

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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JANUARY 29, 2023

Welcome and Announcements;

Prelude 8:00/10:30 Meditation on *"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"*

Choir Introit (10:30 service)

Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" # 310

Prayer of the Day

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

Micah 6:1-8 and Psalm 15 (page. 2 of bulletin)

1 Corinthians 1:18-31 and Matthew 5:1-12 (page 3 & 4 of bulletin)

Message Jason Tyas

Hymn "Let Justice Flow Like Streams" # 717

Apostle's Creed, Intercessory Prayers, The Peace (pages 105-106)

Offering: offering boxes, website, text 419-273-9947

Offertory (10:30 service) Adult Choir

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "To Be Your Presence" # 546

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude *"Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"*

THE ALTAR FLOWERS
are given to the Glory of God by Reg & Dot Burley.

ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters (10:30)Marc Grubaugh

Lector (10:30)Lori Snyder

Acolyte (10:30)Colson Army

Coffee HourFoss

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:1-8 The LORD's Case Against Israel

¹ Listen to what the LORD says: “Stand up, plead my case before the mountains; let the hills hear what you have to say. ² “Hear, you mountains, the LORD’s accusation; listen, you everlasting foundations of the earth. For the LORD has a case against his people; he is lodging a charge against Israel. ³ “My people, what have I done to you? How have I burdened you? Answer me. ⁴ I brought you up out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. I sent Moses to lead you, also Aaron and Miriam. ⁵ My people, remember what Balak king of Moab plotted and what Balaam son of Beor answered. Remember your journey from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the righteous acts of the LORD.” ⁶ With what shall I come before the LORD and bow down before the exalted God? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? ⁷ Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? ⁸ He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Psalm 15

R: LORD, who may dwell in your sacred tent?

Who may live on your holy mountain?

**C: The one whose walk is blameless, who does what
 is righteous, who speaks the truth from their heart;**

R: whose tongue utters no slander, who does no wrong to
a neighbor, and casts no slur on others;

**C: who despises a vile person but honors those who
 fear the LORD; who keeps an oath even when it hurts,
 and does not change their mind;**

R: who lends money to the poor without interest;
who does not accept a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things will never be shaken.

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Christ Crucified Is God's Power and Wisdom

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.” ²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. ²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our

righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: The Good news.....

C: Glory To you O Lord!

Matthew 5:-12 Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount

¹ Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said: ³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023—Guest Speaker: Jason Tyas

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Children’s Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah’s Park

TUESDAY

- 9:00 a.m. Piecemakers

WEDNESDAY

- 10:00 a.m. Brewed Expressions Group Meeting**
- 6:00 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. The Anchor**
- 6:30 p.m. Catechism
- 6:30 p.m. Kid Min

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2023

- 8:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Hour in the Gathering Place
- 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service
- 10:40 a.m. Noah's Park

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Outreach Committee will be seeking input from the congregation regarding potential recipients of Outreach Funds for hunger programs locally, nationally and globally. This will take place in the near future so please begin thinking of suggestions you can make to the committee. If you have questions about possible ideas you may have, please talk to Council Representative Karen Etgen or contact the church office. For national and global ideas, some suggested websites are (but not limited to):

www.elca.org/hunger, www.elca.org/disaster, www.elca.org/globalmission, www.lwr.org, &
www.elca.org

ST. MARKS HIGH SCHOOL ANCHOR YOUTH UPDATE: The High School Youth group will be going to Grand Rapids, Michigan for a week-long work camp in July! We will be having a couple of fundraising events beginning in February to help offset the costs associated with the trip. Be looking for updates on how to order Herschberger Fry Pies and enjoy a Palm Sunday Baked Potato carryout! First pie sales to take place Sunday, February 5 after each church service, more details to follow!

2023 offering envelopes are now available in the hallway by the Nursery. Pick up your box of envelopes today.

2022 Year End Giving Statements are available on the table by the Nursery. If you need your statement mailed to you, please contact the church office at 419-238-6336.

22nd is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent.

7:00—9:00 AM **Ashes 2 Go.** Parking lot between
Collins' Deli and St. Mark's
Noon & 7:30 PM **Holy Communion Service**

Schedule your photo appointments for the Photo Directory

Wednesday, April 19, 2-8 PM Thursday, April 20 3-8 PM
Friday, April 21 2-8:30 PM Sat., April 22 10:30-4:00 PM

To schedule your date and time go to www.ucdir.com
Church code: oh2609 password: photos

2022 Year End Offering & Giving Report

(Approved @ January 17, 2023 council meeting)

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Current Expense:	\$ 289,225	\$267,510	(\$21,715)
Mission Support:	\$ 44,511	\$ 40,512	(\$ 3,999)
Property Improvement:	\$ 28,484	\$ 34,193	\$ 5,708
Special/Designated Gifts:	<u>\$ 6,425</u>	<u>\$ 3,491</u>	<u>(\$ 2,934)</u>
Total:	\$368,645	\$345,706	(\$22,940)

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in 2021: None

Investment Funds Used for Current Expense in 2022: \$30,000

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and in truth. 1 John 3:17-18

Thank you Congregation for your generosity!

HYMN OF THE MONTH: # 310 SONGS OF THANKFULNESS

AND PRAISE: The season of Epiphany and the time following it as we approach Ash Wednesday is not celebrated or spoken about as much as the previous season (Advent/Christmas) or the following season (Lent/Easter). Why bother? The fourth verse of hymn # 310 tells us why—all the epiphanies of Christ spoken of in Scripture (Mark 2:1-12, John 2:1-11; 3:13-17, and Matthew 4:1-11) serve to point us to the great epiphany to come. The final epiphany of Christ is his second coming in power and glory, revealed to all mankind (verse 4).



HOLY LAND TRIP: There are twenty-three persons participating in the St. Mark's **January 20-30 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. You are invited to pray for their faith and witness as they travel to Israel and walk in the footsteps of Jesus. Bill and Nancy Wolverson; Rick, Cary and Raegan Roehm; Jim and Deb Russell; Reesa and Rachel Rohrs; Jason, Stephanie, Abbi and Kevin Stechsulte; Randy and Bonnie Thompson; Mark Schaberg; Kevin and Kathy Taylor; Dewaine Johnson; Pastor Will, Crystal, Jonathan and Stephanie Haggis.

Thank-you: I would like to thank-you for the lovely cards, and the nice long telephone calls I received during my surgeries. A special thanks to Pastor for the many visits to the hospitals, and the words of encouragement and prayers over the phone. I know many people prayed for me and it was so greatly appreciated. I hope I am on my way to recovery but having another test looked at due to still having some issues. God is good and his people are good. Thank-you again. It means so much to know so many care. God Bless You, Joan Holland

Thank you: God bless you all for the birthday cards and wishes for Milo and me. We enjoyed every one of them! We also appreciate all the communication from the church congregation every day!

Thank you again, Milo & Betty Wyandt

Our sympathy to Lynn Miller and family on the January 11, 2023 passing of her sister, Jill Tarlton in Tucson, Arizona.

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