



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

GREETING**HYMN 21 Hosanna to the Coming Lord**

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

- Tuesday - 7:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
 Wednesday - 9:30 am Christmas Day Service
 Saturday - Snow removal—D. Remmers
 - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 M Schwede Sec. 2 Schmidt

“Mark Your Calendars”

- 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
 January 12—Open Forum 9:20 pm
 January 19—Voters’ Meeting 2:00 pm

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week, 275

Last Week’s Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$ 4427.31	Missions	\$400.00
Building Fund	\$25.00	NELHS Debt.	\$100.00
Artwork	\$150.00	Sunday School	\$4.50
Video Ministry	\$100.00	NELHS Gen.	\$275.00

Total Offering— \$5481.81

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory be to God



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Let us pray.

C: **Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 7:1-14

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 24 (CW P. 73)

SECOND LESSON

ROMANS 1:1-7

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: **Alleluia. The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel. Alleluia. Matthew 1:23**



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

Advent Wreath The fourth Advent candle, the last purple one, is called the Angel Candle. It represents the final coming of the Savior in glory with all His angels to take all those who believe in Him to everlasting life in heaven. Matthew 25:31-34

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

Thank you! I would like to thank the children for their gift last Sunday of the Christmas program. I would especially like to thank the parents of the Pre-K thru K children who helped their children learn their parts & the songs.

Listening to my kids sing *Away in a Manger* is the one thing that will always fill me with Christmas spirit even with all the stress & rush of the season. This was my 25th Christmas program as a teacher so I have heard it many times, but it never gets old, I never tire of it, it sounds differently every time. So thank you & God's blessings to you all. *Ms Parde (Marlys)*

Vacation: Pastor Raddatz will be on vacation December 25th and returning on Monday December 30th. If you have the need of a pastor call Pastor Kemnitz (440-8145). Also Carolyn will be out of the office December 25th through December 30th.



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
- Those traveling over the holidays, may God keep them safe

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

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

December 29- No Bible Class

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

Birthday— Susan Rehm 12/23, Noel Lee 12/28, Dave Beach 12/28, Mallory Meyer 12/28 **Anniversary**—Jeremiah & Laura Drews 12/27

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

Stewardship Time and Talent Sheets are on the table in the entryway. 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.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



GOSPEL

MATTHEW 1:18-25

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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 buried.**

**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.**

HYMN 23

OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL

SERMON

ISAIAH 7:14

GOD NAMES HIS SON JESUS, IMMANUEL

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.

OFFERING PRAYER HYMN 485 WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN

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 26

JESUS CAME, THE HEAVENS ADORING

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 3 s. 5 LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YOU MIGHTY GATES