

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
 - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
 - Catechism Class 6:00 pm
 - Choir practice 7:00 pm
 Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
 Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Riegsecker Sec. 2 B. Ripa
 Sec. 3 J. & E Ripa
 Sunday - Open Forum 10:20 am

Join Us at 10:20—11:10 am

Sunday School & Bible Class

April 19—Open Forum 10:15 am, April 26—Voters' Meeting 10:15 am

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

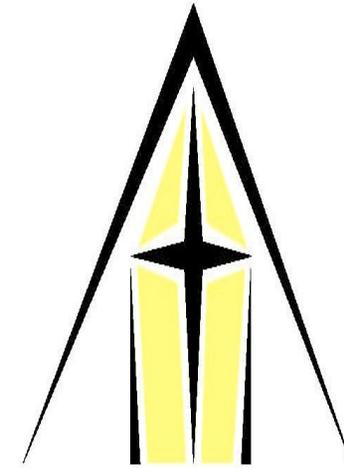
Worship Attendance Last Week

Maundy Thursday-91, Good Friday-76, Easter Sunday-174

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$5,758.72	Missions	\$261.00
Building Fund	\$205.00	NELHS Gen.	\$50.00
Moving Fund	\$404.00	Science Camp	\$90.00

Total Offering— \$6,768.72



St. Mark
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!



Easter 2

April 12, 2015



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 the nursery. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. 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.



Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoskins will be hosting a benefit dinner for Rebekah Wahl on April 19th at the Hoskins Community Center (101 S. Main St.)

Ms. Wahl teaches K-2 at Trinity Lutheran School. In the middle of February she had surgery to remove a tumor at the base of her brain. She is still in the ICU at the UW Hospital in Madison, WI. Her father Roger Wahl is also a patient at the same hospital having been recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

**Free-will ham and pork loin dinner begins at 11:30AM
Live auction - 1:00 PM.**

Supplemental funding provided by Thrivent Financial

Monetary donations can be set to Elkhorn Valley Bank, P. O. Box 70, Hoskins, NE 68740. Check should be made payable to Rebekah Wahl Benefit Fund.

Spring Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 25th from 8 am-12 pm. In order to accommodate more parents with young children, babysitting services will be offered this year. Please contact Carol Hans so she can get a head count on the number of kids to be watched. The council encourages anyone who is able to come out and participate. This is a great opportunity to work together and show the neighborhood the love we have for our God as we show them how much we care for his house.

Please contact Ben Schroeder with any maintenance items needing to be addressed so they can be put on the list.

St. Mark News and Notes

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THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Jim Rehm, Dave Remmers

Greeters: Tim Hans, Tom & Pam Bork

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

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.



Birthday— Larry Hans 4/12

Anniversary — Jesse & Janine Theiler 4/14

Thank you to those members who help clean the church weekly, and show the love we have for our God. If you are unable to clean at the time you scheduled, please try to switch with someone listed on the calendar for that month. If you need assistance, please call the church office.

GREETING

HYMN 165 v.1-4

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

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.**

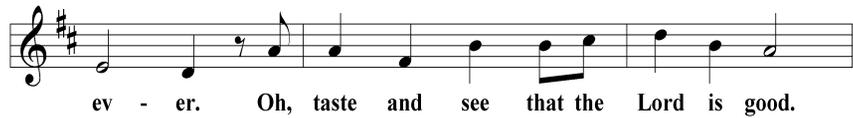
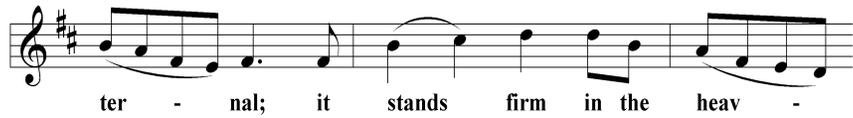
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH TASTE AND SEE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: We join together in praying the prayer of the day.

C: **O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**
Amen



Please remember in your prayers...

- Bill Ellsworth, who had a stroke and is home
- Shirley Zacherson
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew.
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Pastor Joel Vogel & Family

THE WORD

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 143

He's Risen, He's Risen

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 144

Christ Is Arisen

FIRST LESSON

ACTS 3:12-20

PSALM OF THE DAY

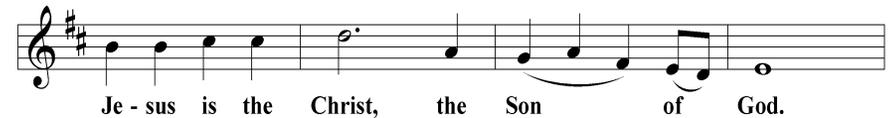
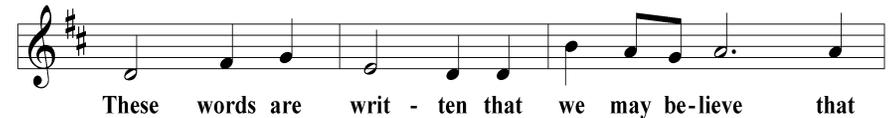
PSALM 16 (CW P. 68)

EPISTLE LESSON

1 John 5:1-6

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)



GOSPEL

JOHN 20:19-31

AFTER THE GOSPEL, THE CONGREGATION SINGS:



SERMON

JOHN 20:19-31

Does Christianity Demand Blind Faith?

- I. Often this seems to be true.
- II. This was not true in the case of Thomas.
- III. This is not expected of us.

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

THANKSGIVING

OFFERING PRAYER

Please fill out the friendship cards that are located in the hymn racks.
We ask that all members and non-members fill them out in full.
Thanks for your help.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.
- C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**
- M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.
- C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**
- M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.
- C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**
- M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

- M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.**