

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

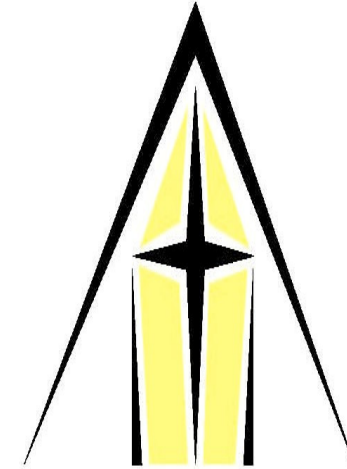
- Monday - 7:00 pm Worship Service
Wednesday - 3:30 pm Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center
- 6:00 pm Catechism
Saturday - Snow removal—Paul Dinges
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Schlieve Sec. 2 Schroeder
Sec. 3 S. Stamps

“Mark Your Calendars”

- December 31— New Year’s Eve Service 7:00 pm
January 12—Open Forum 9:20 pm
January 19—Voters’ Meeting 2:00 pm

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

Birthday— McClain Meyer 12/29, Ben Riegsecker 1/1, Kristine Dorn 1/3,
Lydia Drews 1/4 **Anniversary**— Harold & Verna Rank 1/1



St. Mark
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

GREETING

HYMN 226 To Your Temple I Draw Near

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.



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, Larry Hans, Paul Dinges

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

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.

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

December 29—No Bible Class today

January 5—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems- What Kind of Church Do You Want?

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

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.

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**



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

HYMN 45 OH, REJOICE, ALL CHRISTIANS, LOUDLY

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.

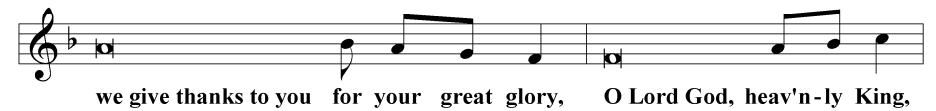
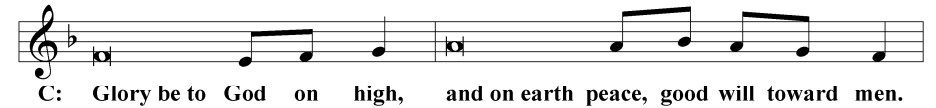


HYMN 64 LET US ALL WITH GLADSOME VOICE

Prayer and Praise

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

Glory be to God



THE LORD BE WITH YOU.



C: And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

HOSEA 11:1-7

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 2 (CW P. 65)

SECOND LESSON

GALATIANS 4:4-7

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. Colossians 3:15a



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

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

GOSPEL

Matthew 2:13-15,19-23

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 41

LET ALL TOGETHER PRAISE OUR GOD

SERMON

GALATIANS 4:4-7

CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN