

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S BETHANY

We're so glad you joined us for worship today. Our mission is to build a family of believers who glorify God and help each other become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

December 7, 2025, 9:30 A.M.



PRELUDE

WELCOME

HYMN #163

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

STATEMENT OF FAITH

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.

On the third day he rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

PRAYER

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

Tim and Jennifer McKay

OFFERING REMINDER

SPECIAL

Little Drummer Boy
Kate and Brian Kiespert

Olson

HYMN #194

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear
Verses 1, 3 & 4

MESSAGE

REV. RANDY WADE

HE CAME TO TESTIFY TO THE LIGHT

FROM THE SERMON SERIES

"THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS"

GOSPEL READING

67 Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied: 68 "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. 69 He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his child David, 70 as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, 71 that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. 72 Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors and has remembered his holy covenant, 73 the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness in his presence all our days. 76 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, 77 to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. 78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, 79 to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

-- Luke 1:67-79

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4 in him was life,[a] and the life was the light of all people. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. 6 There was a man sent from God whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8 He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9 The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

-- John 1:1-9

COMMUNION

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 evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

HYMN #162

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
Verses 1, 2, 4, 6

HYMN #182

Thou Who Wast Rich Beyond All Splendor

PRAYER

HYMN #175

Once In Royal David's City
Verses 1, 2, 5

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

"Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

POSTLUDE

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