

Welcome  
Prelude

Hymn 239 Hark, the Glad Sound vs. 1-3  
*(we are seated)*

Second Sunday of Advent Candle of Peace

Hymn 239 vs. 4 Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Hymn of response to "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people." 257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel vs. 1-2

Sermon: The Good News of the Birth of "God with us"!

*We will sing verse 1 of the following hymns:  
Away in a Manger, Hark the Herald, We Three Kings, & Joy to the World (2 verses)*

Nicene Creed  
Offering / Anthem

*(we stand in body and spirit)*  
Page 98-99 Kyrie (for Prayers of Intercession)  
Page 101 This is the Feast  
Page 108 The Words of Institution  
Page 112 The Lord's Prayer  
Page 112-113 Lamb of God

*Communion around the altar*

Page 114 Prayer  
Page 115 Blessing

Hymn 264 Prepare the Royal Highway

Postlude



**Today**

+ 9:30am CONNECT groups for all ages in the FLC; Adult 1 in the conference room

+ 10:30am **Christmas Pageant**



*The flowers on the altar today are given by Linda Clark to the glory, praise, and thanksgiving of God for his many blessings and in memory of her daughter who passed suddenly a year ago.*

Welcome sisters and brothers in Christ. At the heart of our Advent preparation stands John the Baptist, who calls us to repent and make a new beginning. As the darkness increases, we turn toward the approaching light of Christ. We light the Advent candle of Peace and wait with eager longing for that day when the wolf will dwell with the lamb, when there will be no more hurt or destruction, when all have enough, and when we and all the world in wonder echo shalom (Hebrew "peace"). The peace of Christ be with you always.

Shepherd of the Week: Bobbie Meadows

**Prayer Concerns**

*St. Mark's Members:* Mary Trimberger, Lorri Monterose, Sharon Gombotz, Bob Anderson, Mike Carter, Ruth Ann Swart, Peter Cuocolo, all who are homebound, all who are caregivers.

*St. Mark's Friends & Family:* David Whitlow (son of Liz W), Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck), Tommy Barone (brother of Charlie Barone), Sandy Monterose (Tommy's sister), Luz Ortiz (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Adam Mann (son-in-law of Saleebys), Wes and Judy Koch (friends of the Hokes), Brynda Bechtold, Dave & Annette Simpson (friends of Peter Cuocolo), Renee (friend of Cindy Wilkins), Dave (friend of the Greene Family), Colin Goracke (Jack & Melanie Altman's grandson), Cindy Munsey Hall (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Glen Bannister (Sharon Roy's brother-in-law), Betty Lowe, Sue Wilson (Michelle Corbett's mother), Bleier family, Sandra Davis, Rick Barger (friend of Kathy Jo McLean), Zebulon Hounslea (friend/student of Judy Fletcher), Maria Cuocolo, Ronnie & kids, Emma (15- Hodgkins Lymphoma), Keith LaPrelle (nephew of Karen Pettit), David Moregas (friend of the Kecks), Harriett Hepler (Barbara Overcash's sister), James Nicholson (friend of Peter Cuocolo), Steve Belton (brother of Malinda Little), Tori (friend of Liz McNabb), Anne Monterosso (fiancé of Colin Davis), Marty Rink (friend of the Van Horns), Carol Masters (friend of Liz Whitlow), Pastor David Gerber (Diana Cosme Avery's stepfather), Clark 'Tiger' LeBrun (cousin of Donna Enroth & Linda Melin), Ian Russell  
*St Mark's Military Members:* Tommy Upshaw, Erik Crowder, and Janet Smeltz's grandson- Dalton Leik, Andrew Boman, BK & Laura Barringer's great-grandson- Christopher Barringer.

## NEWS & EVENTS

### **Next Sunday, December 14**

*One service at 10am*

+ 10am **Christmas Cantata**  
(livestreamed)

+ 3:30 LKN Big Band Concert

+ 5pm Advent Dinner

### **Sunday, December 21**

*No children connect*

+ 8:30am Worship

+ 9:30am CONNECT for adults

+ 10:30am Worship (livestream)

### **Sunday, December 28**

*No children connect; One service at 10*

+ 10am Worship with Lessons &  
Carols (livestreamed)

### **THE WEEK AHEAD**

*Tuesday*

12:30pm Hands On

*Wednesday*

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

6pm Handbell rehearsal

7pm Adult Choir

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**ENJOY** (*Empty Nester's Just Older Youth*) Meet up *Friday, December 19 at 6:00pm at the corner of Broad Street and West Moore Street in front of Mooresville Ice Cream Shop* to participate in the Mistletoe Sip and Shop in downtown Mooresville. We will stroll and enjoy the shops and businesses open houses, store specials, and soak up the holiday season from 6 to 8pm. Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-6155 or rkward93@yahoo.com

**LYO Assembly 2026:** *Keeping Up with the Lutherans: The Church Has Left the Building, February 27–March 1, 2026* in Greensboro. Middle & high schoolers are invited to a weekend of worship, service, and fun exploring how we live our faith beyond the walls of the church. For more information contact Pastor Dave.

**Christmas Cantata** on *Sunday, December 14 at 10:00am* in the sanctuary (one worship service).

**LKN Big Band Christmas Show & Advent Dinner** *Sunday, December 14.* Concert in the Sanctuary at 3:30pm followed by potluck dinner in the FLC. Please bring a dish to share with at least 8 servings.

**Food for Days** November item of the month: Fruit & Applesauce cups. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

**Wednesday Potluck and Worship** on *December 10 and 17 in the FLC.* 5:30pm Soup/potluck dinner; 6:15pm Worship with Holden Evening Prayer

**Preschool** Registration for 2026-27 is open for church families. To register before the public please contact Stephanie Mattingly at 704-609-6244 or mattinglysk920@gmail.com to secure your spot.

**Ladies Lunch Bunch**– not meeting in December.

**Beer & Bible** *Thursday, December 11 at 7:00pm at On Tap* on Main Street with Pastor Dave.

### **Christmas Eve services**

**4:00pm** Children's service

**7:30pm** Communion & Candlelight traditional service with pre-service music beginning at 7:15pm

**10:00pm** Carols, Communion, & Candlelight

**Free Christmas Cards** Hands On has received wonderful donations of Christmas cards that can be found in the FLC and Narthex. All cards are free to church members to bless others and brighten someone's holiday! In addition, we will continue to create hand-made cards this season. If you have an interest in making cards or donating supplies, please reach out to Pam Core at 704-340-7883 pjcore@gmail.com or come join us on Tuesdays at 12:30pm!

**Break Room** If you need to step out of service for a moment away, you are welcome to visit the break room. Follow the signs to the room towards the back of the building.