

# ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

### BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

JANUARY 9, 2022

Welcome and Announcements;

Prelude 10:30

Fanfare Prelude on "*St. Thomas*"

Thanksgiving for Baptism (page 97)

Choral Introit

Hymn "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" # 310

Kyrie and Hymn of Praise (page 99-100; 10:30 service)

Prayer of the Day

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

Isaiah 43:1-7 and Psalm 29 (pg. 2 of bulletin)

Acts 8:14-17 and Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (insert)

Message

Hymn "Brightest and Best of the Stars" # 303

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

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

Offertory Adult Choir

Holy Communion

8:00 service on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month. (pages 107-109)

10: 30 service on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. (pages 107-109)

Lord's Prayer (page 112)

Blessing & Dismissal (pages 114-115)

Hymn "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized" # 304

Doxology Sung by the Congregation HYMN #884

Postlude "*O God Our Help In Ages Past*"

## THE ALTAR FLOWERS

are given to the Glory of God in memory of Tom & Mary Van Etten and Jess & Joanne McCoy  
& Tom Webster by Trudy Webster and family.

### ASSISTING MINISTERS THIS WEEK

Greeters	(10:30) .....Roger Overholt
Lector	(10:30) .....Paula Johnson
Acolytes	(10:30).....Elizabeth Johnson & Gavin Zartman

## SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43:1-7 Restoration and Protection Promised

<sup>1</sup> But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. <sup>2</sup> When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. <sup>3</sup> For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. <sup>4</sup> Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. <sup>5</sup> Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; <sup>6</sup> I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— <sup>7</sup> everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

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Psalm 29 The Voice of God in a Great Storm

R: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
C: Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor.  
R: The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters.  
C: The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.  
R: The voice of the LORD causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare; and in his temple all say, "Glory!"  
C: The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.  
R: May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Acts 8:14-17

<sup>14</sup> Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. <sup>15</sup> The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit <sup>16</sup> (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). <sup>17</sup> Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

**R: The word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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**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!**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22     John Foretells the Coming of Jesus

<sup>15</sup> As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, <sup>16</sup> John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

### **The Baptism of Jesus**

<sup>21</sup> Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, <sup>22</sup> and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

**P: Word of God. Word of life.**

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### CHURCH SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022—BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

8:00 a.m.     Holy Communion 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

#### **MONDAY**

5:30 p.m.     Crisis Care Board Meeting

#### **TUESDAY**

9:00 a.m.     Piecemakers

#### **WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m.     Supper  
**6:15 p.m.     The Anchor**  
6:15 p.m.     Catechism  
6:30 p.m.     Kid Min

#### **THURSDAY**

**7:00 p.m.     Property Comm. & Digital Corps of Discovery Mtg.**

#### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022**

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

**Get to Know Us on:**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Offering Envelopes for 2022 are available. Please pick up your numbered envelope box even if you do online giving. Each contributor is assigned a number so the envelope cannot be used for other purposes. They are on the table by the Nursery. Thank you.**

**Applications for St. Mark's Holy Land Pilgrimage Stipend** are now available on the dream board by the west sanctuary entrance as well as the cloak room, gathering place, and church office. If you are going on this January 20-30, 2023 pilgrimage and a financial stipend would help offset the cost, then pick up a stipend application to see if you qualify. ***Deadline to submit your application to the church office is Feb. 15, 2022.***



### **Lutheran Disaster Response:**

On the night of Dec. 10, a devastating outbreak of more than 30 tornadoes swept through six states. Kentucky was impacted the most, with more than 70 people reported dead. Homes and businesses were destroyed, including a candle factory in Mayfield, Ky. More than 330,000 people were without electricity across multiple states.

**You can help by giving to Lutheran Disaster Response. Go to:**

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/US-Tornadoes> **or** Make checks payable to Lutheran Disaster Response. In memo line put "U.S. Tornadoes" & send to:

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
ELCA Gift Processing Center**

**P.O. Box 1809**

**Merrifield, VA 22116-8009**

**100% of donations go to those affected by this disaster.**

***Thank you*** for your support of the YWCA and our youth programming. Your contribution directly impacts youth in Van Wert County through programs that support the mission of the YWCA. Many thanks! Betsy Hamman, Director of Youth Development

**Gideon Mike Jackson** will give a temple talk on the ministry of the Gideons during the announcements on Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at both 8:00 and 10:30 services. A free will offering will be accepted.

***Thank you*** for your contribution of \$500 to Trinity Friends Church of Van Wert to purchased food for the food pantry and also for the \$150 contribution to purchase food for the Thanksgiving meal. Sincerely, Connie Arthur, Financial

***Thank you*** for your generous gift of \$2,900 to ministries of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America through ELCA Good Gifts. Your Good Gift is a very good gift indeed. With seedling and seminary courses, vaccinations and vegetable gardens, Bibles and blankets, you're equipping God's people—around the world and around the corner—with what they need to live abundant lives. Thank you with gratitude, Rachel Wind, Executive for Philanthropy (ELCA)

***Thank you*** for your recent monetary donation. It is greatly appreciated. We will comply with your request to use it for food certificates. Your past donations have helped many families who were in need of help due to illness, job loss, and recently the pandemic. Thank you again for your continued help. Without your help, who knows what would happen to these people. Sincerely, Dennis R. Hickey, Treasurer St. Vincent DePaul Society