

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio**  
**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

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[Livestream Order of Service](#)

**Tower Chimes (10:30 service)**

**Prelude**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Protocol**

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**Second Prelude (8:00 service)**

**Call to Worship**

P: People look at outward appearances, but God looks upon the heart of a person.  
We worship as the people of God in the name of the Father, Son ✝ and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen!**

**Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
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!**

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

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. 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 Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy,  
loved us even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.  
**C: Amen!**

**Gathering Hymn "I Want To Walk As a Child of The Light" Hymn 815 vv. 1 & 2**

I want to walk as a child of the light  
I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world  
The star of my life is Jesus

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God  
I want to look at Jesus  
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path  
And show me the way to the Father

In Him, there is no darkness at all  
The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen!**

### **1 Samuel 16:4-13 David Anointed as King**

Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" <sup>5</sup> He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

<sup>6</sup>When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD."<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup>Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup>Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup>Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup>He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup>Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

**Message** *“The Eyes of God”*  
**Part 2 of the Series** *“The Body Language of God:  
Seeing the Invisible Creator of Heaven and Earth”*

**Hymn of the Day** *“You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore”* Hymn 817 vv. 1 & 3

You have come down to the lakeshore  
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,  
But only asking for me to follow.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

You need my hands, my exhaustion,  
Working love for the rest of the weary,  
A love that's willing to go on loving.

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes,  
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.  
On the sand I've abandoned my small boat;  
Now with you, I will seek other seas.

**Music**

**Apostles' Creed (page 105)**

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 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 Intercession**

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

### **Offering**

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

*"Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Luke 1:38*

**Holy Communion 8:00 service on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month.  
10: 30 service on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

### **Blessing**

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

**C: Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **Sending Hymn "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" Hymn 547 vv. 1 & 2**

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

Your grace shall incite us, and love shall unite us  
to work for God's kingdom and answer your call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children the whole human race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

**Doxology Sung By The Congregation (8:00 service)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings  
flow; praise him, all creatures here  
below; praise him above, ye heavenly  
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost. Amen.

**Doxology on the Tower Chimes (10:30 service)**

**Dismissal Protocol & Dismissal**

**Postlude**