

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

WELCOME

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

C: *(spoken)* Amen.

Baptized Into Your Name Most Holy

Stanza 1



Bap - tized in - to your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther,
I claim a place, though weak and low - ly, A - mong your



Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,
saints, your cho - sen host, Bur - ied with Christ and dead to



sin. Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**
(John 3:5,6)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *(Psalm 51:5)*

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)**

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 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
- Saturday - Children's Christmas Practice 9:00 am -10:30 am
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Beach Sec. 2 Wilkinson
Sec. 3 Bergmeier

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

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

Birthdays—Sharon Klein 12/15, Aaron Remmers 12/15, Isaac Cepek 12/19
Anniversary—Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek 12/19

Your Offering Envelopes for next year are ready for you to pick up. They are on a table by your church mailboxes.

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 153

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$4,789.69	Missions	\$386.00
Building Fund	\$57.00	NELHS Gen.	\$125.00
Moving Fund	\$70.00	Sunday School	\$31.75
Total Offering— \$5,459.44			

Sacred Christmas Concert

A concert of sacred Christmas music
by Nebraska Lutheran High School

~ Knights of the Round Table
~ Concert Choir
~ Concert Band

At Nebraska Lutheran High School
In the South Gymnasium
203 Kendall St. ~ Waco, Nebraska

Sunday, Dec. 14, 2014

4:00 p.m.

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Stanza 2

My lov - ing Fa - ther, there you took me To be hence -
My faith - ful Sav - ior, there you let me The fruit of
forth your child and heir.
all your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it, com - fort
me When threat - 'ning clouds a - round I see.

M: As baptize children of God, we confess our sins.

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.

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Stanza 3

My faith - ful God, you fail me nev - er; Your pro - mise
Oh, cast me not a - way for - ev - er If words and
sure - ly will en - dure.
deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I come de -
filed; For - give, lift up, re - store your child.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (Ephesians 5:25-27). 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.

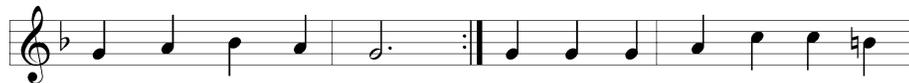
C: (spoken) Amen.

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Stanza 4



All that I am and love most dear - ly— Re - ceive it
Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly, And help me



all, O Lord, from me.
your own child to be! Let noth - ing that I am or



own Serve an - y will but yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

FIRST LESSON

Malachi 4:1-6

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SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

Special Services

December 17— Advent Service 7:00 pm

December 21 — Worship Service with Lord's Supper 9:00 am

December 21 — Children's Christmas Service 10:30 am

December 24 — Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

December 25 — Christmas Day Service 9:00 am

December 31— New Year's Eve Service 7:00 pm

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.

Baptism Isaiah Michael Workentine will be adopted into God's family through Holy Baptism this morning, as his parents, Nate & Amy Workentine bring him forth to our Lord. Taylor Richert and Jordan Geisert will serve as his sponsors.

Please remember in your prayers...

- Isaiah Michael Workentine
- Erna Westphal, who fell and fractured her hand
- Jennifer Hoffman, who was hospitalized and is home recovering with her son.
- Pastor Nathaneal Scharf is presently holding the divine Call to serve St. Mark as our next pastor.
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- Hilma Bork
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother



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

Advent Wreath The third Advent candle, the pink one, is called the Shepherd Candle. It represents the coming of the Savior into our hearts through faith in His Holy Word. Even as the shepherds saw their Savior with their own eyes and believed, so now we see Him through the eyes of faith. We hear the account of the Shepherds in Luke 2:15-20.

Call Information St. Mark has extended a Divine Call to Pastor Nathanael Scharf from Watertown, WI to become our pastor. Please remember to keep Pastor Scharf, his wife and four children in your prayers as he deliberates this Call to serve as our pastor. If you would like to contact Pastor Scharf, you could email him at scharfnr@lps.wels.net or call him 1-920-941-0103.

Children's Christmas Service practices will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th at 9-10:30 am. Please make sure your children attend the practice. 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.

Flower Chart and Altar Duties: There is a 2015 flower chart located on the door near the mailboxes. All members are invited to sign up to glorify God by beautifying our altar with flowers. You may also sign up for a month of altar duty. It's easier than ever! Helpful instructions labeled, "Banners," are now located on the bookshelf in the office. Sign up now to get the dates you want!

Verse of the Day

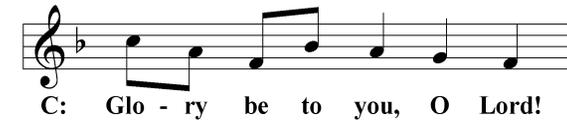
M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. Matthew 11:10



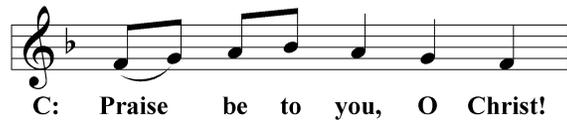
GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:6-8;19-28

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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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.

HYMN 11 Comfort, Comfort All My People

Sermon: Malachi 4:1-6

Fireproof your home for Christmas.

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

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

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.

HYMN 12 Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through 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.

Thank you, to Pastor Paul Workentine for his message this morning. May God continue to bless his work as His called servant.

Thank you, Jake Geisert for playing guitar during our worship service today.