

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

GREETING

HYMN 302 Lord, to You I Make Confession

M: In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.



CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.



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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - 7:00 pm Worship Service
- Wednesday - 8:30 am Children's Devotion
- 3:30 pm Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center
- 6:00 pm Catechism
- 7:00 pm Advent Service
- Thursday - 5– 8pm Barnes & Noble Book Fair
- Saturday - 9-10:30 am Children's Christmas Practice
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Randazzo Sec. 2 Rankin Sec. 3 Rehm

Special Services

- December 11 – Advent Service 7:00 pm
- December 15 – Children's Christmas Service 10:30 am
- December 18 – Advent Service 7:00 pm
- December 24 – Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
- December 25 – Christmas Day Service 9:30 am
- December 31– New Year's Eve Service 7:00 pm

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 162

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$ 5899.13	Missions	\$459.00
Building Fund	\$40.00	NELHS Gen.	\$100.00
Forward in Christ	\$11.00		

Total Offering— \$6509.13



Christmas is just around the corner. As we go into our stores to shop, we can already see Christmas creeping towards us. Once again, St. Mark Lutheran School will be participating in the Barnes and Noble Bookfair program. This event will take place on **Thursday, December 12th from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. Our students will be singing Christmas Carols, playing Christmas songs, performing a Nativity Play, and assisting with a Christmas craft. On that night, when making a purchase, you will need to give our school's book fair ID number **11201399** when you check out. If you are unable to attend the event, you can still purchase items at www.barnesandnoble.com from Thursday, December 12th to Tuesday, December 17th online. Go to the Barnes and Noble website and when you are ready to checkout you will need the book fair ID number **11201399**. Scroll down to the bottom of the checkout page and you will see a box at the bottom on the left. It will tell you to check this box if this is a Bookfair order.

If you are interested in reading books or you know someone who has multiple books on their Christmas wish list, come out and join St. Mark Lutheran School to celebrate the Christmas season and assist ministry at your school. On behalf of St. Mark Lutheran School, we look forward to seeing you all there!

WELS Hymnal Committee will conduct a survey every week for the next three years. We will be evaluating our worship service. If you have any comments about any aspect of the worship service, please email pastor Raddatz by Monday morning, as the synod will be working on putting together its next hymnal.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Jarod Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt

Ushers: Eric Richert, Nate Flood (E), Mark Nelson, Rainer Gartzke (L)

Greeters: Katie Flood (E) Lori Meyer (L)

AV Team: Vicki & Randy Rankin, Mark Schwede, Larry Hans, Paul Dinges

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Prayer and Praise

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Glory be to God

C: Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor - ship you, we glorify you,

we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n - ly King,

God the Fa - ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the

sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the

sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of

God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on - ly are holy;

you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

DANIEL 4:19-37

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 14 (BULLETIN P. 7)

SECOND LESSON

ACTS 3:19-26

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. Luke 3:4,6



Advent Wreath The second Advent candle is called the Bethlehem Candle. It represents the coming on earth of Jesus the Son of God, born of the virgin Mary. This is recalled for us in Luke 2.

Blanket Drive Ben Riegsecker, Martha Wilkinson, Joe Krushenisky and Ariel Tustin are collecting blankets for the St. Mark Lutheran school catechism class. We are collecting blankets for the Child Advocacy Center. We will take new blankets, gently used blankets, large blankets, little blankets or any kinds of blankets. We will accept all colors of blankets. Our goal is to have 200 blankets by December 16th. We ask that you wash all used blankets before bringing them in. There will be totes in the coatroom to put the blankets in. Please bring blankets for our blanket drive.

SCRIP - Please consider purchasing your Christmas gift cards this year through GO NELHS. It's an easy way to raise money for Nebr. Lutheran High School and St. Mark's School. A list of available gift cards is located on the office bulletin board or on the high school's website (www.my.nelhs.org). Amazon and Shutterfly gift cards are also available this year. And if you plan on helping with our school's Dec. 12th fundraiser, Barnes & Noble scrip is available. Call or email me and I would be happy to help you with your order! Carol Hans 489-3787, hanselec@windstream.net

Approaching Old Social Club (20–30 something) Ugly Christmas Sweater Party Saturday December 14th at 6:00pm. Hosted at the Schroeder's. Their address is 1300 Thunderbird Blvd, Lincoln, NE 68512. Email benschroeder05@gmail.com for questions.

Snow Removal If you would be willing to help shovel the sidewalks before church services there is a signup sheet on the table in the entryway. **Thank you!**

Everyone is invited . . . to go Christmas caroling! You don't have to be in choir to go! Youth, collegians, families, singles, grandparents, etc - everyone is welcome to come along! We will sing familiar Christmas hymns at a nursing home and a few of our shut-in members' homes. We will meet at church this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and finish by 3:30 p.m. Please sign up on the entryway table so we know how many carolers to plan for. See you for singing!

Poinsettias The Ladies' Aid will be purchasing Christmas poinsettias for the church altar. If you wish to give a donation toward the purchase of the poinsettias to help cover the cost, please make your check out to Elfi Lee and put your donation in her mailbox by Dec. 8th.

Join Us in Studying God's Word at 9:20 am

December 8 -You Are My Witnesses : Acts 12:14

December 15 -You Are My Witnesses : Acts 15

December 22 -You Are My Witnesses

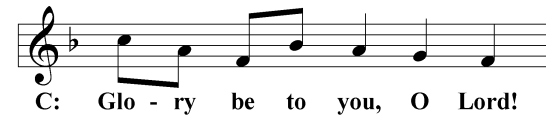
Sunday School Children ages 3-14: 9:20 am

Birthdays- Todd Blome 12/8, Katie Flood 12/10, Alexa Nelson 12/10, Dan Dorn 12/11, Daniel Schwede 12/12, Tyson Wathor 12/13

Advent Services—St. Mark will once again be having Wednesday Advent Services at 7:00 pm. These 30-minute devotions will take us away from the busyness of the season and help us prepare for our Savior coming again. Our theme for this year's service is "God's Faithful People Await Christmas".

Calling all collegians!! Come join us for food, fellowship and a finals week pick-me-up on Sunday December 8th at 7 PM at St. Mark Lutheran Church. Feel free to bring a friend!! Please feel free to call or text Bryan or Brittany Hodges at 402-802-6471 if you need a ride. We can't wait to see everyone!

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 3:1-12

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



CHOIR: WE ALL BELIEVE

HYMN 16

ON JORDAN'S BANK THE BAPTIST'S CRY

SERMON

DANIEL 4:19-37

RENOUCE YOUR SINS!

OFFERING

Please fill out the friendship cards that are located in the hymn racks. We ask that all members and non-members fill them out in full. Thanks for your help.

Prayer of the Church

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 and ever. Amen.**

HYMN 13

THERE'S A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS CRYING

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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.



HYMN 20

WHEN ALL THE WORLD WAS CURSED

Please remember in your prayers...

- Darvin Raddatz, Pastor Raddatz's father
- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Mary Bush

Psalm 14

Refrain



The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain