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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

## JANUARY 1 & 2, 2022

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### Confession and Absolution

#### Hymn

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

LSB 725

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| <p>1 <i>Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>Safely in His bosom gather;<br/>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>Such a refuge e'er was given.</i></p> <p>2 <i>God His own doth tend and nourish;<br/>In His holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things He spares them;<br/>In His mighty arms He bears them.</i></p> | <p>3 <i>Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>From the Lord His children sever;<br/>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br/>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Though He giveth or He taketh,<br/>God His children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>His the loving purpose solely<br/>To preserve them pure and holy.</i></p> |
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#### Stand

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### Service of the Word

#### Introit

*Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14*

**P** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**C** Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

- P** Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.
- C** **But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

- P** Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!  
Praise your God, O Zion!

- C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,  
glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 154

- A** *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.*
- C** **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**  
*We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

<sup>4</sup> The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. <sup>7</sup>And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?"

<sup>10</sup>It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. <sup>14</sup>And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days."

<sup>15</sup>And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love <sup>5</sup>he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, <sup>8</sup>which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

<sup>11</sup>In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup>so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup>who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

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

**Holy Gospel**

*Luke 2:40–52*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the second chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>40</sup>The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

<sup>41</sup>Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. <sup>43</sup>And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, <sup>44</sup>but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, <sup>45</sup>and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." <sup>49</sup>And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. <sup>51</sup>And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup>And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit* **Hymn**

*Let Us All with Gladsome Voice*

*LSB 390*

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| <p>1 <i>Let us all with gladsome voice</i><br/><i>Praise the God of heaven,</i><br/><i>Who, to bid our hearts rejoice,</i><br/><i>His own Son hath given.</i></p> <p>2 <i>To this vale of tears He comes,</i><br/><i>Here to serve in sadness,</i><br/><i>That with Him in heav'n's fair homes</i><br/><i>We may reign in gladness.</i></p> | <p>3 <i>We are rich, for He was poor;</i><br/><i>Is not this a wonder?</i><br/><i>Therefore praise God evermore</i><br/><i>Here on earth and yonder.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Christ, our Lord and Savior dear,</i><br/><i>Be Thou ever near us.</i><br/><i>Grant us now a glad new year.</i><br/><i>Amen, Jesus, hear us.</i></p> |
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**Sermon**

## *Stand* **Apostles' Creed**

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend *[name(s)]* and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

*Sit* **Offering**—*Baskets are located near each door.*

**C** *What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?*

*I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.*

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

## **Benediction**

**P** Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. . . . In Him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in Him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of His glory.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The Lord be with you all. The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit—abide with you, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

### *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

LSB 395

1 *O Morning Star, how fair and bright!  
You shine with God's own truth and light,  
Aglow with grace and mercy!  
Of Jacob's race, King David's son,  
Our Lord and master, You have won  
Our hearts to serve You only!  
Lowly, holy!  
Great and glorious,  
All victorious,  
Rich in blessing!  
Rule and might o'er all possessing!*

2 *Come, heav'nly Bridegroom, Light divine,  
And deep within our hearts now shine;  
There light a flame undying!  
In Your one body let us be  
As living branches of a tree,  
Your life our lives supplying.  
Now, though daily  
Earth's deep sadness  
May perplex us  
And distress us,  
Yet with heav'nly joy You bless us.*

3 *Lord, when You look on us in love,  
At once there falls from God above  
A ray of purest pleasure.  
Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood  
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food.  
You are our dearest treasure!*

*Let Your mercy  
Warm and cheer us!  
O draw near us!  
For You teach us  
God's own love through You has reached us.*

4 *Almighty Father, in Your Son  
You loved us when not yet begun  
Was this old earth's foundation!  
Your Son has ransomed us in love  
To live in Him here and above:  
This is Your great salvation.*

*Alleluia!  
Christ the living,  
To us giving  
Life forever,  
Keeps us Yours and fails us never!*

5 *O let the harps break forth in sound!  
Our joy be all with music crowned,  
Our voices gladly blending!  
For Christ goes with us all the way—  
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day!  
His love is never ending!*

*Sing out! Ring out!  
Jubilation!  
Exultation!  
Tell the story!  
Great is He, the King of Glory!*

6 *What joy to know, when life is past,  
The Lord we love is first and last,  
The end and the beginning!  
He will one day, oh, glorious grace,  
Transport us to that happy place  
Beyond all tears and sinning!  
Amen! Amen!*

*Come, Lord Jesus!  
Crown of gladness!  
We are yearning  
For the day of Your returning!*

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## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

LSB 160

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus

LSB 161

**C** *Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.  
Hosanna. Hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

### Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{†}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{†}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## Lord's Prayer

**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.

## Pax Domini

LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

LSB 163

**C** Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Sit Distribution Hymn

*Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice*

LSB 556

1 Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice,  
With exultation springing,  
And with united heart and voice  
And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done,  
How His right arm the vict'ry won.  
What price our ransom cost Him!

2 Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay;  
Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day;  
In sin my mother bore me.  
But daily deeper still I fell;

My life became a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

3 My own good works all came to naught,  
No grace or merit gaining;  
Free will against God's judgment fought,  
Dead to all good remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair  
Left only death to be my share;  
The pangs of hell I suffered.

4 But God had seen my wretched state  
Before the world's foundation,  
And mindful of His mercies great,  
He planned for my salvation.

- He turned to me a father's heart;  
He did not choose the easy part  
But gave His dearest treasure.*
- 5 *God said to His beloved Son:  
"It's time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright jewel of My crown,  
And bring to all salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free;  
Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with You forever."*
- 6 *The Son obeyed His Father's will,  
Was born of virgin mother;  
And God's good pleasure to fulfill,  
He came to be my brother.  
His royal pow'r disguised He bore;  
A servant's form, like mine, He wore  
To lead the devil captive.*
- 7 *To me He said: "Stay close to Me,  
I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I Myself will be;  
For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, and you are Mine,  
And where I am you may remain;  
The foe shall not divide us.*
- 8 *"Though he will shed My precious blood,  
Me of My life bereaving,  
All this I suffer for your good;  
Be steadfast and believing.  
Life will from death the vict'ry win;  
My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.*
- 9 *"Now to My Father I depart,  
From earth to heav'n ascending,  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart,  
The Holy Spirit sending;  
In trouble He will comfort you  
And teach you always to be true  
And into truth shall guide you.*
- 10 *"What I on earth have done and taught  
Guide all your life and teaching;  
So shall the kingdom's work be wrought  
And honored in your preaching.  
But watch lest foes with base alloy  
The heav'nly treasure should destroy;  
This final word I leave you."*

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Prayers

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## Continuing Prayer Concerns

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Wayne Mueller  
Delbert & Carolyn Koen

## Military Personnel & Their Families

*Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.*

Justin Asbury	Casey Vallett	Matt Kraus	Bill Ingles	Tim Eichenseer	Justin Parker
Andrew Grab	Cory Jeffers	Denny Ernsting	Kevin Kahre	John Magelitz	Karley Kothe
Dylan McCoy	Drew Gerlach	Jaron Berner	Rodney Anderson	Chasten Lindenberg	Braden Eichenseer
Richard Thompson	Zach Mogavero			Dustin Newton	Adrienne Vallett

## Mission Prayer

*Give thanks as you pray:*

- That God would make us bold witnesses to the Good News of Jesus Christ in this new year and always.
- For opportunities to witness to friends, family members and strangers. Please send Your Holy Spirit to give us wisdom and faithful words to use during these encounters.

## Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, 1/2 .....	Isaiah 62:1-12; Luke 2:1-20
Monday, 1/3 .....	Isaiah 63:1-14; Luke 2:21-40
Tuesday, 1/4 .....	Isaiah 63:15-65:2; Luke 2:41-52
Wednesday, 1/5 .....	Isaiah 65:8-25; Luke 3:1-20
Thursday, 1/6 .....	Isaiah 66:1-20; Luke 3:21-38
Friday, 1/7 .....	Ezekiel 1:1-14, 22-28; Romans 1:1-17
Saturday, 1/8 .....	Ezekiel 2:1-3:11; Romans 1:18-32

## Thank you

Thank you for the cards and gifts we received this Christmas season as well as the prayers you offered up for the ministry here at St. Mark's this Holiday season. God's Blessing to you all in the Christmastide and the New Year upon us! Pastor, Rebecca, and the Girls.

## **Worship Service Schedule**

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. (No Bible Study Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>)

Sunday School @ 9:50 a.m. (No Sunday School until after the New Year)

Adult Choir Practice @ 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays

Handicapped Accessible Service—January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.

**\*\*A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and YouTube. \*\***

**Wednesday Bible Study—Restarting on January 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

## **2022 Offering Envelopes**

Everyone should have received their 2022 Offering Envelopes in the mail this last week. If you did not and would like to receive envelopes, please call the church office at 965-3192.

## **Wish List**

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

## **Youth Group Scrip Orders**

The next deadline to order gift cards is Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and should have the cards in time for Valentine's Day. The next deadline will be March 31<sup>st</sup> to have gift cards available for Confirmation on April 10<sup>th</sup> and Easter on April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will continue to try to order cards bi-monthly, so if you need any for your personal shopping, dinners out, birthday gifts, wedding/shower gifts, consider ordering from the Youth Group to help them raise money for their National Youth Gathering. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 965-3192.

## **Poinsettias**

Thank you to everyone who donated a Poinsettia this year to help beautify the church for Christmas. Please take your Poinsettia home if you have not already.

## **St. Mark's School Notes**

- Mrs. Kristy Young's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class will lead chapel on Wednesday, January 5. Weather permitting chapel will be at the church.
- Teachers return to school for a workday on Monday, January 3, 2022.
- Classes resume on Tuesday, January 4, 2022. There will be no bus service, but latchkey will be available.
- Reports cards will be going home Wednesday, January 5, 2022.
- Starting in January the teachers will be taking church attendance once more! If your child has physically attended church, it will count toward a perfect attendance certificate. A little more normalcy returning!

## **St. Mark's Coop Sports**

**Thurs., Jan 6** – G BB @ St. Ann's, Nashville/Oakdale – 6 pm (B,A)

**Thurs., Jan 6** – B BB vs Sparta – 5 pm (C,B,A)

**Fri., Jan 7 & Sat., Jan 8** – B BB Steeleville 6<sup>th</sup> Grade C team Tournament TBA

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### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

### **WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

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Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.

Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.

Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

### **HOLY COMMUNION**

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Holy Communion is celebrated the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service.

### **ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF**

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*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*