



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, January 29, 2023

### Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

Who are the blessed ones of God? For Micah, they are those who do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. For Paul, they are the ones who find wisdom in the weakness of the cross. For Jesus, they are the poor, the meek, the merciful, the pure in heart, the peacemakers, those who mourn, and those who hunger for righteousness. In baptism we find our blessed identity and calling in this countercultural way of living and serving.

#### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The January Noisy Offering collection will go to Unleashed Pet Rescue.



# Sacrament of Holy Baptism



Our baptismal candidate is Emma Maloney.

Daughter of Sean and Jenna Maloney, and sister to Henry Maloney.

Emma's sponsor is Shannon Maloney.

## INTRODUCTION AND PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

The power of sin is put to death in this holy flood, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

*(To Sean, Jenna & Shannon)* Who presents this child to be baptized?

*Parents and sponsors:* **We do.**

*(To Sean & Jenna)* As you present Emma for baptism, you are entrusted with gifts and responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Do you promise to help Emma grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response* **I do.**

*(To Shannon)* Do you promise to nurture Emma in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in

communion with the church?

*Response* **I do.**

People of St. Mark's, do you promise to support Emma and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

*Response* **We do.**

(Water is poured into the font)

## RENUNCIATION OF EVIL AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you, parents and sponsors, to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:* **I renounce them.**

Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

*Response:* **In faith I turn to Christ.**

With the whole church, let us all confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C 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 again to judge the living and the**

**dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C 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**

## THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit brooded over the waters and you created the world by your Word, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through water you led your people Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you delivered us from the power of sin and death and set us free to live in you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon this water and upon *all* who *are* washed in it, that *they* may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WASHING

Emma, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. And let the people say ... **Amen.**

## INVOCATION OF THE SPIRIT

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, wash them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Emma with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge

and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

*(Making a cross on the forehead with oil.)*

Emma, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

*(Parents and sponsors also receive the sign of the cross with oil.)*

## PRESENTATION OF A CANDLE

*(Presenting a lighted candle.)*

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

## WELCOME

Through baptism you have been received into the household of God, entrusted with the good news of Jesus Christ, and strengthened to serve by the holy and life-giving Spirit.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and the mission we share. Join us as we give praise to God and bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Welcome, Emma!**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 717

### Let Justice Flow like Streams

1 Let justice flow like streams  
of sparkling water, pure,  
enabling growth, refreshing life,  
abundant, cleansing, sure.

2 Let righteousness roll on  
as others' cares we heed,  
an ever-flowing stream of faith  
translated into deed.

3 So may God's plumb line, straight,  
define our measure true,  
and justice, right, and peace pervade  
this world our whole life through.

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### Greeting page 120

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

### KYRIE Pg. 120

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God,

**you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**CARILLON RINGERS** "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. By Douglas Wagner

### First Reading: Micah 6:1-8

*With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.*

<sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

<sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,

and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>“O my people, what have I done to you?  
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

<sup>6</sup>“With what shall I come before the LORD,  
and bow myself before God on high?  
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,  
with calves a year old?

<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?  
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 15**

*Lord, who may abide upon your holy hill? (Ps. 15:1)*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,**

**who speak the truth from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

### **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

*According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.*

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

<sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and

redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 124

*Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 4th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12**

*Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”



**SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 669**

### **Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

- 1 Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
the word of hope proclaim.
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;  
give justice larger place.

- 4 Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.
- 5 Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod;  
and, quickened by the Spirit's pow'r,  
rise up, O saints of God!

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## **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 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

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.  
*A brief silence.*

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need (*especially*). Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place (*especially*). Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, Holy** pg. 130

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and taste the joy of God!

### COMMUNION

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 134



### COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 754

#### Jesus, the Very Thought of You

- 1 Jesus, the very thought of you  
fills us with sweet delight;  
but sweeter far your face to view  
and rest within your light.
- 2 No voice can sing, no heart can frame,  
nor can the mind recall  
a sweeter sound than your blest name,  
O Savior of us all!

- 3 O Hope of ev'ry contrite soul,  
O joy of all the meek,  
how kind you are to those who fall!  
How good to those who seek!
- 4 O Jesus, be our joy today;  
help us to prize your love;  
grant us at last to hear you say:  
"Come, share my home above."

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; tr. Edward Caswall,  
1814-1878

ELW 661

## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the story  
of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory,  
of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story,  
because I know it's true;  
it satisfies my longings  
as nothing else would do.

### *Refrain*

I love to tell the story;  
'twill be my theme in glory  
to tell the old, old story  
of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story:

how pleasant to repeat  
what seems, each time I tell it,  
more wonderfully sweet!  
I love to tell the story,  
for some have never heard  
the message of salvation  
from God's own holy word. *Refrain*

3 I love to tell the story,  
for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting  
to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory,  
I sing the new, new song,  
I'll sing the old, old story  
that I have loved so long. *Refrain*

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy One,  
we thank you for the healing  
that springs forth abundantly from this table.  
Renew our strength to do justice,  
love kindness,  
and journey humbly with you.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice  
and breaks the oppressor's rod

✝ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,  
today and always.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 825, vs. 1 & 2**

**You Servants of God**

1 You servants of God, your Master pro-  
claim,  
and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
the name, all-victorious, of Jesus extol;  
his kingdom is glorious and rules over all!

2 Ascended on high, almighty to save,  
yet still he is nigh, his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall  
sing,  
ascribing salvation to Jesus, our king!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.780.6408 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Kathy Hinkle,  
Ruth Ann Hackler,  
Lisa Dahn,  
Janet Nichols,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
Donna Nichols,  
Donna Frenzl,  
George McElroy,  
Pete and Linda Cagle,  
Shane Paulson,  
Janet Schmidt,  
Phyllis Dettmer,  
Madison Young

### **Family & friends:**

Quinn, granddaughter of Mike and Jane Scherrer,  
Family of Lillian, niece of Tom Bryer,  
Family of Sandy Hawk, niece of Bob Fetsch,  
Family of Nan Wolfe,  
Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Michelle Ray, friend of Barbara Strampe's daughter,  
Jane Fetters, Sister of Joni Benz,  
Bill Benne, friend of Joyce and Louis Johnson,  
Ron & Susan Laliberte, neighbors of Barbara Strampe,  
Ed Colson, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Austin, Grandson of Jim & Mary Weeg,  
Jean, Hackler family member,  
Cindy Campbell, sister of Joni Benz,  
Lynn, Dennis & Sharon Thee, relatives of Barbara Strampe,  
John, brother of Ken Griffitt,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Craig Aldag, Uncle of Ali Luin,  
Manuel & family, friend of Jenny Wheeler's grandson,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
Juliana Marie McClelland, friend of Susan Roberts,  
Andrew, friend of the Scherrers,  
Craig Downing, Father of Joni Benz,  
Suzie, Aunt of Nancy Bryer,  
Jenny Mack, Niece of Jenny Wheeler,

Chris, Brother of Pete Cagle,  
Amber Smith, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Family of Kathy, cousin of Barb Nail,  
Leo Patton, Grandfather of Jason Howe,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe,  
Peggy Hinkle, Step-Mother of Kathy Hinkle,  
Stephanie Herndon, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Tim Eiter, Father of Todd Eiter,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Katherine Gile, sister of Anne Gardner,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Joan Nelson, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
Judy Wendt, Jeannine Matthew's  
sister-in-law,  
Donna Poppe, friend of St. Marks,  
Rosemary Williams & her sons Wayne & Wade Beck,  
Brooke Harris, friend of Gretchen Goodheart Stewart,  
Dan Ostergaard - friend of the Goodhearts,  
Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts,  
Jackson Werth, friend of the Bott/Bollinger Families,  
Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin,  
All People affected by natural disasters

### **Those in the Military:**

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson,  
Logan Peck, nephew of Karen and Stan