



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

'Jesus Gives Shepherds'

The Gathering

HYMN: CW 531 (verses 1-3) Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Please stand.

OPENING DIALOGUE *(Based on Psalm 148)*

M: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

C: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

M: Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men who cannot save.

C: **Blessed is he whose hope is in the Lord his God, the maker of heaven and earth.**

M: The Lord gives food to the hungry, the Lord sets prisoners free.

C: **The Lord gives sight to the blind, the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down.**

M: The Lord watches over the outcast and sustains the fatherless and the widow.

C: **The Lord remains faithful forever. He upholds the cause of the oppressed.**

M: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

C: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - No Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Thursday - No Bible Class
- Friday - Mowing: Lawn—Mel Soyk, Lot- Josh Van Egmond
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 L. Hans Sec. 2 M. Hawkins Sec. 3 Fanning

Join us at 10:20 am—Bible Class

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 149

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

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| Home | \$2,799.25 | Missions | \$123.00 |
| Building Fund | \$20.00 | NELHS General | \$115.00 |
| | | Total Offering— | \$3,057.25 |

St. Mark Ladies Aid will have its first meeting of the fall on September 3rd at 6:30 pm in the church basement. All ladies of the congregation are invited to join us at any of our meetings. They are held the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm. We look forward to a year of encouraging one another, growing in God's Word and serving our Lord and Savior as we serve our fellow members in Christ. If you have any questions, please ask, and we hope to see you there. Tracy Jamison—President; Eva Van Egmond—secretary; Jeannie Dahlke—Treasurer

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: God is merciful. When we acknowledge our shortcomings and failures and shine the light of God's grace into the messy corners of our lives, he shows us just how merciful he is. Let us confess our sins before God.
- C: **Heavenly Father, I see your love and faithfulness to me, and I marvel because it reveals my great unfaithfulness to you. I live for myself instead of living for you. I treat others shamefully instead of how you treated me—with amazing love and patience. Have mercy on me and forgive my disobedience of the sake of Jesus' shed blood. By the power of his resurrection and by the work of the Holy Spirit, change me. Make me your servant, willing to endure all things for the glory of your name.**

Silence for personal confession

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

- M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, rejoice in the mercy of our God!
- "Since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Heb. 4:14,16)*
- The Good Shepherd has cleansed you from all unrighteousness. In Jesus' name and by his command: I forgive you all your sins.
- C: **Amen.**

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**Praise and honor to the Father,
Praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One,
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Numbers 27:12-23

HYMN: CW 360 The Lord’s My Shepherd; I’ll Not Want

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 13:7-8, 17-21

HYMN: CW 362 (verses 1-4) Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest

SERMON Mark 6:30-34

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

St. Mark News and Notes

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 use of in church. If your child becomes restless during the service and you feel you both could just use a little break, you’re welcome use our 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.

Birthday—Maci Flood 7/19, Stan Stamps 7/21, Paul Fanning 7/22, David Medley 7/23, Travis Lindblad 7/23, Amber Kramer 7/23, Randy Rankin 7/24, Carol Hans 7/25

Anniversaries— Joel & Jocelyn Vogel 7/19, Ben & Linda Hoefler 7/23

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Bill Marker, Mark Nelson

Greeters: Jeremiah & Laura Drews, Marcia & Detlef Gartzke

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Please remember in your prayers...



- Eleanor Oltman, who fell and fractured her arm
- Phil Dinges
- Ben Helwig
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth’s daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker’s nephew
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson’s mother

C: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1)
Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:26)

THE BLESSING

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.

C: Amen.

HYMN: CW 545

Grant, Lord, I pray,
Your grace each day,
That I, your name revering,
Your glory see
And happy be
Eternally,
Before your throne appearing.

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, You have redeemed us from sin and death by the blood of Your Son. You have built Your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone. Keep us steadfast in the one true faith. Guard us from temptations to change Your doctrine according to sinful reason or fickle fancy.

C: **Grant us grace to joyfully heed Your Word and submit to Your gracious will.**

M: Most merciful God, You appoint pastors to carry on the ministry of proclaiming Your Gospel to all nations. Set shepherds over Your people who care for them with Your Means of Grace. Preserve them and their households from every attack of the evil one, from every temptation and from arrogance and discouragement.

C: **Give them grace daily to repent and trust in You for every good gift they need in their calling.**

M: Almighty God, Your beloved Son had compassion on the great crowd in a desolate place, and He taught them many things because they were like sheep without a shepherd. Grant us, who know Your mercy, to be compassionate to all those who are lost and in need of Your grace.

- C:** Help them to hear Your Word and rejoice to follow Christ as their good shepherd.
- M:** God of all grace, throughout His ministry Jesus provided for the needs of the multitudes that gathered to him and gave healing to those who were sick. Remember all in need of Your help and deliverance, and all who cry out for Your mercy.
- C:** Grant strength and healing according to Your good and gracious will.
- M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

- M:** We give thanks to You, O Lord, that You have made us fellow citizens with the saints in light. Keep us in the true faith for as long as You preserve us in this world,
- C:** So that we might hopefully and eagerly await the day when we stand in Your presence with them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

- M:** O Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray...
- 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: CW 548

O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night

CONFESSION OF FAITH

- We believe that God is three Persons, yet only one God. (Mt. 28:19)
 God the Father has made himself known through God the Son, Jesus Christ, (John 1:18)
 and is revealed to all believers through God the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:10)
- We worship him as the Creator of the heavens and the earth— (Gen. 1:1)
 everything we see and everything we can't see. (Col. 1:16)
 He is the true and perfect God who gave his one and only Son, (Ps. 18:30)
 that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 who is the only Son of God, and is God. (John 14:11)
 Because of his great love for us, he came down from heaven
 and became human by the Holy Spirit through the virgin Mary. (Luke 1:35)
 Because of his great love for us, he was crucified
 and suffered death to take all our sins away. (John 19:18)
 Because of his great love for us, he rose from the dead,
 to assure us that our sins are forgiven. (Rom. 4:25)
 He has given us the Holy Spirit to help us in our Christian walk. (John 14:16-17)
- We believe in the Holy Spirit who has spoken through the prophets. (Acts 28:25)
 He comes from the Father and the Son, (John 15:26)
 who with them is to be worshiped and glorified as God. (2 Cor. 3:17)
 He is the Giver of life, the One who intercedes to God on our behalf (Rom. 8:27)
 and the One who empowers us for the works of service. (1 Cor. 12:4-6)
 We believe that we live in God, and he in us,
 because he has given us his Spirit. (1 John 4:13)
 How great is the love the Father has lavished on us,
 that we should be called the children of God! (1 John 3:1)

CLOSING DIALOGUE

- M:** We have joined once again this hour to worship our Savior and King. We leave this house of God renewed to live for him. This coming week, when you fall into sin, when you forget your focus in life, when you suffer in all kinds of trials, look to one place—the cross. There you will find forgiveness, purpose and direction. Then live looking forward to Jesus' return.