

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
Wednesday - Children's Service 8:30 am
- Lexington Assisted-Living Center Bible Study 3:30 pm
Thursday - Bible Study 6:30 am
Friday - Mowing: Lawn—Bryan Hodges, Lot—Curt Jamison
Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 D. Gartzke
Sec. 2 R. Gartzke Sec. 3 L. Hans
Sunday - Worship Service 9:00 am

Thank You for Serving!

Elders: Nate Workentine, Ben Schroeder

Usher: Paul Fanning

Greeters: Kim Kumwenda, Joan Mundt

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

Birthdays—17- Detlef Gartzke, 19-Thomas Drews, 20- Ryan Kramer, 22-Lanie Stamps, 22- Jarod Wilkinson, 22- Jared Marker, 23- Bill Marker

Farewell Over the past 16 years we have been blessed here at St. Mark to have Pastor Stephen Raddatz as our Pastor. August 17th will be his last service here at St. Mark. Please join us for a farewell potluck dinner at 5:30 pm on the 17th for Pastor, Kim, Joshua and Jacob.

Greeting

Professions of Faith—Brian Luly and Tracy Bartels

Christian Education Takes God Seriously

This morning's order of service begins with the Gathering Rite on the Word of God.

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

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Stanza 1

1. Blessed Jesus, at your Word
We are gathered all to hear you.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred
Now to seek and love and fear you,
By your teachings, sweet and holy,
Drawn from earth to love you solely.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey to my mouth!** *(Psalm 119:97-99,103)*

Hymn 221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Stanza 2

2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.

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

C: **And his mercy endures forever.**

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: *(spoken)* Amen.

The Blessing

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: *(spoken)* Amen.

Hymn 474 s. 1,4 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



Please remember in your prayers...

- **Jacob Kander**, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- **Hilma Bork**
- **Vesta Neumann** (Dorothy Burianek's mother)
- **Alida Freese** (Julie Nelson's mother)
- **Rev. Caleb Basset and family**— Rev. Basset is presently holding the divine Call to serve St. Mark as its next pastor

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 worshiping our Savior Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us again.

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

We would ask that all guests and members fill out the friendship cards that can be found by the Bibles in your pew. Thank you!

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.

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SONG OF SIMEON
Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my
 eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for
 ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
 glo - ry, the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
C: **so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.** (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.**

Hymn 221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Stanza 3

**3. Gracious Savior, good and kind,
 Light from Light, from God proceeding,
 Open now our heart and mind;
 Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
 Hear the cry your people raises;
 Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.
C: **(spoken) Amen.**

Hymn 221 Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Stanza 4

**4. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to you and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BE SEATED

First Lesson: I Kings 3:5-12 *Solomon prays for wisdom.*

Hymn 290 s. 1,3 One Thing's Needful

**One thing's needful; Lord, this treasure
Teach me highly to regard.
All else, though it first give pleasure,
Is a yoke that presses hard.
Beneath it the heart is still fretting and striving,
No true, lasting happiness ever deriving.
This one thing is needful; all others are vain --
I count all but loss that I Christ may obtain.**

**Wisdom's highest, noblest treasure,
Jesus, can be found in you.
Let me find in you my pleasure;
Make my will and actions true,
Humility there and simplicity reigning,
In paths of true wisdom my steps ever training.
If I learn from Jesus this knowledge divine,**

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In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.
2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;
Full - ness of God in help - less babe.
Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



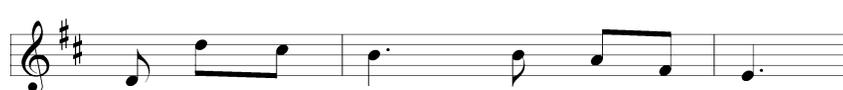
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
Scorned by the ones he came to save.
Up from the grave he rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,
And as he stands in vic - tor - y,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

The blessing of heavenly wisdom is mine.
Epistle Lesson: Romans 8:28-30 *Predestined, called, justified, and glorified—all things work for the good of those who love him.*

Hymn 349 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52 *Jesus teaches us through parables.*

Hymn 737 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Sermon: II Timothy 3:16

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Take God Seriously and Find Great Certainty

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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 king-

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

dom 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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament



C: And al - so with you.

M: The Lord be with you.



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

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: It is good and right so to do.

M: Let us give

thanks to the Lord, our God.

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, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in

ever-

**O holy, holy, holy
Lord God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven
In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us,
Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy
Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest!
How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming
To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation
And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage—
Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

lasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(To the Tune: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus)*