

# First Sunday of Advent



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November 28, 2021  
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

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**ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal WOV = With One Voice hymnal**  
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Service of Holy Communion – ELW Setting Five

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# GATHERING

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## +Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who alone does wonders,  
who lifts up the lowly, who fills the hungry with good things.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin, trusting in the tender mercy of our God.

*Silence for reflection.*

P God for whom we wait,

C **in the presence of one another, we confess our sin before you.**

**We fail in believing that your good news is for us.**

**We falter in our call to tend your creation.**

**We find our sense of self in material wealth.**

**We fear those different from ourselves.**

**We forget that we are your children and turn away from your love.**

**Forgive us, Blessed One, and assure us again of your saving grace.**

**Amen.**

P God, in Christ Jesus, has looked with favor upon you!

Through the power of the Holy Spirit, ✝ your sins are forgiven.

You are children of the Most High, inheritors of the eternal promise,  
and recipients of divine mercy.

God strengthens you anew to follow the way of peace.

C **Amen.**

## +Lighting the Advent Wreath

L We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that marks our days of  
preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath,  
rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes  
with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our  
hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose  
coming is certain and whose day draws near.

C **Amen.**

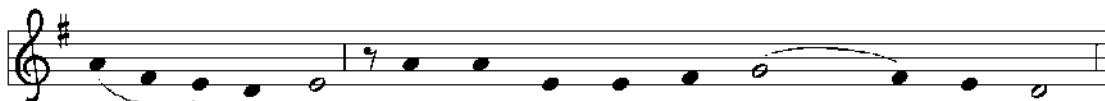
## +Gathering Hymn

*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1–2)

ELW 257



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

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Music: VENI, EMMANUEL, French processional, 15th cent.  
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## +Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

## +Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

### +Hymn of Praise

Cantor to sing two times

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

### +Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Urgent God, breaking through the static to speak to our hearts:  
disarm our love of control and shake the silent heavens to reveal your dawn-  
ing glory, judging all in the light of love; through Jesus Christ, the one who is  
to come.

C **Amen.**

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# WORD

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## First Scripture ♦ Jeremiah 33:14–16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 25:1–10

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**My God, I put my trust in you; let me  
not be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over  
me.**

Let none who look to you be put to  
shame; rather let those be put to  
shame who are treacherous.

**Show me your ways, O Lord,  
and teach me your paths.**

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for  
you are the God of my salvation; in  
you have I trusted all the day long.

**Remember, O Lord, your  
compassion and love,  
for they are from everlasting.**

Remember not the sins of my youth and  
my transgressions; remember me ac-  
cording to your steadfast love and for  
the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

**You are gracious and upright, O  
Lord;  
therefore you teach sinners in your  
way.**

You lead the lowly in justice  
and teach the lowly your way.

**All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast  
love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant  
and your testimonies.**

## +Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

## +Gospel ♦ Luke 21:25–36

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus said: “There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in a cloud’ with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

Then he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

# Sermon

Pastor Nic Leither

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.  
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

## Hymn of the Day

*Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*

ELW 436



1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men  
2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her  
3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and



on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.  
heart with joy is spring-ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.  
an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear-est tone.



Mid - night hears the wel - come voic - es, and at the  
Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in  
Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to



thrill-ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid-ens! Night is past.  
grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.  
bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"  
Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.  
No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun-d'ring might





Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;  
Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,  
of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.  
and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.  
There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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Music: WACHET AUF, Philipp Nicolai  
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## **+Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

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who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **+Prayers of Intercession**

Assisting Minister: God, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

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## **MEAL**

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### **+Peace**

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:*

**Peace be with you.**

### **+Offertory Prayer**

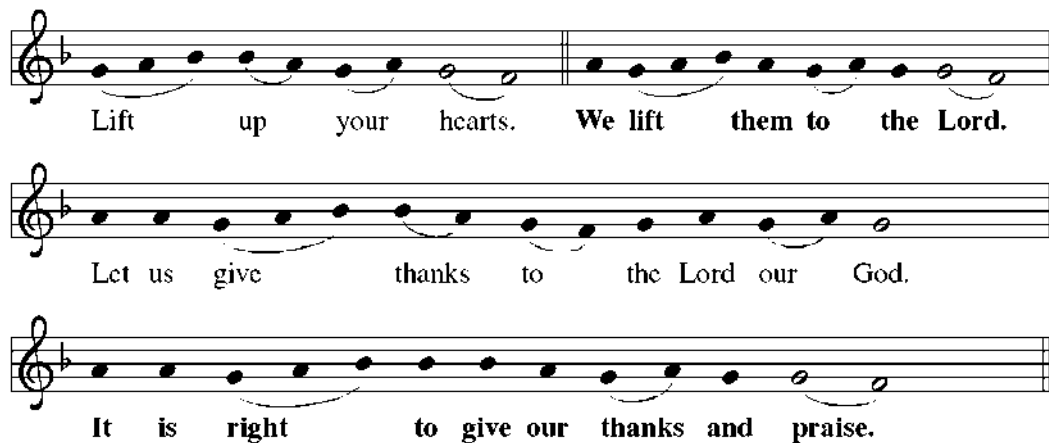
A Let us pray.

God of our waiting and watching, we offer the gifts of our hearts and our lives to the service of all your people. Prepare the way before us as we meet you in this simple meal, through Christ Jesus, our pathway and our peace.

C **Amen.**

### **+The Great Thanksgiving**



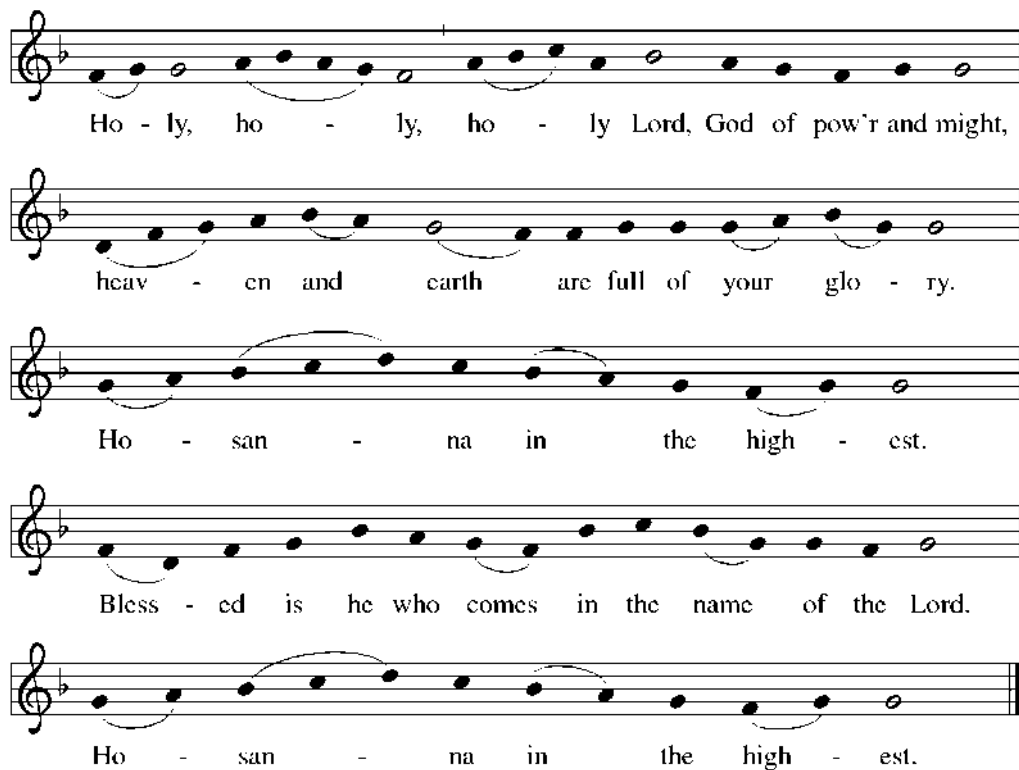


Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
 It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### +Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### +Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## +Eucharistic Prayer

P Holy one, Mystery of winter skies,...  
...Holy Spirit that breathes new life still.

C Amen.

## +Lord's Prayer



## +Communion

P Come to Christ's banquet.  
Feast on God's gift of grace.

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

*Communion Hymn on next page*

## Communion Hymn

*What Feast of Love*

ELW 487



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

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Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

**C** Amen.

- A Let us pray.  
Most High God, you have come among us at this table.  
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word, sharing gifts of  
mercy and grace with all, through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest
- C Amen.

## Announcements

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# SENDING

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### +Blessing

- P The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
through Christ ✝ Jesus for whom we wait
- C Amen.

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## +Sending Hymn

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

ELW 244



- 1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
- 2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
- 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ings bore,
- 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.  
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.  
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.  
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.  
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.  
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;  
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.  
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.  
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.  
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907  
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune



## **+Dismissal**

**A** Go in peace. Christ is near.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements

<b>SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
<b>October, 2021</b>			
<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Total Income	\$14,844.47	Total Income	\$170,915.87
Total Expenses	-\$19,200.11	Total Expenses	-\$129,390.71
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$4,355.64</b>	<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$41,525.16</b>
<i>Less Foundation Grant for 2020 Budget Deficit</i>			-\$7,187.24
			<b>\$34,337.92</b>
<b>BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING</b>			
<u>Monthly Budget Amount</u>	<u>Actual Current Month</u>	<u>Budget Year to Date</u>	<u>Actual Year to Date</u>
\$11,931.67	\$10,340.62	\$143,180.00	\$114,933.99
<b>Over/Under Budget</b>	<b>-\$1,591.05</b>		<b>-\$28,246.01</b>

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

**Weekly Enews** If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list for our primary means of communication throughout the week.

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## OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

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*We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.*

### **Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:**

John Alan Elzea (*Sara Jensen's nephew, physical rehab after being struck by a car*)  
Amie Walson Riggs (*Sara Jensen's friend, recovery from back surgery*)  
Michelle and Christian Quintana (*friends of Marita Rember, in ICU for COVID-19*)  
Chris Prillwitz (*back & knee pain, cancer*)  
Jean Rose (*medical tests*)  
Rhonda Nimerichter Matsumoto (*surgery complications*)

### **For homebound members and friends:**

Gil Bliss (*skin cancer treatments*)  
George Devers  
James & Marie Hughes  
Christel Loftness  
Dorothy Parker  
Daphne Remington  
Vernita Wild  
Colleen Graham  
Palma Kruger  
Les and Diana Ortt  
Gerry Redlin  
Arlene Selk  
Don Snook & Trish Kulp

### **For the faithful departed and those who mourn:**

Family of Palma Kruger  
Family of Frank Sanchez (*Roxanne Knutson's coworker*)  
Family of Ellyana Edaku Sinaga (*Tony's sister*)

### **For those with ongoing concerns:**

Lucy Woodall (*Pastor Nic's grandmother-in-law*)  
Nancy Larson (*Gilberts' friend, West Nile*)  
Anne Hermanson (*friend of church, brain tumor*)  
Alice Thurlow (*health and physical rehab*)  
Jay Coyle (*Ellie Weaver's son's father-in-law, bladder cancer*)  
Doug Benson (*health*)  
Jared Elvir and family  
Steve Brelsford (*Bob's son, stroke recovery*)  
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health and cancer treatments*)  
Jeff Martin (*health*)  
The Pulido and Nava families  
Gene (*physical rehab for partial paralysis, Joan Gustafson's son-in-law*)  
Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)  
Ollie Daniels (*pain/breathing issues*)  
Irene Seelmeyer (*at home physical rehab*)  
Sally Lynch (*pain & breathing issues*)  
Cesar Lomeli & Alvaro Cassillas Garcia (*nephew & friend of Laura Garcia, missing*)  
Ele Lopeman (*health*)  
Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)  
Brian Hodgson (*long-term recovery, heart surgery*)  
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)  
Lydia Scott (*cancer*)  
Patrick Stephenson (*melanoma reoccurrence*)  
Rose Kvern (*health*)  
Judith Graham (*Quai Barker's mother, cancer*)  
Jeff (*Hugo Redlin's son, health*)

*In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.*

*If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/update.*

## Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Pianist	Sara Jensen
Assisting Minister	Mary Katherine Smith
Lector	Mary Katherine Smith
Acolyte	Clark Gilbert
Advent Wreath Lighting	Clark and Claudette Gilbert
Ushers	Clark and Claudette Gilbert
Sound Engineer	Bill Stephenson
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Laura Garcia
Cameras	Matthew/Abi Napitupulu



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#### **Important Information About St. Mark's**

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If you are in need of help, be it spiritual or in physical resources, please share your need with the church and we will help you as best as we can during this challenging time.