

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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### This Week at St. Mark

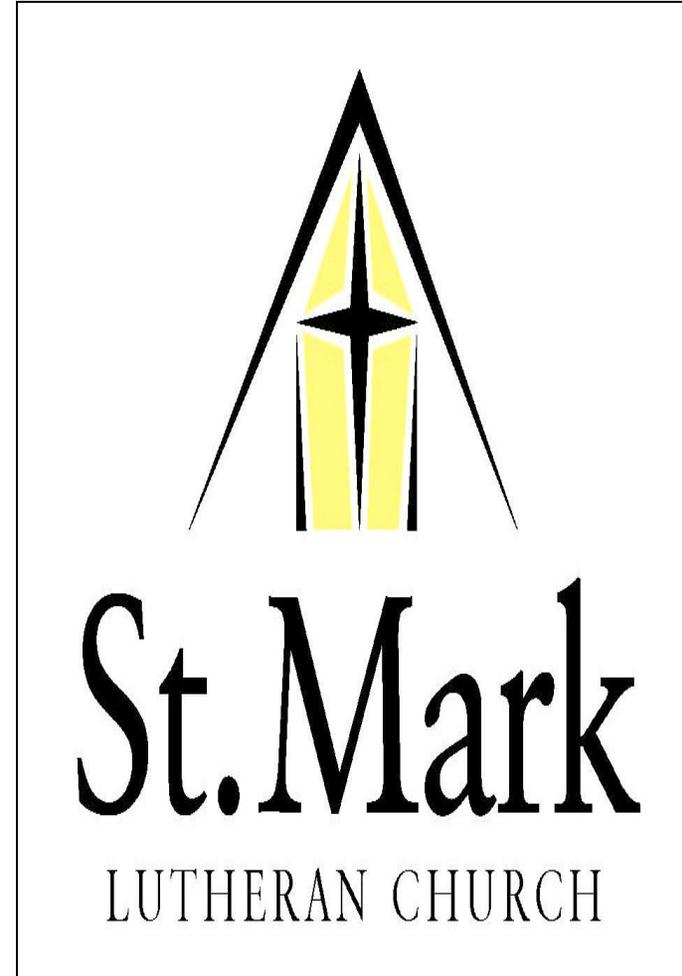
- Sunday - Open Forum 9:20 am  
Monday - Church Council 6:00 pm  
- Worship Service 7:00 pm  
Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm  
- Catechism 6:00 pm  
- Choir 7:30 pm  
Friday - Snow Removal: Larry Hans  
Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Wiles Sec. 2 Schmidt  
Sec. 3 Tustin

### **A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord**

Worship Attendance Last Week 146

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$6464.00	Missions	\$2636.00
Building Fund	\$2072.00	NELHS General	\$305.00
NELHS Debt. Ret.	\$101.00	Tuition	\$3450.00
Sunday School	\$5.00		
Total Offering—		\$15,033.00	



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!



Epiphany

January 12, 2014



Please remember to turn off your cell phone.

**Prayer Upon Entering Church** Oh Lord—our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter—we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.



**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 use 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.



**"Mark Your Calendars"**

January 12—Open Forum 9:20 pm

January 19—Voters' Meeting 2:00 pm

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

**Please remember in your prayers...**



- Eleanor Oltman whose daughter was taken to eternal glory in heaven
- Kathy Holm who is recovering from bunion surgery
- Darvin Raddatz, Pastor Raddatz's father
- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Mary Bush

## 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:** Eva Van Egmond

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

January 12— Open Forum

January 19—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems- What Kind of Pastor Do You Want?

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

**Bible Study** We are starting a new Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 6:30 am for 5 weeks. The first one will be on January 30 in the church basement. Please join us.

- January 30—Leaders Are Always Growing Closer to Christ
- February 6—Building a God-Pleasing Home Life
- February 13—Be a Counselor in Your Home
- February 20 — Be a Model Your Family Looks Up To
- February 27—Be the Captain of Your Household

## GREETING

### HYMN 80

### ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

## 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:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

M: We join together in praying the prayer of the day.  
 C: **Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**FIRST LESSON**

**ISAIAH 60:1-6**

**PSALM OF THE DAY**

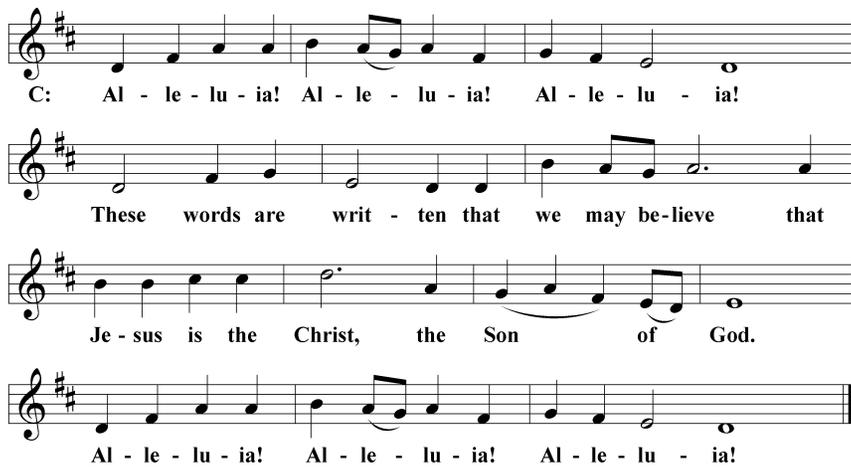
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**EPISTLE LESSON**

**EPHESIANS 3:2-12**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

M: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matthew 2:2b)



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!

**St. Mark News and Notes**

*St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to make disciples of Christ Jesus, the only Savior from sin and eternal death. Christ brings us peace, hope, joy and purpose for our lives. If you need any assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. We thank you for joining us in worshipping our Savior Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us again.*

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Epiphany

January 12, 2014

*Welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ. We love our Savior for he sacrificed himself for us. We love because He first loved us. Our love for God shows itself in a love of His Word and a love for our fellow man. We welcome all visitors into our midst. If you have questions about our beliefs or God's Word, please ask.*

**2014 Flower Chart** is in the office on the door by the mail-boxes. If you would like to celebrate a special time in your life by beautifying our church altar with a gift of flowers, please sign by the week of your choice.

**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.

**Birthdays**—Chelsea Beach 1/14, Trenton Steinbach, 1/17

**Anniversary**- Eric & Patty Richert 1/18

# Psalm 72

## Refrain



The light of Christ shines up - on us.



Praise his glo - ri - ous name.

## Psalm Tone



Endow the King with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.  
He will defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy.

He will endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.  
He will be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.

## Refrain

All kings will bow down to him  
and all nations will serve him.  
All nations will be blessed through him,  
and they will call him blessed.

May his name endure forever;  
may it continue as long as the sun.  
Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds.  
May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

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

## GOSPEL

MATTHEW 2:1-12

AFTER THE GOSPEL, THE CONGREGATION SINGS:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

## HYMN 79

HOW LOVELY SHINES THE MORNING STAR

## SERMON

ISAIAH 60:1-6

YOUR STAR HAS COME

## 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.**

## THANKSGIVING

### OFFERING

We ask everyone present to please fully complete the friendship cards located in the hymn racks. Thank you.

### 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 90

### THE PEOPLE THAT IN DARKENSS SAT

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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 on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



### HYMN 556 s. 1,4

### RISE, SHINE, YOU PEOPLE