

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship w/Lord's Supper 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Children's Service 8:30 am
- Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Catechism Class 6:00 pm
- Advent Service 7:00 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Saturday - Children's Christmas Practice 9:00 am -10:30 am
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Witt Sec. 2 Baumann

Join Us at 10:20—11:10 am — Sunday School & Bible Class

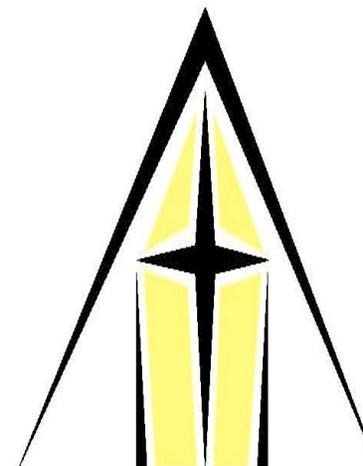
The flowers on the altar were given in loving memory of Kaethe and Walter Gartzke. From their children, Noel and Elfi Lee, Amy and Rainer Gartzke, and Marcia and Detlef Gartzke.

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 119 Advent Wednesday 67

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$2,705.50	Missions	\$160.00
Building Fund	\$15.00	NELHS Gen.	\$50.00
Forward in Christ	\$22.00	Tuition	\$2,500.00
Total Offering— \$5,254.50			



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

WELCOME

ADVENT

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Prepare the Royal Highway



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: Your
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It



King of kings is near! Let ev - 'ry hill and
own e - ter - nal King! Palm branch - es strew be -
greet your prom - ised King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry
comes from heav'n a - bove. His rule is peace and



val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of glo - ry, Fore - told in
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall
All lands, bow down be - fore him! All na - tions,
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness



sa - cred sto - ry:
doubt as - sail you!
now a - dore him! Ho - san - na to the
so a - bound - ing:



Lord, For he ful - fills God's Word!

This hymn reminds us that Advent is a season of preparation, as King Jesus comes to rule in our hearts and lives and leads us to his heavenly kingdom.

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Tune: BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN (76 76 77 and Refrain) Swedish folk tune, 17th century

Forward in Christ It is time once again to renew our bulk subscription for the Forward in Christ magazine. Anyone interested in receiving this Biblically-based magazine put out by Northwestern Publishing House is asked to contribute \$11.00 in a specially marked envelope with their name on the envelope. This subscription is good for a year. Please place the money in the offering and mark it "Forward in Christ". There is also a signup sheet on the ushers' table.

Snow Removal If you would be willing to help shovel / snow blow the sidewalks this winter before church services, there is a signup sheet on the ushers' table. Thank you!

Birthdays—Katie Flood 12/10, Alexa Nelson 12/10, Dan Dorn 12/11, Tyson Wathor 12/13

Campus Ministry Study Break!~ Come join us for our "Study Break" get-together for Campus Ministry. We will plan on meeting up around 7:45 next Wednesday, December 10th after the 7:00 PM Advent Service at St. Mark Lutheran. We plan on having some snacks and playing some games on Wednesday. Just a time for you to relax a bit before finals. We would like an RSVP, so if you are able to make it and can bring a friend, please let us know! We would be more than happy to provide any rides to the Advent service beforehand at 7:00 PM as well. Hope to see you as many of you as we can! God bless! - Bryan and Brittany Hodges (402) 802-6471

Women's Bible Study—In January we will be starting a new book for our Women's Bible Study. The book is *The Heart of Jesus: Women from the Gospel of Luke*. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Sunday at 6:30 pm. There are just a couple of slots left. Please contact Stacy Schleusener at (402) 202-8971 or email her at schleusener1@gmail.com.

News and Notes

FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

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.

Thank You for Serving!

Elders: Jarod Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt

Usher: James Mullen

Greeters: Nate & Katie Flood, Noel Lee

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Children's Christmas Service practices will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13th and 20th at 9-10:30 am. Please make sure your children attend all of the practices. If your child is not able to attend please let their teacher know. The Children's Christmas Service is Dec. 21 at 10:30 am.

December Meal - Every year St. Mark is asked to help with one Auxiliary event at Nebraska Lutheran High School. This year we will be helping four area churches furnish and serve a meal to approximately 300 people after the Christmas Concert on Dec. 14. Monetary donations will allow us to purchase the groceries needed to prepare this meal. Please give your donations to Carol Hans, Tracy Jamison or any one of our Ladies Aid members. Checks should be made payable to *St. Mark Ladies Aid*. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Moving Expense Fund In order for us to be prepared as possible for our new pastor, we ask you to consider a gift for the Moving Expense Fund. You may write "Moving Expense Fund" on the envelope and put this special gift into the offering plate.

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.**

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

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By His coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; 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

Isaiah 40:1-11

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EPISTLE LESSON

2 Peter 3:8-9

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him. All mankind will see God's salvation. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4,6)

GOSPEL

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter 13:1:1-8

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.**

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Tune: WIE SOLL ICH DICH EMPFANGEN

1 O Lord, now let your serv - ant De - part in peace,
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to

as - sured: For I have seen your prom - ised In -
the Son, All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For -

car - nate, sav - ing Word— A Light that will en -
ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant,
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une

crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **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.**

LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN 311 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Hymn 16 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

Sermon: Mark 1:1-7

Don't be afraid to be different. "Same Old, Same Old"

- Gets you the same old result
- God has a different plan and purpose for your life

STAND

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 hu-
man. 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 as-
cended 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 res-
urrection of the dead and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

BE SEATED

OFFERING

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up 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, who comes with his Father to make his home in human hearts, working repentance and faith by his Spirit until he comes again. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is

might, Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In
he Who in God's name is com - ing To

count - less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and
set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal -

save us, Lord God of hosts on high, And
va - tion And with his blood out - poured, De -

in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry. 6
liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

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.**

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 it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for your for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**