



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

I Am With You

HYMN: CWS 755 **Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure**
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INVOCATION

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.**

OPENING DIALOGUE *from Isaiah 41*

M: You, O Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen,
C: **you descendants of Abraham my friend,**

M: I took you from the ends of the earth, from its farthest corners I called you.
C: **I said, 'You are my servant'; I have chosen you and have not rejected you.**

M: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God.
C: **I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

M: For I am the LORD your God who takes hold of your right hand
C: **and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.**

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 come close to the perfection he expects. So we come before Him in humility and seek his forgiveness.

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This Week at St. Mark

- Sunday - Installation of Stephanie Peitsmeyer (teacher K-1) 9 am
- Fellowship Welcome 10:00 am
- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Study at the Lexington 3:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Friday - Mowing: Lawn— Sue Soyk, Lot— Blake Baumann
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Wathor Sec. Witt

Birthday—Rhonda Medley 8/1, Tonya Beach 8/1, Tina Schmidt 8/2, Jordan Drake 8/2, Joshua Randazzo 8/3, Ian Jamison 8/5, Josie Kramer 8/6 **Anniversary**—Jeff & Tina Schmidt 8/4

Building Addition Fund: If you would like to give specifically to the new building addition, please write “Building Addition Fund” on the envelope to be sure that the money is allocated correctly. Put the envelope in the offering plate.

Martin Luther College is now accepting applications for one **full-time Custodian** and one **temporary limited term Early Childhood Learning Center Assistant Teacher**. Comprehensive descriptions of these positions can be found at www.mlc-wels.edu/hr. Interested individuals should apply online. Applications will be accepted through 12:00 pm (noon) on Wednesday, August 3, 2016. Additional information and details can be obtained by contacting the Martin Luther College Human Resources Office at [507-354-8221](tel:507-354-8221), ext. 399.

Zion Lutheran Church in Clatonia would like to invite your congregations to an event that will take place at Zion on Wednesday, August 3, at 7:30. Missionary Wolfgramm and his family will do a presentation on the work that the Lord is enabling them to do in Russia. It is the presentation that they made at the national LWMS Convention a few weeks ago. For those of you who have Missionary Wolfgramm preaching for you, it is a different presentation that what will be shared during that time.

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 witness 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. Forgive us for all our sins, especially for those that now weigh upon our hearts.**

Silence for personal confession

M: O LORD, Heavenly Father;

C: **Have mercy on us and forgive us.**

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: **Amen.**

HYMN: CW 422

Jesus, Lead Us On

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

PSALM 33

M: The word of the Lord is right and true;

C: He is faithful in all he does.

M: The Lord loves righteousness and justice;

C: The earth is full of his unfailing love.

M: By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

C: Their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

M: Let all the earth fear the Lord;

C: Let all the people of the world revere him.

M: But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,

C: On those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

M: We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.

C: In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

M: May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,

C: Even as we put our hope in you.

GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN: CW 442

Have No Fear, Little Flock

SERMON

Haggai 1:12-14

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 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.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Trevor & Brian Wiles

Greeters: Jeremiah Drews

Organists: Timothy Krause

Planning a summer vacation? Plan on hearing God's Word. Visit the WELS congregations around the country. For more information on how to find them, talk to Pastor or the administrative assistant. Also remember that St. Mark offers a Monday night Worship Service at 7:00 pm.

Please remember in your prayers...

- Stephanie Peitsmeyer
- Jeff & Tina Schmidt who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 15 years of marriage
- Tammy Koepsell, Eric Richert's sister
- Bruce Fresse, Julie Nelson's brother
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew



Your Kingdom, O God

1 Your king-dom, O God, is my glo - ri - ous trea - sure, My
 2 Your king-dom, O God, is a - live with the pow - er Your
 3 Your king-dom, O God, is a field for the grow - ing Of

pearl of in - com - p'ra - ble worth. Its
 Word and your Spir - it be - stow. Like
 seeds that your mer - cy has sown, But

val - ue ex - ceeds ev - 'ry stand - ard of mea - sure, Sur -
 yeast, they af - fect the whole mea - sure of flour, En -
 still in our midst is the en - e - my sow - ing The

pass - ing the wealth of the earth. Lord,
 a - bling your king - dom to grow. Em -
 weeds that im - per - il your own. Sus -

give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spir - it To
 pow - er me, Lord, as I live your com - mis - sion, Though
 tain me, O Lord, till your day of re - turn - ing And

val - ue this trea - sure a - right That,
 hum - ble my ser - vice may be, And
 har - vest me home - ward at last, To

nev - er al - lured by the world, I in - her - it Your
 bring ev - 'ry plant - ing to per - fect fru - i - tion, A
 shine in the home - land that qui - ets all yearn - ing, Where

king - dom of glo - ry and light.
 mus - tard seed grown to a tree.
 sor - row and dan - ger are past.

Based on Jesus' parables in Matthew 13, this hymn expresses the Christian's great joy in discovering the glorious and eternal treasures that only the gospel of forgiveness offers.

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OFFERING

INSTALLATION OF MRS. STEPHANIE PEITSMAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people. We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand.
- C: **We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate before your throne and that he intercedes for us in all our needs.**
- M: Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds with understanding and knowledge of your heavenly truths. Give to all who serve your holy Church a full measure of your grace.
- C: **May Christ be confessed, his cross uplifted, and his gospel declared as the only way to eternal life.**
- M: Bless all parents that they may be wholesome examples to their children.
- C: **May they teach their children to love you, to practice virtue, to desire to pursue instruction in your Word, and to serve your Church and all people.**
- M: Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets that your people may be built in faith.
- C: **Work through them that we may abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.**
- M: Hear the prayers of all who are afflicted. In the quiet hour of the night, when they are weighed down with pain, loneliness, and anxiety, bring them strength and hope.
- C: **Assure them that your love endures, your power overcomes, and your presence remains constant.**

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

Silent prayer

M: As we leave this hour of worship, we give all glory to Jesus.

C: **To him be praise and honor and glory and power now and forever. 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 511 O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Luther's explanation to the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed

C: **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.**

M: What do you mean when you make this confession of your faith?

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he**

will raise me and all the dead; and he will give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

CLOSING DIALOGUE

M: We give thanks to You, our Savior and God, for all the good things You have given us, especially for the forgiveness of sins. Keep us under the shadow of Your protecting goodness, and continue to purify our souls and bodies, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven:

C: **For you, O God, are worthy of continual praise and thanksgiving: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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 322 **On What Has Now Been Sown**

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