

Welcome
Prelude

Pages 94-96 Gathering
Hymn 267 Joy to the World!

Let us pray.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Psalms 147:12-20 (*chanted responsively*)

Ephesians 1:3-14

Children's Message

Page 142 Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia"

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:1-18

Sermon

Hymn 253 He Came Down
Nicene Creed
Prayers of Intercession

Offering / Anthem "Joy to the World" arr. Lloyd Larson

Prayer

Page 144 Great Thanksgiving
Page 145 The Lord's Prayer
Page 146 Lamb of God

Communion around the chancel railing

Benediction

Hymn 270 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Postlude



In the year of our Lord 2026, welcome to St. Mark's in the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! In today's profound gospel reading of John 1 lies the simple message that God is revealed in a human person. Though we may try to understand how the Word existed with God from the beginning of time, the wonder we celebrate at Christmas and all our days is that the Word continues to dwell among us! Thanks be to God! Christ comes among us in worship, in the scriptures, the waters of new birth, and the bread and the wine. Through these ordinary gifts we receive the fullness of God's grace and truth.



Prayer Concerns

Shepherd of the Week: Susan Uzarski

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St. Mark's Friends & Family: We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of the Greg Biffle family, Mike Staley (Tracy Staley's dad), David Whitlow (son of Liz W), Wendy Phillips (friend of Nina Keck), 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.

Congratulations and God's blessings to Josh and Holly Frankos and all their family at the birth of Colt Henry Frankos on December 18!

Condolence: We extend our Christian Sympathy to the family and friends of those lost in the accident with Greg Biffle.

NEWS & EVENTS

Welcome and thank you to our guest preacher, Rev. Joe Glymph! Pastor Dave is away for a Keck family wedding.

Next Sunday, January 11

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages
- + 10:30am Worship (livestream)

Sunday, January 18

- + 8:30am Worship
- + 9:30am CONNECT for all ages
- + 10:30am Worship (livestream)

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday

12:30pm Hands On

Wednesday

10am Bible Study

5:30pm Dinner & Devotions

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Annual Chili Cookoff on *Friday, January 23 at 6:00pm* in the FLC. Bring chili to enter the competition or simply come to enjoy a bowl and vote. Prizes will be awarded for: best overall, most creative, and people's choice.

K-12 Youth Rock Climbing at Cliffhangers on *Sunday, January 15, at noon*. Call or text Jessica to RSVP: 828-514-9248.

Food for Days January item of the month: chewy granola bars. Donations can be dropped in the bin near the office hall.

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.

ENJOY (*Empty Nester's Just Older Youth*) Are you between the ages of 45ish and 65? Meet up with us on *Friday, January 16 at 6:00pm at Florence Wine and Beer Garden, 518 S Church Street, Mooresville*. Contact Kristie Ward with any questions at 704-807-6155 or rkward93@yahoo.com

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.

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.

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet on *January 14, 2026 at 11:30 am* at Jeffrey's Steak House at 117 Trade Court, Mooresville, 28115. Please RSVP to susanaltierinc@gmail.com or call 704-929-5648 by Monday, January 12, 2026.

Faith Formation CONNECT hour *9:30am Fellowship in the FLC, 9:45 groups begin*. Groups in the FLC: PreK-5th, Youth, Adult, Classy Leftovers. Groups in the main building: Adult 1 in the conference room. **4th-6th graders** are invited to SERVE group in the FLC every 1st Sunday during CONNECT hour.

Altar Flowers 2026 The sign up sheet to provide flowers for the altar in 2026 is available on the bulletin board near the office. Instructions and more information can be found on the sheet.

Wednesday Dinner & Devotions *5:30pm supper, followed by 6:15 worships in the FLC*. Bring a dish to share for potluck supper.

Our 2025 Angel Tree blessed many children this Christmas! St. Mark's came together in a really big way to serve 17 families (total of 38 children) whose wish lists were fulfilled! The personnel from the organization and schools who provided the names and needs reported very appreciative parents and overjoyed children. Many thanks to all who helped make this mission a success! You are truly appreciated!