

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - 7:00 pm Worship w/Lord's Supper
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
Saturday - Snow removal—D. Remmers
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 D. Remmer Sec. 2 Richert
Sec. 3 Riegsecker

Special Services

- 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

Your Offering Envelopes for next year are ready for you to pick up. They are on a table by your church mailboxes.

A Heartfelt Thank You for the generous monetary gifts that helped purchase the poinsettias that beautify our church for Christmas.

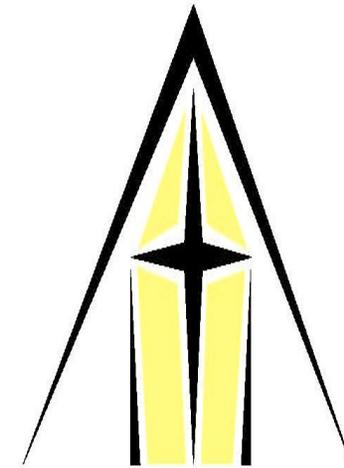
A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 143

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$ 2675.23	Missions	\$298.00
Building Fund	\$20.00	NELHS Gen.	\$25.00
NELHS Debt. Ret.	\$25.00	Sunday School	\$15.50

Total Offering— \$3058.73



St. Mark
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

GREETING

HYMN 8 COME, O PRECIOUS RANSOM, COME

INVOCATION

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

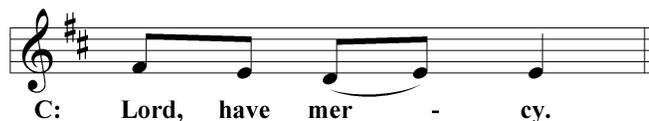
M: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in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

C: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



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

December 15 -You Are My Witnesses: Acts 9,10

December 22 -You Are My Witnesses: Acts 11,12

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

Birthdays- Aaron Remmers 12/15, Isaac Cepek 12/19 Anniversary—
Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek 12/19

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.

NELHS Basketball - The Knights play Parkview Christian Tuesday, Dec. 17th here in Lincoln. The JV boys play at 5 pm, girls varsity at 6:15 pm, and boys varsity at 8 pm. Go Knights!

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: Cindy Krushenisky

Advent Wreath The third Advent candle, the pink one, is called the Shepherd Candle. It represents the coming of the Savior into our hearts through faith in His Holy Word. Even as the shepherds saw their Savior with their own eyes and believed, so now we see Him through the eyes of faith. We hear the account of the Shepherds in Luke 2:15-20.

Stewardship Time and Talent Sheets are on the table in the entry-way. Please fill them out when you have time and return them by Jan. 5th. Please give them to an usher or place them on the secretary's desk.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

HYMN 12

HARK THE GLAD SOUND! THE SAVIOR COMES

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious, his name is worthy of praise.



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a - way our sin; you com - fort our spir - it; you make us

pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your on-ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your
 name in all the earth. O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word
 of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us; you made your Fa-ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the
 King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

WORD OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (+) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (+) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

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

HYMN 11 COMFORT, COMFORT ALL MY PEOPLE

HYMN 6 COME, O LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. By the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, he empowered his Church to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

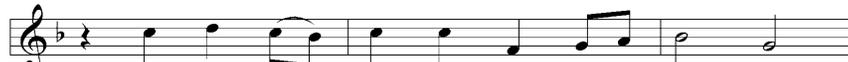
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Job 1: 16-22

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 146 (CW P. 120)

SECOND LESSON

James 5:7-11

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. Matthew 11:10



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 11:2-11

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN 14

ARISE, O CHRISTIAN PEOPLE

SERMON

JOB 1:6-22

NICENE CREED

(Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.)

**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 fully 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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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

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.**

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.