

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
 - BIC 7:00 pm
- Friday - Sunday Snow Removal: James Mullen
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 M. Nelson Sec. 2 Meyer
 Sec. 3 Merklinger

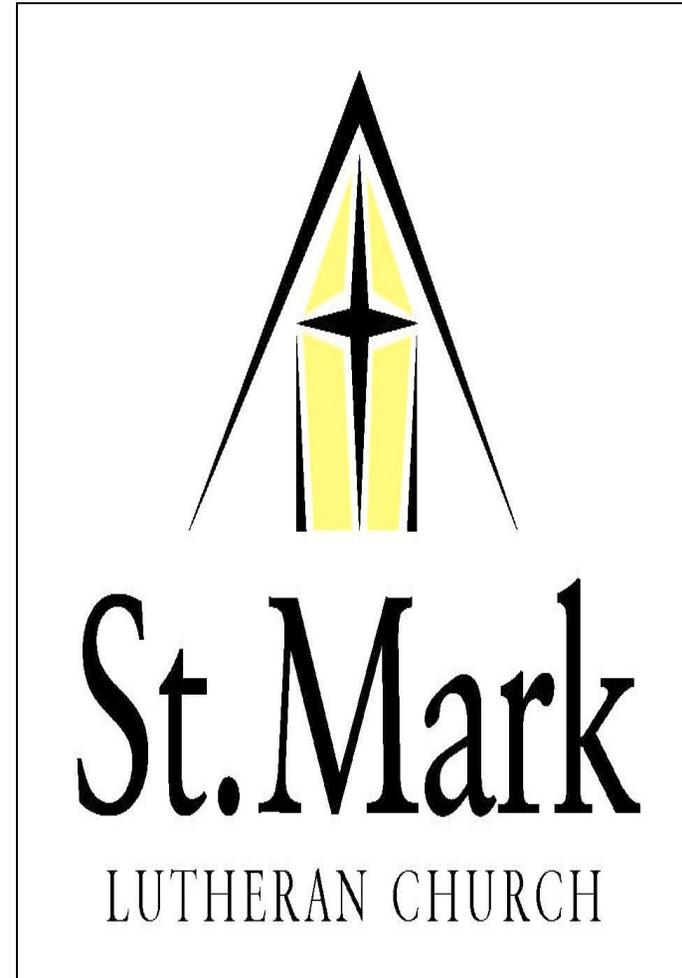
Join us at 9:15 am—Sunday School & Bible Class

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 127

Last Week's Thank Offering to Our Lord

Home	\$3,202.68	Missions	\$275.00
Building Fund	\$95.00	NELHS General	\$150.00
Sunday School	\$3.50	Field Trips	\$50.00
Total Offering—		\$3,776.18	



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

'Fulfillment'

HYMN: CW 79 (verses 1-3) Lovely Shines the Morning Star

Please stand.

OPENING DIALOGUE

M: We begin our worship in the name of God the Father,

C: **Who has created us to be the crown of his creation,**

M: In the name of God the Son,

C: **Who has redeemed us with his holy blood,**

M: And in the name of God the Holy Spirit,

C: **Who has brought us to faith and keeps us in faith.**

M: This is the day that the Lord has made,

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: Teach me to do your will, O Lord, for you are my God.

C: **May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters, we come before a holy God knowing we are unclean people. Even when we want to serve him, our words, actions and thoughts betray the selfishness and indifference that still plague our fallen nature. So let us confess our sins to our holy God, knowing that he will never turn away from his repentant children.

C: **O Lord, my God and Father, I come before you as a broken sinner in need of restoration. You know my failings, my fears, my compromises and my doubts. You know my stubborn pride and self-righteousness. You know my most secret sins. I place these and all my sins before you. For the sake of your Son, my Savior Jesus Christ, and trusting in your mercy for his sake, I humbly ask for your forgiveness.**

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Larry Hans, Tim Hans (E), James Mullen, Mark Nelson (L)

Greeters: Dwayne & Dorothy Burianek (E) , Tom & Pam Bork (L)

Pianist: Jocelyn Vogel

Ash Wednesday Soup Supper — A soup supper will be served before our Ash Wednesday worship on February 10. The meal will begin at 6:00 pm. If you would like to contribute soup or other items there is a sign up sheet on the ushers' table.



Friendship Home Service Project — On February 7 from 2-4 pm, the Ladies Aid will decorate Valentine cookies and do a craft with the children at the Friendship Home. If any ladies from the congregation would like to participate, please let Tracy Jamison know by January 31.

THANKS to those who made donations or helped with the Nebr. Lutheran High School's Cheer Camp meal. With those donations and \$250 from Thrivent, St. Marks and four area churches raised \$443 which will help fund much needed school projects. God is good!

Birthday— Harold Rank 1/24, Jacob Ripa 1/25, Beth Bergmeier 1/27

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.

Bruce Freese (Julie Nelson's brother) was recently diagnosed with 'bone marrow failure disorder' and is in need of a stem cell transplant. One of his siblings was a 9/10 match but the best would be a 10/10 match. The request is to see if anyone would be willing to be tested to see if they are a match for Mr. Freese or even for others on a transplant waiting list. More info about the test and the procedure can be found at <https://bethematch.org/>.

Please remember in your prayers...



- Dave Page
- Bruce Freese, Julie Nelson's brother
- Joe Merklinger
- Oriah Uecker, Tracy & Curt Jamison's niece
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: Jesus said, "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." So Christ entrusted the forgiveness of sins to his Church and commanded us to forgive one another. Therefore, based on your confession and because of the promise and command of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Now leave your life of sin and serve God in all you do.

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings...

**Lift up the voice and strike the string,
Let all glad sounds of music ring
In God's high praises blended.
Christ will be with me all the way,
Today, tomorrow, ev'ry day
Till trav'ling days are ended.
Sing out, Ring out Triumph glorious, O victorious
Chosen nation; Praise the God of your salvation.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 61:1-6

HYMN: CW 238

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:23-31

HYMN: CWS 711 (pg.8) **Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal**

SERMON

Luke 4:14-21

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.
- C: **You brought the light of light to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**
- M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

BUILDING COMMITTEE

UPDATE

The building committee is in the process of visiting with families of the congregation to review the details of the proposed addition. This is an exciting time as we consider the opportunity to grow our church & school. We would like to meet with your family over the next few weeks to ensure that all of your questions are answered.

Ultimately, these sessions and the information collected will be the basis on which the voting members decide how best to proceed with this project. We look forward to meeting with you. Please prayerfully consider if and how your family can best support this project. Our goal is to collect information from the majority of families within the congregation by Monday, February 1st. The following options are available to review the details of the addition:

1. Sign up for one of the meeting sessions using the sheet located at the back of church.
2. Arrange for a special meeting at your convenience by use of contact information below.
3. Independently review details of the addition summary using sheet located on the back table and respond using contact information provided below.

Questions, comments, or to schedule your visit contact:

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1 Chronicles 28:20 - *Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord God, my (our) God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the Lord is finished.*

711 Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure Eternal



1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!



Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare his great pow'r,



God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,
 See him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;



O great Re - deem - er, you come as our friend!
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.
 Wel - come him now in this fast fleet - ing hour!



Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:
 Lifts us from shame to the place of his hon - or.
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!
 Pon - der his love! Take the crown he has for you!



Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

This fresh-sounding Epiphany offering recounts the eternal treasures we possess in our Savior-King.

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Tune: JESUS IST KOMMEN, GRUND EWIGER FREUDE (11 10 11 10 11 11) Cöthen, c. 1733

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy.

C: **Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation.**

M: Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: **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 84

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Confession of Faith:

A Christian's Creed

I believe in the one true God, who reveals himself as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He created everything that exists out of nothing in six days. He sustains and provides for his created world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God the Son, who came to earth to live the perfect life that I could not. I know that he was the complete sacrifice for my sin. He died so that I might live. He rose from the grave victorious over sin and death, guaranteeing that all my sins are forgiven. He left this earth visibly, went up into heaven and now rules with all power and authority because he is God and his work on this earth is finished. He will come again one day as Judge, to finally defeat his enemies and to bring believers to live with him forever in heaven.

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who has brought me to faith and made me God's child and an heir of eternal life. Now he pleads to the Father on my behalf, strengthens me when I am spiritually weak and empowers me for service to my loving Savior, Jesus. All this he does through God's Word and sacraments.

God's Word points me to my need for a Savior, and to his saving love for me. I believe the Bible is the true Word of God which teaches and guides me now to live for him because of all the things my God has done for me. Amen.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

- 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: Grant us your power from on high by sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit according to your promise.
C: **As you have given us the power to become your children through faith in Jesus Christ, so grant us the determination to spread your Word.**
- 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.**
- M: Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: 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 321

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name