

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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### This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship w/Lord's Supper 7:00 PM  
Tuesday - Pre-Call Meeting for a New Principal 7:00 pm  
Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm  
- Catechism 5:30 pm , Advent Service 7:00 pm  
Thursday - Bible Class—All Welcome 6:30 am  
Friday - Snow Removal—Craig Goodrich  
- Church Cleaning: Sec.1 Vogel Sec. 2 Wilkinson  
Sec. 3 Wathor  
Sunday - Christmas Eve 9:30 am  
Candle Light Service 6:00 pm  
Monday - Christmas Day 10:00 am

**Birthdays**—Kerry Johnson 12/22, Susan Rehm 12/23

**Anniversary** -Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek 12/19

**Nebraska Lutheran High School** will present its annual sacred Christmas concert today at 4 pm at the Nebraska Ev. Lutheran High School in Waco. The concert will be followed by a performance of this year's one act play and a meal. Everyone is invited to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the season to enjoy some beautiful music, entertainment, and fellowship as we praise God for sending His Son to be our redeemer.



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**A SOLA CHRISTMAS**

**PREK - 8**                      **Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord**  
*Pre-8 (vs. 1-4) , Cong. (vs. 5-6)*

**5 Crush for me the serpent's head**  
**That, set free from doubt and dread,**  
**I may cling to you in faith,**  
**Safely kept through life and death,**

**6 And, when you shall come again**  
**As a glorious king to reign,**  
**I with joy may see your face,**  
**Freely ransomed by your grace.**

**INVOCATION**

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**                      *Psalm 96, selected verses*

**M:** Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

**C:** Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

**M:** Declare his glory among the nations,

**C:** his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

**M:** Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations,

**C:** ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**M:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

**C:** tremble before him, all the earth.

**HYMN: CW 41**

**Let All Together Praise Our God**

*Pre-k (vs. 1-2) , Cong. (vs. 3-6)*

1. Let all together praise our God Before his highest throne;  
Today he opens heav'n again And gives us his own Son,  
And gives us his own Son.

2. He leaves his heav'nly Father's throne, Is born an infant small,  
And in a manger, poor and lone, Lies in a humble stall,  
Lies in a humble stall.

3. He veils in flesh his pow'r divine A servant's form to take;  
In want and lowliness must die Who heav'n and earth did make,  
Who heav'n and earth did make.

4. A wondrous change which he does make:

He takes our flesh and blood,

And he conceals for sinners' sake His majesty as God,

His majesty as God.

5. He serves that I a lord may be—A great exchange indeed!  
Could Jesus' love do more for me To help me in my need,  
To help me in my need?

6. For us he opens wide the door Of paradise today.  
The angel guards the gate no more; To God our thanks we  
pay, To God our thanks we pay.

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**Please remember in your prayers...**

- **Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek** who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 25 years of marriage
- **Ken Holm**
- **Shirley Zacherson**



Silent night! Holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar;  
Heav'nly hosts sing, Alleluia;  
Christ, the Savior, is born!  
Christ, the Savior, is born!

Silent night! Holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face  
With the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe 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, died, and was bur-  
    ied.  
    He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead.  
    He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the  
    Father almighty.  
    From there he will come 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.

#### BLESSING

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one  
another. Serve the Lord with gladness.  
**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to  
you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.  
**C:** Amen.

**M:** Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;  
**C:** let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

**M:** Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes,  
**C:** he comes to judge the earth.

**M:** He will judge the world in righteousness  
**C:** and the peoples in his faithfulness.

HYMN: CW 34

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Now sing we, now rejoice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;  
He from whom joy streameth Poor in a manger lies;  
Not so brightly beameth The sun in yonder skies.  
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!

Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.  
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;  
Through thy grace and merit, Blest Jesus, Lord most mild,  
Draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!

Now through his Son doth shine The Father's grace divine.  
Death o'er us had reigned Through sin and vanity;  
He for us obtained Eternal joy on high.  
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'nly ground?  
Where the angels singing With all his saints unite,  
Sweetest praises bringing In heav'nly joy and light.  
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

#### Introduction

Part One: By Scripture Alone (*Sola Scriptura*)

**Grades 5-8                      Of the Father's Love Begotten**

**Part Two: By Faith Alone, Through Christ Alone** (*Sola Fide, Solus Christus*)

**Grades Pre - K                      Away in a Manger**

**Part Three: To God's Glory Alone** (*Soli Deo Gloria*)

**Grades Pre – 4                      Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**

**Part Four: By Grace Alone** (*Sola Gratia*)

**Junior Choir                      He Came Down From Heaven**

**SERMON**

**OFFERING**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** God our Wonderful Counselor, in your Word you reveal to us who you are and what we are.

**C:** **Through your Scriptures alone you show us that you are righteous and we are not. You show us that you are love and that we are forgiven.**

**M:** Mighty God, you provide us with certain hope and redeem us from our sin.

**C:** **Through faith alone we hold to your promises, and through Christ alone we receive salvation.**

**M:** Everlasting Father, you rule the universe, the church, and the hearts of your people.

**C:** **To you alone belongs all glory and praise!**

**M:** Prince of Peace, your love covers us and fills us and moves us.

**C:** **Through grace alone we receive new life and eternal hope.**

**M:** Faithful God, move us to rejoice in our salvation and to share eagerly this Good News with others.

**C:** **Help us to live for you through Scripture alone, by faith alone, in Christ alone, under grace alone, and to your glory alone. Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C:** **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 and ever. Amen.**

**HYMN: CW 60**

**Silent Night! Holy Night**

**Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon virgin mother and child.  
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace.**