

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday, January 16 – 10:00 a.m.

Gather, as you are able: a piece of bread or cracker, wine or juice for Holy Communion, and a Bible if you'd like to read along with the Scripture.

welcome/announcements

prelude

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

by Dawn Rogers and Eric Wyse

Kristin Young, vocal solo

pastoral greeting

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

And also with you

prayer of the day

Patient God,

Throughout all times, you have loved your people, even when they disobeyed you.

You called them back to life again and again, forgiving them and loving them with an ever-lasting love. Break our hearts for what breaks yours and call us forward to fight for injustice in our communities today.

This we ask in your son, Jesus' name.

Amen.

word

Psalm 127:1-2

"Unless the Lord builds . . ."

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

gospel reading

John 2:13-25

The Gospel according to John the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

"The Passover of the Jews . . ."

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

sermon

Pastor Charisse Jensen
"Follow Your Heartbreak"

hymn of the day

"The Church's One Foundation" (ELW 654)

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-190

Verse 1

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Verse 2

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

Verse 3

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Verse 4

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Verse 5

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

prayers of intercession

We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Merciful God, so often we turn what was meant to be good into something self-serving, distorted, or unjust. Forgive us and lead us back to your right paths.

God of righteousness,

Hear our prayer.

We do not always understand the purpose of all that you have made, O Lord. Your vision far transcends our own. Teach us to trust in your provision and wisdom, and to justly order the corner of this world we occupy.

God of righteousness,

Hear our prayer.

Inspire us by the lives of your servants like Martin Luther King, Jr., who saw a vision of your justice and gave his life to bring it about. Move us by your passion for the disenfranchised, the persecuted, and the misunderstood.

God of righteousness,

Hear our prayer.

Your sanctuary is a place of prayer, praise, and healing. Grant to all who need it your wholeness and restoration, especially. . .

God of righteousness,

Hear our prayer.

Our legacy is with all those who, throughout the ages, saw injustice and didn't rest, but rather fought to restore your good order to the world. Join us with them and give us also their zeal and love for you.

God of righteousness,

Hear our prayer.

All these things we entrust to you, knowing that you are ultimately merciful and have already heard our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

(Take time to exchange a greeting of peace)

offering

offertory prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered from the end of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

words of institution

meal

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

the distribution

post-communion prayer

blessing

sending song

"We Are Called" (ELW 720)

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

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Verse 1

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God.

Refrain

We are called to act with justice,
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with God.

Verse 2

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
so hatred and blindness will be no more. *Refrain*

Verse 3

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other
as sisters and brothers united in love. *Refrain*

dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!