



Welcome Guests!

(Members for info change)

We are glad you are worshipping with us today! Please fill out for your entire family, tear off, and place in the offering plate or hand it to an usher. Thank you!

Date _____

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Home Church _____

Church City, State _____

I am a guest of _____

- First Time Guest
- Returning Guest
- New to Area
- Would like a visit
- Would like to know more about St. Mark
- Other _____

Prayer Request

- Today **(Please hand to Pastor)**
- Prayer Chain
- Congregation at Prayer
- Pastor Kolb

Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’”

⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from the ESV® Bible (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®), copyright © 2001 by Crossway, a publishing ministry of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved. Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House. Lutheran Service Book Graphics – © Concordia Publishing House. Used with permission.

St. Mark Lutheran Church

is a Christ-centered, Historic, Liturgical, Lutheran Congregation in the heart of Waco, Texas.

We have been serving Waco and the surrounding communities since 1917.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

DECEMBER 7, 2025

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING THREE
LUTHERAN SERVICE BOOK, PAGE 184



Introit

Psalm 105:4-8; antiphon: Isaiah 40:3b



In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

**Seek the LORD | and his strength;*
seek his presence con- | tinually!**

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*
his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his | servant,*
children of Jacob, his | chosen ones!**

He is the | LORD our God;*
his judgments are in | all the earth.

**He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*
the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;**

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

In the wilderness prepare the way | of the LORD;*
make straight in the desert a highway | for our God.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to make ready the way of Your only-begotten Son, that by His coming we may be enabled to serve You with pure minds; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.





Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26, alt.



Rejoice greatly, O daughter of | Zion.*
Shout aloud, O daughter of Je- | rusalem.
Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;*
righteous and having sal- | vation.
Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the Lord.*
From the house of the Lord we | bless you.

Epistle

Romans 15:4-13

⁴Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.
⁸For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,
"Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles,
and sing to your name."
¹⁰And again it is said,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people."
¹¹And again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples extol him."
¹²And again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse will come,
even he who arises to rule the Gentiles;
in him will the Gentiles hope."
¹³May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

LSB Psalm 72:1-7



Entrance Hymn p. 348
"The King Shall Come When
Morning Dawns"
Divine Service Three p. 184
Introit (see insert)
Kyrie p. 186
Collect of the Day (see insert)
Old Testament Reading
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm LSB Psalm 72:1-7
Gradual (see insert)
Epistle Romans 15:4-13
Gospel Matthew 3:1-12
Nicene Creed p. 191
Hymn of the Day p. 344
"On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry"
Sermon Repent, for the Kingdom
of Heaven is at Hand
Offertory p. 192
Offering (Offering plates are
near the doors as you exit)
Prayers of the Church p. 193
Service of the Sacrament p. 194
Distribution Hymns
"Soul, Adorn Yourself
with Gladness " p. 636
"Arise, O Christian People" p. 354
"O Come, O Come,
Emmanuel" p. 357
"When All The World
Was Cursed" p. 346
"Prepare the Royal
Highway" p. 343
Nunc Dimittis p. 199
Benediction p. 202
Closing Hymn p. 834
"O God, O Lord of Heaven
and Earth"*

* - Hymn of the Month