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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship w/Lord’s Supper 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
 - Catechism 6:00 pm
 - Choir 7:30 pm
- Friday - Snow Removal: Mullen
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Theiler Sec. 2 G. Stamps
 Sec. 3 Wathor
- Sunday - Open Forum 9:20 am
- Monday - Church Council 6:00 pm

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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.

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord			
<u>Last Week’s Thank Offering to our Lord</u>			
Home	\$ 6,724.85	Missions	\$261.00
Building Fund	\$37.00	NELHS Gen.	\$200.00
Artwork	\$150.00	Tuition	\$1,770.00
Forward in Christ	\$11.00	Preschool	\$75.00
Total Offering— \$9228.85			



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

WELCOME

HYMN 241 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

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.



St. Mark News and Notes

Nursery At St. Mark, we love children and encourage their worship, too! In the foyer, we have some children’s busy bags hanging from hooks that you are most welcome to make use of in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you’re welcome to make use of our nursery. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. The service can be watched on a television there. If you need a private place to feed your baby, there is a chair downstairs in the women’s restroom along with a changing table. Most of us have or have had young children, so you’re with caring people who understand what it’s like to have little ones.

Birthdays—Gary Spring 1/5, Jeff Schmidt 1/10, Megan Blome 1/10
Anniversary- David & Alice Remmers 1/11

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Gus Stamps, Dave Remmers
Ushers: Jared Schwede, Todd Blome (E), Ken Holm, Al Wattles (L)
Greeters: Dorothy & Dwayne Burianek (E) Lisa & Payton Duffield (L)
AV Team: Detlef Gartzke, Amy Gartzke, Logan Flood, Dave Dahlke
Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

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

January 5—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems- What Kind of Church Do You Want?
January 12— Open Forum

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

Stewardship Time and Talent Sheets are on the table in the entryway. Please fill them out and give them to an usher or place them on the secretary’s desk. Thank you!

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

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.



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

HYMN 62 s. 1,2 Joy to the World

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**

JUSTIFICATION

753 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,
And our guilt was crim - son red.
From the Fa - ther and the Son
Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
"To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
When the dark - ness hid your face.
I am ev - er - more with you."
God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 By your sav - ing means of grace!
 Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Masterfully minted for the 150th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, this hymn calls to mind God's grace in the past, which compels us to proclaim his gospel promises into the future.

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 Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (87 87 87) John Goss, 1800–1880

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Genesis 16:1-16

PSALM 148

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SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. (Psalm 98:3b)

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

GOSPEL John 1:14-18

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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN 315 Here, O Lord, I See You Face to Face

SONG OF SIMEON

C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac - cord - ing
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre -
 pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the
 Gen - tles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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

WORDS 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.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

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 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.

HYMN 34 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

SERMON Genesis 16:1-16

We Now See the One Who Sees Us

After the sermon, the congregation sings:

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

OFFERING

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.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

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

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love.