

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 6:00 pm
- Choir Practice 7:00 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class—All Welcome 6:30 am
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Schlieve Sec. 2 Richert
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Did you know? An efficient Boxtop lady can earn \$25 per hour for your school, but she needs Boxtops to do it! Please put your Boxtops, in any number, shape, or form, in the designated box on the bulletin board in the office. You may use the same box for Labels for Education and Best Choice UPC's. If you have any questions, ask Tracy Jamison. Thank you!

Silent Auction - Today is our area Lutheran High School's Fall Concert and Silent Auction starting at 1:30 pm. The goal this year is to raise \$32,000 for new dorm furniture for the students, which is needed. Please consider showing your support by attending this fun event. Questions? Contact DeAnna Fanning - [402.617.3816](tel:402.617.3816) or deanna.r.fanning@gmail.com.



For the Whole Wide World

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HYMN: CW 562

I Love to Tell the Story

OPENING DIALOGUE

M: We begin our worship this mission Sunday in the name of God the Father

C: **Who created us and preserves us**

M: In the name of God the Son

C: **Who redeemed us and commissioned us to spread the Good News to the whole wide world**

M: In the name of God the Holy Spirit

C: **Who works saving faith within the hearts of hardened sinners everywhere**

M: We are gathered here this morning to renew our commitment to the Lord's mission here on earth: that all people would be saved and come to the truth found in Jesus our Savior. Today we head out on a journey to other lands, suited in the armor of zeal, faith, and righteousness, and carrying the flag of God's church as we witness to the multitudes who do not yet believe.

HYMN

Make Him Known

Tell of Christ who saves from sin; make him known—make him known!
He has called you souls to win, make him known!

Refrain:

*Make the blessed Savior known, till all hearts shall be his throne;
Till he rules the world alone, make him known.*

For the world God gave his Son, make him known—make him known!
With the message quickly run, make him known!

Refrain.

All the lost ones Christ has sought, make him known—make him known!

St. Mark News and Notes

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to make disciples of Christ Jesus, the only Savior from sin and eternal death. Christ brings us peace, hope, joy and purpose for our lives. If you need any assistance, please speak with one of the ushers. We thank you for joining us in worshipping our Savior Jesus Christ and we invite you to join us again.

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. 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— Dennis Riegsecker 10/25, Peggy Lindblad 10/26, Tyler Randazzo 10/26, Eva Van Egmond 10/27 **Anniversary**— Tom & Pam Bork 10/24, Jim & Susan Rehm 10/28

Ladies Aid Meeting will be on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:30 pm. Come and get to know other ladies in our congregation and the work we do to support our church and schools. Sue Soyk, President/Karen Dinges, Treasurer/Laura Drews, Secretary

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Rainer Gartzke, Tyson Martin (E), Tom Bork, Rich Randazzo

Greeters: Mark & Carolyn Schwede (E), Harold & Verna Rank (L)

Pianist: Jocelyn Vogel

Please remember in your prayers...

- Detlef Gartzke
- Tom & Pam Bork who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 35 years of marriage
- Shirley Zacherson
- Tammy Koepsell, Wendy Colson & Eric Richert's sister
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew



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.**

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 579

Lift High the Cross

Great salvation he hath wrought, make him known!
Refrain.

Go then out to all the world, make him known—make him known!
Let his banner be unfurled, make him known!
Refrain.

Souls are groping in the night, make him known—make him known!
Jesus is the world's true Light, make him known
Refrain.

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:** **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. Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

- M:** God our heavenly Father knew full well that we could not save ourselves from our sins, no matter how hard we tried to do so. So he decided, even before he created the world, to send a Savior. That Savior was his own Son, Jesus Christ, who gave up his life in place of ours as the perfect sacrifice.

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.

C: Amen.

After a brief introduction the congregation sings...

**I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 5:1-15

PSALM 67

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: **and make his face shine upon us,**

M: that your ways may be known on earth,

C: **your salvation among all nations.**

M: May the peoples praise you, O God;

C: **may all the peoples praise you.**

M: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: **for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.**

M: May the peoples praise you, O God;

C: **may all the peoples praise you.**

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.**

Special prayer and intercessions may follow.

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.**

Refrain:

*The Christian Flag! behold it, and hail it with a song,
And let the voice of millions the joyful strain prolong.*

The Christian Flag! unfurl it, that all the world may see
The bloodstained cross of Jesus, who died to make us free.
The Christian Flag! unfurl it, and o'er and o'er again,
Oh! May it bear the message, "Good will and peace to men."
Refrain.

The Christian Flag! God bless it! Now throw it to the breeze,
And may it wave triumphant o'er land and distant seas,
Till all the wide creation upon its folds shall gaze,
And all the world united, our loving Savior praise.
Refrain

M: But what message do we tell? What are we supposed to say?

God told Moses, "Now go; I will help you speak and teach you what to say." (Exodus 4:12)

Jesus told his disciples, "Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say." (Matthew 10:19)

And Jesus also said, "I will give you words and wisdom." (Luke 21:15)

Let's just do what Philip did. He "Told the good news about Jesus." (Acts 8:35)

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: Then the land will yield its harvest,

C: **and God, our God, will bless us.**

M: God will bless us,

C: **and all the ends of the earth will fear him.**

GOSPEL

Mark 5:1-20

HYMN

Our Savior's Voice Is Soft and Sweet

Words by Elizabeth R. Parsons

Our Savior's voice is soft and sweet when, bending from above,
He bids us gather 'round his feet, and calls us by his love.

But while our thankful hearts rejoice that thus he bids us come,
"Jesus!" we cry with pleading voice, "Bring heathen wanderers home."

They never heard the Savior's name, they have not learned his way;
They do not know his grace who came to take their sins away.

Dear Savior, let the joyful sound in distant lands be heard;
And, oh! Wherever sin is found, send forth thy pard'ning Word.

M: But these were just two of the many, many examples of Bible people who saw the need, took the time, and boldly witnessed to others about the saving love of Jesus. What wonderful examples we have been given for us to follow.

Noah was a missionary by what he said. The Bible says, "God brought the flood on its ungodly people, but protected Noah, a preacher of righteousness." (2 Peter 2:5)

David was a missionary by what he wrote. He said, "Declare his glory among all the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples."

Daniel was a missionary by how he acted. The Bible tells us, "The administrators . . . tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent." (Daniel 6:4)

Paul was a missionary by where he went. We learn in the Bible that, "During the night Paul had a vision of a man in Macedonia standing and begging him, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'" (Acts 16:9)

Peter and John were bold missionaries. We read about them in the Bible, "Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, 'We cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.'" (Acts 4:18-20)

HYMN

Once Again, Dear Lord, We Pray

Once again, dear Lord, we pray for the children far away,
Who have never even heard name of Jesus, sweetest word.

Little lips that you have made, 'neath the far off temple's shade
Give to gods of wood and stone praise that should be all your own.

Little hands, whose wondrous skill you have given to do your will,
Offerings bring, and serve with fear gods that cannot see or hear.

Teach them, gracious heav'nly King, all their gifts and praise to bring
To your Son, who died to prove your forgiving, saving love.

SERMON

Matthew 24:14

"And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come."

OFFERING

THE CHRISTIAN FLAG

M: Many churches and Christian classrooms proudly display both the American flag and the Christian flag. Although most of us know the meaning behind the American flag, perhaps there are many who do not know the significance of the Christian flag.

Unlike all national flags, the Christian flag is universal. It has no earthly bounds or borders. The people it represents are from every nation, every color, every situation, and every age. It includes slave and free people, rich and poor. It belongs to all Christians yet it is owned by none. It is free to anyone who confesses that Jesus is Lord.

The Christian flag was first flown at a Sunday school rally in Brighton Chapel at Coney Island, New York on September 26, 1897. The white on the flag represents purity, peace and forgiveness, for our sins have been washed white as snow. The blue canton stands for faithfulness, truth, and sincerity. And the red cross represents the blood that Jesus shed and the sacrifice that he made for us on Calvary.

We proudly display the flag in our churches because it stands as a sign that binds us together with fellow believers. It is the banner we carry into the world as we go and tell the whole wide world about the salvation we have found in the death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

HYMN

The Christian Flag

The Christian Flag! behold it, and hail it with a song,
And let the voice of millions the joyful strain prolong,
To every clime and nation, we send it forth today;
God speed its glorious mission, with earnest hearts we pray.