned collection "Annuale" features liturgical compositions that highlight Fasolo's expertise in harmonies and intricate counterpoint.

Characterized by expressive melodies and innovative ornamentation, Fasolo's organ works reflect the musical trends of his time, contributing significantly to the development of 17th-century Italian Baroque organ music.

Meanwhile in the office this week



The Gospel According to Mark

The Faith Formation Committee will offer a Bible study from the Gospel of St. Mark during Wednesday in Lent. Mark offers a day-by-day account of Holy Week from Palm Sunday to Easter morning. One resource we consulted, which studies Mark's account. *Is The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Final Days in Jerusalem*, by Marcus J.



Borg and John Dominic Crossan (Harper, 2006).

All are welcome! The study begins Wednesday, February 21, 12:10PM in Fellowship Hall and concludes Wednesday, March 20.

Monday, January 22, -
 Sunday, January 28, 2024



Monday, January 22	WCC Rehearsal	FH	7:00PM
Tuesday, January 23			
Wednesday, January 24			
Thursday, January 25			
Friday, January 26			
Saturday, January 27			
Sunday, January 28	Holy Communion		8:00AM
	Holy Communion		10:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Anna Zeigler	January 15	Laura Zeigler	January 15
Donna Boston	January 17	Beth Miller	January 17
Ruth Rees	January 17	Herbert Poff	January 21

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the “This Week at Our Church” please let the administrative assistant, Joe Baur, know at jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org

COMMEMORATIONS

Agnes, martyr, died around 304



Sunday, January 21, 2024

Agnes was a girl of about thirteen living in Rome. The details of her martyrdom are not clear, but she gave witness to her faith and was put to death as a result, most likely by the sword. The church has honored her as one of the chief martyrs of her time.

Conversion of Paul



Thursday, January 25, 2024

The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries



Friday, January 26, 2024

These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith



Saturday, January 27, 2024

Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.