



**ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA**  
**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AT 4:00PM**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND AT 9:00AM**  
**WELCOME TO ST. MARY'S! ALL ARE WELCOME!**



- Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship. Turn off phones or silence them.
- Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.

**PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TEMPLE TALK**

*Stewardship*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**Amen.**

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your loving kindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

God proclaims these words of assurance: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." In ✚ Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

Hymn #853 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

**GREETING**

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.**

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**MUSICAL GREETING**

*Jubilate! Handbells*

*"Alleluia! Amen!" ARR. KAREN LAKEY BUCKWALTER*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**PASTOR:** The Rev. Dr. Jordan Miller-Stubbendick

**SOUND/VIDEO:** Art Kotenko

**SACRISTY HELP:** Pat Gallo & Christy Burmeister

**TEMPLE TALK:** Stewardship Committee Team

**SATURDAY:**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Di Michalski

**READER:** Rod Pfeiffer

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Tim Somers, Todd Woller

**PIANO:** Willy Mueller

**SUNDAY:**

**ASSISTING MINISTER:** Harold Frush

**READER:** Faith Pfeiffer

**ORGANIST:** Deb Black

**ADULT CHOIR:** Dick Sjoerdsma, Director;  
 Deb Black, Accompanist

**KIDS CONNECTION:** Jenny Workman

**COMMUNION ASSISTANTS:** Jackie & Kevin Larsen,  
 Andy Schroeder

**GREETER:** Anne Winkle

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
 who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and  
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,  
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was  
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*  
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Congregation prays along with Assisting Minister—see insert)*

PLEASE BE SEATED

WORD *(see insert)*

#### FIRST READING: MALACHI 3:1-4

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 19 *(read responsively)*

#### SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2:14-18

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### KIDS CONNECTION

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Please stand in body or spirit.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

#### GOSPEL: LUKE 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Luke the 2nd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

**SERMON**

Please stand in body or spirit.

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Hymn #313 "O Lord, Now Let Your Servant"

**APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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**

God of grace,  
receive our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. Amen.

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

**MEAL**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

"This Little Light of Mine" - ARR. NEIL JOHNSON

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine every day.  
On Monday He gave the gift of love, on Tuesday peace came from above,  
on Wednesday told me to have more faith, on Thursday gave me just a little more grace,  
on Friday told me to watch and pray, on Saturday told me just what to say,  
on Sunday gave me the power divine just to let my little light shine.*

**OFFERING** Please stand in body or spirit.

Hymn #691 "Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring" vs. 1, 3

**OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

**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.

**PREFACE**

It is indeed right ...join their unending hymn:

**SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**LORD’S PRAYER**

*Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.*

*PLEASE BE SEATED*

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

Hymn #774 *“What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine”*

**DISMISSAL**

**We are God’s People.  
Followers of Jesus Christ.  
Gifted by the Spirit.**

**Go Pray. Go Love. Go Serve. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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