

November 12, 2023  
Worship Service at 11:30am

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We love that you are here.  
The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red).*

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Ringing of the Bells

**Prelude**

Organist: Shannon Mattson

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 441, 1 – 2 & 4: Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand**

Words from Psalm 70:

P: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O Lord, make haste to help me!

**C: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.**

P: Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.

**C: Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.**

P: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

**C: But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!**

P: You are my help and my deliverer; O Lord, do not delay!

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness.

For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves.

For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others.

For jealousy that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare.

For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation.

For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm.

For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace: **C:**

**Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

Reading from Paul's letter to the Christian community in Thessaloniki 4: 13 – 18:

*Sheer expression of hope*

New: Gospel Acclamation # 168: Alleluia



Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 25, 1 – 13:

*Hope and help for foolish bridesmaids*

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reading of the Gospel

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day # 436, 1 & 2: Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**

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P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

***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 again 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.***

**Sharing of Peace**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God in your mercy - **C: hear our prayer**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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 the evil one.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing

**Sending Hymn # 436, 3: Gloria! - Postlude**

Dismissal: P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God!**

**Announcements:**

November 14th, 2023, 2 pm – Memorial Service Harry Buchholz @Valley View Cemetery, Surrey

November 14th, 2023, 04:30 – Lantern walk

November 24th, 2023, 2 pm – Memorial Service Alexander Kolbowicz @St.Mark's

November 28.-29. ,2023, 10 am – wreath binding/bazaar preparations – volunteers needed

Dezember 2nd, 2023 – 10 am – 4 pm – Christmas bazaar



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