

St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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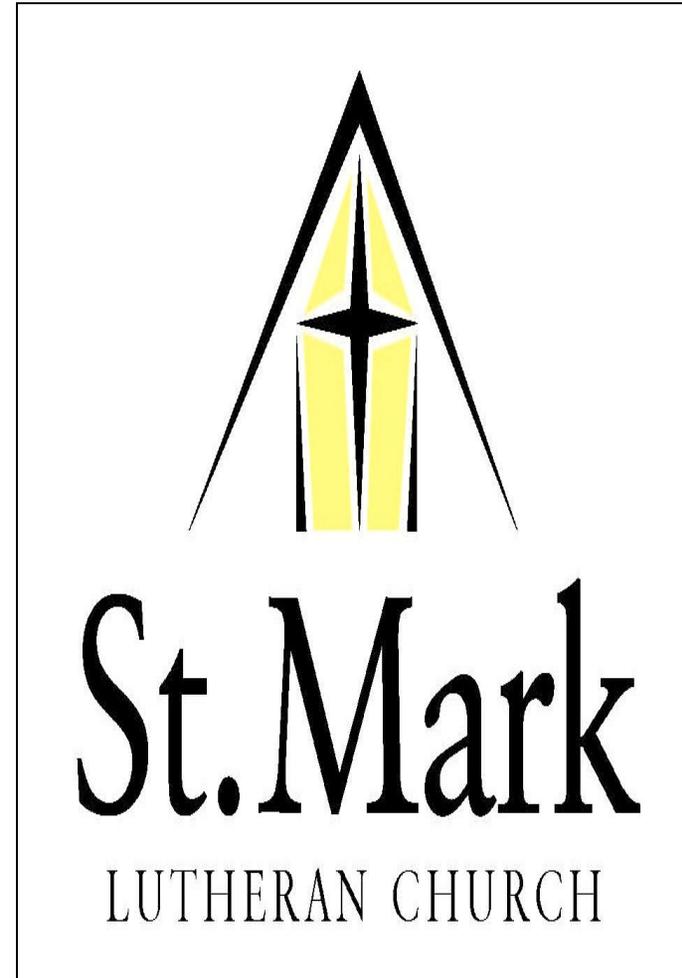
This Week at St. Mark

- 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
- Friday - Snow Removal: Blake Baumann
- Saturday - Annual Fall Cleanup 8:00 am
- Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Theiler Sec. 2 Timblin
Sec. 3 G. Stamps

Thank you to all of St. Mark's church family for their thoughts, prayers and cards concerning my surgery and recovery. It is greatly appreciated. *Detlef Gartzke*

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 \$11.50 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.

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Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

Eternal Life

HYMN: CW 170

Draw Us to Thee

OPENING DIALOGUE

M: We begin our worship in the name of our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

M: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ,

C: **And he will reign forever and ever.** Rev. 11:15

M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was,

C: **because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.** Rev. 11:17

M: Now have come the salvation and power and kingdom of our God,

C: **and the authority of his Christ.** Rev. 12:10

M: Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise! Rev. 5:12

C: **To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, forever and ever!** Rev. 5:13

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: **Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved my brothers and sisters as myself. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.**

I am truly sorry for my sins.

I repent of them.

I beg for your mercy, O Lord.

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. 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: Blake Baumann, Ben Schroeder

Ushers: Dwayne Burianek, Nate Workentine (E), Trevor Wiles, Brian Wiles (L)

Greeters: Tracy Jamison (E), Jeremiah Drews (L)

Powerpoint: Marcia Gartzke (E), Paul & Karen Dinges (L)

Organist: Eva Van Egmond

Birthday—Brittany Hodges 11/13

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.

Auto offering is now available! If you are interested please pick up an authorization form on the ushers table. Please complete the form and give it to Tyson Martin or anyone of the council members. If you have any questions please contact Tyson Martin at (402) 741-1396 or tyson.s.martin@hotmail.com.

Poinsettias The Ladies' Aid will be purchasing Christmas poinsettias for the church altar. If you wish to give a donation toward the purchase of the poinsettias to help cover the cost, please make your check out to Elfi Lee and put your donation in her mailbox. *Thank you!*

CLOSING DIALOGUE

- M: We give thanks to You, our God and Savior, for all the good things You have given us, and especially for the gift of your Word.
- C: **Keep us faithful to its truth and hopeful in its promises that we may never lose the blessings it brings.**
- M: Keep us under the shadow of Your protecting goodness, and continue to purify our bodies and souls, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven:
- C: **For you, O Lord, are worthy of continual praise and thanksgiving: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**
- M: We leave God's house strengthened once again to worship him throughout the week until we meet here again. Our holy God has given us forgiveness through the life, death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus. This gift is not for us alone, but for all. So we go forth in our mission.
- 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 219

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Silence for meditation.

- M: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: **Cleanse me from my sins.
Release me from my guilt.
Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

- M: The almighty God has been merciful to us and has sent his Son to die for all. For his sake, God forgives our sins and calls us from darkness to his marvelous light. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, 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: With grateful hearts we pray to the Lord.
- C: **Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 417

I'm But A Stranger Here

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm 150

Sung responsively with Pastor

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia. (Revelation 7:15a)

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN: CWS 728

Jerusalem the Golden

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to raise your majesty.

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us the strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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 550

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

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.