



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

*'Honor the King'*

HYMN: CW 528 (verses 1,3,4) Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Please stand

OPENING DIALOGUE

- M: Lord Jesus, we come to your house to worship you as the King of kings.
- C: **All glory, laud and honor, be to you, O gracious Lord.**
- M: In your love, you once wore a crown of thorns for us.
- C: **Now you wear a crown of glory and power and majesty.**
- M: Great and marvelous are your deeds; just and true are your judgments.
- C: **When you are revealed on the last Day, everyone will bow down to you.**
- M: Until that day, make us bold as your chosen people to tell others what you have done.
- C: **In everything we do and think and say, let us glorify you.**
- M: We look forward to that day when you will come on the clouds of heaven and take your believers to eternal glory.
- C: **So we ask you to be with us in our worship, Jesus, our Lord and our King.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- M: God our Father has set forth the ways in which we are supposed to live, yet even at our best we cannot achieve the perfection he demands. So we come before Him in humility and seek his forgiveness.
- C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord. Forgive us for the poverty of our worship: when we don't give you our best, when we don't make use of your means of grace, when we hesitate to wit-**

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This Week at St. Mark

- Sunday - Worship Service 8:00 am & 10:30 am  
- Sunday School & Bible Class 9:20 am
- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - No School  
- Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm  
- Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm
- Thursday - No School  
- Thanksgiving
- Friday - No School  
- Snow Removal—Bill Marker
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Dahlke Sec. 2 Cepek  
Sec. 3 Colson

**Christmas Church Decorating** We are planning to decorate the church on December 5th at 9:30 am. Anyone who would like to come help decorate the church and glorify our God for the gift of his Son is welcome to help out.

**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 a sign up sheet on the table in the entryway.

### St. Mark Lutheran School Book Fair at Barnes & Noble

Do you have anyone on your Christmas list who wants books, movies, or CDs? What about a calendar, vinyl record, or Star Wars gear? Join St. Mark Lutheran School at the South Pointe Barnes & Noble on **Thursday, December 10, 5 - 8 p.m.** for our annual book fair. Enjoy a snack from the café while listening to performances and perusing artwork made by St. Mark students. All sales (including the café) can be applied to the book fair to help raise funds which will be used to buy books and other supplies for our school. If you'd like to contribute more than funds, each teacher has completed a wish list of books they would like to get for our students. Purchases can be made and applied to the book fair, and the books donated to the school on the spot.

If you can't make it out that evening, all purchases made in-store that day can be applied to our book fair. Online orders completed between 12/10/15 and 12/15/15 at [bn.com/bookfairs](http://bn.com/bookfairs) can be applied to our book fair using book fair ID **11715760**. Remember, Barnes & Noble SCRIP, supporting NELHS and St. Mark, can be used to purchase items for our book fair - it's a win-win-win! We look forward to seeing you there!



ness for Christ, when we shirk our responsibilities of service to you as members of your church, when we often place other people and things before you. Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.

*Silence for personal confession*

## WORD OF FORGIVENESS

**M:** You who have humbly confessed your sins before Almighty God, be strengthened in faith, remembering that He does not want any sinner to die, but would rather have him turn from his evil ways and live. God has commanded his called ministers to declare the forgiveness of sins to all who are penitent. Your sins have been covered up by the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ, your Savior. Therefore by the command and in the stead of Christ our King, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...*

**Oh, then, with hymns of praise  
These hallowed courts shall ring!  
Our voices we will raise  
The Three in One to sing  
And thus proclaim In joyful song,  
Both loud and long, That glorious name.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

**C:** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 29:1-2, 10-18

**Psalm 62** (*selected verses*)

M: My soul finds rest in God alone; my salvation comes from him.

C: **He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

M: My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

C: **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.**

M: Lowborn men are but a breath, the highborn are but a lie;

C: **If weighed on a balance, they are nothing; together they are only a breath.**

M: Do not trust in extortion or take pride in stolen goods;

C: **Though your riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

M: One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard:

C: **That you, O God, are strong, and that you, O Lord, are loving.**

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him.

C: **He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

### GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

HYMN: CW 533

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

### SERMON

1 Timothy 6:13-19

### 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 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 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**— Ken Holm 11/22, Pam Bork 11/27 **Anniversary**—Rich & Cindy Krushenisky 11/27

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**Elders:** Nate Workentine, Ben Schroeder

**Ushers:** Rainer Gartzke, Rich Beltz (E), Brian & Trevor Wiles (L)

**Greeters:** Mel & Sue Soyk (E), Lisa Duffield / Lori Meyer (L)

**Organist:** Cindy Krushenisky

**Stewardship** Time and Talent Sheets are on the usher's table. Please fill them out when you have time and return them by December 6. Please give them to an usher or place them on the secretary's desk.

**Children's Christmas Service practices** will be held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 12 and 19 from 9-10:30 am. Please make sure your children attend all of the practices. If your child is not able to attend please let his or her teacher know.

### Coming Events:

**November 25** — Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00 pm

**December 2** — Advent Service 7:00 pm

**December 6** — Caroling 1:30 pm

**December 9** — Advent Service 7:00 pm

**December 10** — Bookfair at Barnes & Noble 5:00 pm

**December 16** — Advent Service 7:00 pm

**December 20** — Children's Christmas Service 10:30 am

**December 24** — Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm

**December 25** — Christmas Day Worship 10:00 am

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

**M:** Confident in our forgiveness and God's power working in us, we dedicate ourselves...

**C:** to REACH all the world with the Gospel of Jesus.  
to TEACH all according to His saving Word,  
and to REJOICE in the salvation that Christ has won for us all.

#### 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 341

**Crown Him with Many Crowns**

#### Confession of Faith:

*Sung--to the tune of Beethoven's Ode to Joy*

#### The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father,  
Maker of the heav'n and earth.  
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
God's own Son, of human birth.  
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate,  
Whom the Spirit did conceive,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;  
He's the God whom I believe.**

**Crucified, was dead and buried;  
Down to hell in victory;  
From the dead he rose the third day;  
Up to heav'n triumphantly.  
There at God's right hand he's ruling;  
By his will the world is led.  
He will come to judge the nations,  
Both the living and the dead.**

**I believe in God the Spirit;  
In his Church, his chosen band.  
They are joined in sweet communion;  
Holy in his sight they stand.  
I believe in sins forgiven;  
I believe I'll rise again;  
I believe in life eternal.  
Amen! Amen! Amen!**

#### OFFERING

*Please stand.*

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever!

**C:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**C:** **Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

**M:** You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**C:** **Help us live as royal priests.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**C:** **Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

**M:** We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C:** **Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

**M:** O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C:** **Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C:** **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! 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.**

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN:** CW 481

**O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made**

### CLOSING DIALOGUE

**M:** We have joined once again this hour to worship our Savior and King, to grow through his Word and to encourage each other as the Last Day approaches. Knowing that our heavenly home awaits us, and that until that day our God promises to be with us, we leave this house of God once again renewed to live for him.

**M:** We give thanks to you, O Lord, Most High.

**C:** **You show forth your loving-kindness every morning and your faithfulness every night.**

**M:** You have made us glad through your Word.

**C:** **We triumph in the work of your hands.**

**M:** Strengthen our faith and help us to put our faith into action.

**C:** **As we anticipate the fulfillment of your glory, give us the zeal to accomplish your will.**