



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

PRESERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME

HYMN 367 Christ be My Leader

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Children’s Devotion 8:30 am
 - Catechism 6:00 pm
 - Fellowship with desserts and coffee 6:15 pm
 - Lenten Service 7:00 pm
- Friday - Snow Removal-
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1
 Sec. 2 Sec. 3

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 152, Ash Wednesday 118

Last Week’s Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$4758.00	Missions	\$423.00
Building Fund	\$25.00	NELHS General	\$50.00
Tuition	\$4840.00	Science Camp	\$190.00
Sunday School	\$3.00	Artwork	\$100.00
Total Offering—			\$10,389.00

LORD, HAVE MERCY *Mark 10:47*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceptions and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE CROSS LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:23a We preach Christ crucified.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 42:14-21

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.” *Matthew 4:10b*

STAND

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to John chapter 9:1-9, 13-17,34-39.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

After the Gospel:

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN 343 Christ is the World’s Light

SERMON

Ephesians 5:8-14

Live as Children of the Light

STAND

Church Busy Bags Tina Schmidt is looking for donations to update the church busy bags. If you have small (quiet) toys, baby toys, gently used books or coloring books, please put them in the donation box located on top of the coat racks in the coat room or hand them off to Tina in person. Thank you!

Campus Ministry will be meeting on Monday, March 31st at 6 PM at St. Mark’s.

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.

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Lenten cookies or bars - Families of the congregation are asked to provide cookies or bars for Lenten pre-service dessert fellowship. Here are the dates: March 26th G-L, April 2 M-R, April 9th Sc-Z. Please bring cookies or bars by 6:15 pm.

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. We thank you for joining us in worshiping our Savior Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us again. Christ brings us peace, hope, joy and purpose for our lives. If you need any assistance, please speak with one of the ushers.

Lent 3

March 23, 2014

Easter Flowers - The Ladies Aid will be purchasing Easter lilies, tulips and mums for the altar. If anyone is interested in helping to purchase these flowers a freewill donation will be accepted. There is a sign up sheet in the entryway. Please make checks out to Elfi Lee and give to her, or put it in her church mailbox by April 13.

Birthday—

Thank You for Serving!

Elders: Jared Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt

Ushers: Todd Blome, Jim Rehm (E), Rich & Maclain Randazzo (L)

Greeters: Paul & DeAnna Fanning (E) Joan Mundt (L)

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

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

March 23—1 Corinthians: Practical Solutions to Persistent Church Problems —Discover Your Untapped Spiritual Power

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

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.**

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

HYMN 771 (pg. 7) I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:10 b

C: 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.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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: Amen.

HYMN 392 s. 2 Not Unto Us

In our prayers we remember:

- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Reigsecker's nephew
- Lila, Cindy and Nate Wilke
- Hilma Bork
- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Mary Bush



COMMITMENT

771 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God;
3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ;



I want to fol-low Je-sus.
I want to look at Je-sus.
I want to be with Je-sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;
Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path
When we have run with pa-tience the race,



The star of my life is Je-sus.
And show me the way to the Fa-ther.
We shall know the joy of Je-sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all; The



night and the day are both a-like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit-y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je-sus.

Tune: HOUSTON (10 7 10 8 and Refrain)

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