

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
 - Catechism Class
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
 - Ladies Aid at the Green Gateau 6:00 pm
- Friday - Last Day of School—Noon dismissal
 - Mowing: Lawn—Sue Soyk, Lot—Mark Schwede
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 D. Gartzke Sec. 2 Hodges
 Sec. 3 Lindblad
- Sunday - Voters' Meeting 2:30 pm

Thank You Thanks to all who helped with the Spring Clean-up Day.
 What a wonderful way to glorify our Lord and Savior!

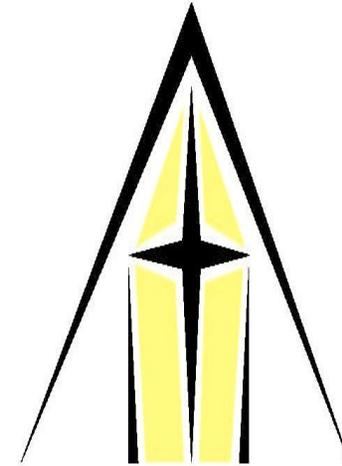
A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord

Worship Attendance Last Week 117

Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord

Home	\$4,269.75	Missions	\$318.00
Building Fund	\$590.00	NELHS General	\$50.00
Science Camp	\$90.00	Building Addition	\$65.00
Tuition	\$300.00	Sunday School	\$8.00
Moving Fund	\$50.00		

Total Offering— \$5,940.75



St. Mark
 LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

Resurrection Outreach

HYMN: CW 558

Christ High-Ascended

OPENING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 8

M: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

C: **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

M: When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,

C: **The moon and the stars, which you have set in place.**

M: What is man that you are mindful of him,

C: **The Son of Man that you care for him?**

M: You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

C: **And crowned him with glory and honor.**

M: You made him ruler over the works of your hands,

C: **You put everything under his feet.**

M: All flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea.

C: **O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God is good and merciful. He loves all people and wants all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. But all too often we have sought to please ourselves rather than do the things that are pleasing to God. So today, we join together, asking the Lord to forgive us. We seek to begin anew, having our sins cleansed, and looking forward with hope to the future. We pray together:

C: **Lord God, our Creator and Redeemer, you alone are worthy of all glory. You deserve our heartfelt praise and our joyful service. Yet we have often been reluctant servants. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of the blood our Lord Jesus shed on the cross. By the power of your Holy Spirit change and renew us**

2016 Camp Jefferson - The theme for camp this year is "Super Savior" (Luke 1:49). The dates for camp are Friday, July 15, through Sunday, July 17. The camp is for children entering grades 3 - 8 and the cost per child is \$50. **Registration is from May 1 - June 27** and can be done on our camp website: www.welscampjefferson-welsne.org

Payment and donations can be made by check or by paypal on the website. If you have any questions feel free to email them at welscampjefferson@gmail.com or call Pastor Steve Kruschel at [402-745-0055](tel:402-745-0055).

2016 WELS Teen Camp Jefferson is for teens entering 9th grade through age 19. The activities will include crafts, swimming, Bible study, sports, movies, and much more! Camp runs from Sunday, July 17- Wednesday, July 20. Registration T-shirt deadline is July 1 If you are interested contact pastor or Steve Bauman (402) 310-8538 or email: welsteen-camp@yahoo.com

Voters' Meeting: There is a voters' meeting on Sunday, May 15 at 2:30 pm. It is strongly encouraged that all men of voting age (18 and up) fulfill their responsibility by serving God in this important manner.

Moving Expense Fund In order for us to be prepared as possible for our new teacher, 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.

Vacation Bible School

Here's a riddle for you:

What is only four months away
And full of God's Word and lots of play?
Right! Vacation Bible school!

This year's theme is about dude ranching.
We'll be lassoing the fun starting July 11-15, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. **OR** July 13-15, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. with Family Dinner Served 5:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m., so mark your calendars.

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— McKenzie Beach 5/8, Carolyn Schwede 5/9, Emma Schroeder 5/9, Jesse Theiler 5/9, Dawson Dorn 5/11 **Anniversaries** — John & Julie Zielinski 5/8, Tyson & Kelly Martin 5/10

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges
Ushers: Nate Workentine, Dwayne Burianek (E) Al Wattles, Ken Holm (L)
Greeters: Detlef & Marcia Gartzke (E) Rich & Bev Randazzo (L)
Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Happy Mother's Day God's richest blessings to all the mothers in our midst this morning. May our Heavenly Father's love shine in the hearts of the mothers in this church.

Please remember in your prayers...

- Rainer & Amy Gartzke who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 15 years of marriage
- Mothers
- Jeannie Dahlke
- 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



from within, that we may serve you with joy every day of our lives. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: My fellow believers in Jesus, it is my joyous privilege to share God's truth with you. *"When you were dead in your sins...God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins...he took it away, nailing it to the cross."* (Col. 2:13-14)

Jesus paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross. He proved the payment was complete by rising from the dead. By His power, and His power alone, your sins are forgiven. As a servant of the risen Christ and by his supreme authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 376 (verses 1-3,6) **Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 22:12-17, 20

Psalm 14

sung responsively with pastor

Psalm 14

Refrain



Come, Lord Je - sus, come. Come, Lord Je - sus,



come. Re - store your peo-ple and bless them.

Psalm Tone



The fool says in his heart, "There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile; there is no one who does good.

The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men
to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God.

All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt;
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Refrain

Will evildoers never learn—
those who devour my people and do not call on the LORD?

You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the LORD is their refuge.

Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
let Israel rejoice and be glad!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

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 256

How Great Thou Art

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,
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 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.**

SECOND LESSON

Acts 16:6-10

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

GOSPEL

John 17:20-26

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN: CWS 773

In Unity and Peace

Congregation sings the refrains, Soloist sings the verses

CHRISTIAN LOVE

773

In Unity and Peace

Refrain

How good it is and how pleas - ant to
live in u - ni - ty and peace. How good it is and how
pleas - ant to live to - geth - er in one Lord.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is the refrain: 'How good it is and how pleasant to'. The second staff continues: 'live in unity and peace. How good it is and how'. The third staff concludes: 'pleasant to live together in one Lord.' The notes are simple, using quarter and half notes.

1 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

2 Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

3 Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all.

Refrain

Text (refrain): Psalm 133:1; alt.
Text (verses): 1 Corinthians 1:10; Ephesians 4:1-3,5,6; Philippians 2:2-4, alt.
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SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: **Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 560

I Hear the Savior Calling

Confession of Faith: *Our Belief in God*

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)