

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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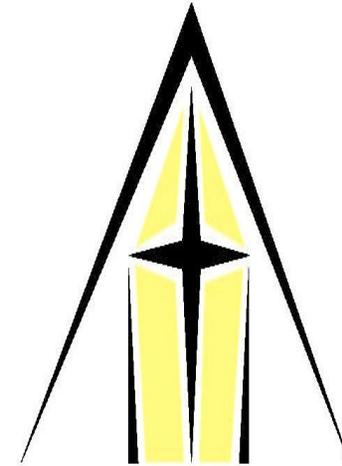
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### This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm  
- Catechism Class 6:00 pm  
- Choir 7:00 pm
- Thursday - Ladies Aid 6:30 pm  
- Bible Class 6:30 am
- Friday - Snow Removal: Paul Dinges
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Theiler Sec. 2 Timblin  
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# St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

# The Savior's Sermon: Listen!

HYMN: CW 95

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

OPENING DIALOGUE

*from Psalm 148*

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise the LORD from the earth, lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding.**

M: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

C: **Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

M: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: **For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. The Word of God urges us to confess all the evil that is in us. We are to do this with a heart full of humility and repentance at all times. We should especially do so when we meet together in worship, as we thank and praise our God for what he has done for us, and as we hear his Word. So come now with me to God's throne of grace and let us confess our sins together.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are like lost sheep. We have gone our own way, following our own sinful desires. We have not listened to your voice. We are thoroughly corrupt by nature, and this reveals itself every day as we lie and cheat, when we argue and hold grudges. As a result, we deserve nothing from you but your wrath against our sin. But we plead for your mercy because of your Son, who died to take our sins away.**

**Box Tops for Education:** St. Mark Lutheran School is collecting Boxtops for Education, which are located on many of the products you already purchase. Our school can redeem the Boxtops for cash. Please put your unexpired Boxtops in the designated box on the office bulletin board. Thank you!



**Soup Supper** - The Ladies Aid will be hosting a soup supper on Ash Wednesday, March 1 at 6 pm. The free-will offering collected will go to our Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM). If you are interested in making soup or helping in another way, please sign up at the ushers' table west of the sanctuary. We hope that you can join us! *St. Mark Ladies Aid*

**Ladies Aid's** next meeting is Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 pm.

Please remember in your prayers...



- Shirley Zacherson
- Tammy Koepsell, Wendy Colson & Eric Richert's sister
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew

## 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 there. 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.

**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.

### Building Committee Update:

Drawings are now complete for the new School building project and out for bid with Beach Construction. There will be a lot of activity in March as we decide as a congregation how best to move forward on this exciting project. Key upcoming events:

Bids Due March 1<sup>st</sup>

Building Project Open Forum Mid March

Building Project Voters Meeting Late March

As bids start to come in and are reviewed, look for updated dates on the above items.

**Birthday**— Suzi Vanchoiak 2/26, Payton Mackenzie 2/27, Margaret Everts 2/28, Preston Riegsecker 3/3 **Anniversary** - Lonnie & Peggy Lindblad 3/2, Mark & Melissa Stamps 3/2

### THANK YOU FOR SERVING

**Elders:** Blake Baumann, Jarod Wilkinson

**Ushers:** Rainer Gartzke, Dwayne Burianek (E) Chad Colson (L)

**Greeters:** Rich & Alta Beltz (E) Rich & Bev Randazzo (L)

**Organist:** Cindy Krushenisky

*Silence for personal confession*

## WORD OF FORGIVENESS

- M: Dear friends in the Lord, hear the Word of our God: *"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death."* (Romans 8:1-2) By the merits of the Son of God and through the working of the Holy Spirit, salvation has come to you! As a called servant of Christ, 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: Let us pray.
- C: **Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 242

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:12,15-18

PSALM 110

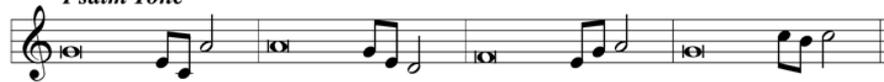
Pastor sings the verses.  
 Congregation sings refrains and Gloria

*Refrain*



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Praise and glo-ry to  
 Christ the King! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Psalm Tone*



The LORD says to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand  
 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”  
 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;  
 you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

The LORD has sworn and will not change his mind:  
 “You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.”  
 The LORD is at your right hand;  
 he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

*Refrain*

He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead  
 and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.  
 He will drink from a brook beside the way;  
 therefore he will lift up his head.

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*

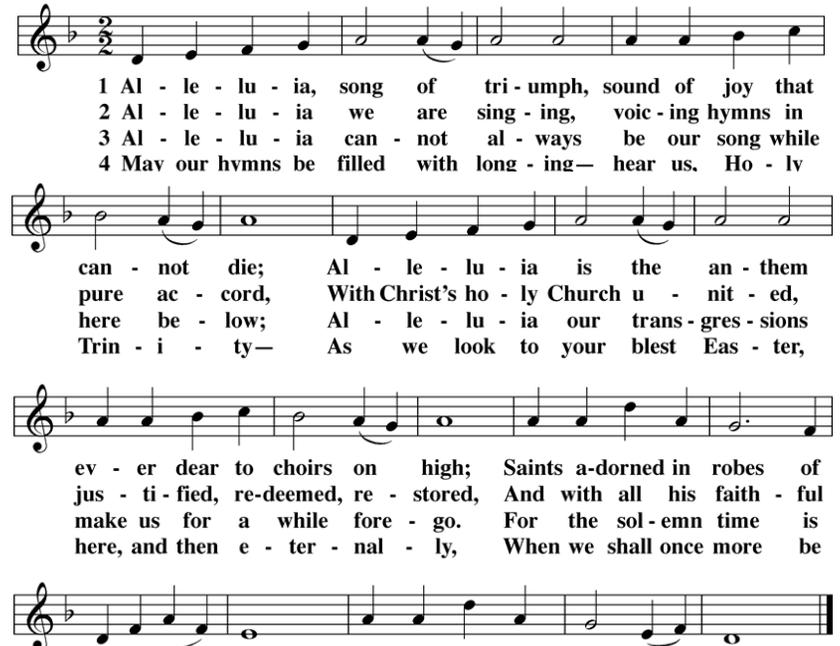
SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

After a brief introduction the congregation sings...

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
 Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to pre-  
 pare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will  
 return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to  
 the risen Lord.



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
 4 Mav our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us. Ho - lv  
 can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them  
 pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,  
 here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions  
 Trin - i - ty— As we look to your blest Eas - ter,  
 ev - er dear to choirs on high; Saints a-dorned in robes of  
 jus - ti - fied, re-deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful  
 make us for a while fore - go. For the sol - emn time is  
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be  
 glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
 peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
 com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
 sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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.**

#### [FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA](#)

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

#### GOSPEL

**Matthew 17:1-9**

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN: CWS 712 (verses 1-4)

**Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

#### SERMON

HYMN: CWS 712 (verse 5)

**Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain**

#### OFFERING

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we praise You that You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved, incarnate Son in His transfiguration before He made His way to the cross for our salvation. We pray that You would preserve us in the faith so that we might always listen to Him alone for forgiveness and salvation

C: **May we remain continually thankful that every good gift comes from You, for the sake of Your Son, crucified and risen from the dead.**

M: Heavenly Father, we give great thanks that You spoke from the cloud to proclaim Your beloved Son and that You commanded us to "listen to him." For though we do not see Him in His incarnate form with our eyes, we know that He remains as near to us as His Word and Sacraments.

C: **Strengthen our faith always to seek the Lord where He promises to be for us in His means of grace.**

M: Gracious God, we give thanks to You for Your faithfulness in revealing the hope of salvation through the ages in the work of Elijah and all of Your prophets. We commend to You those whom You have called to be Your public messengers today.

C: **Give to them an abundant portion of Your Spirit so that they might properly proclaim Your Word to all who will hear.**

M: Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to You for the gift of Your holy Word and for the privilege of proclaiming it to all who will hear. Bless the evangelism efforts of Your people. Preserve us from relying on our cunning or tampering with Your Word, and strengthen us to make the open statement of Your truth and proclaim not ourselves, but You.

C: **Where our efforts are blessed with new disciples, may we give all glory to You; where our labors seem fruitless, comfort and strengthen us so that we do not lose heart.**

M: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your transfiguration You revealed Yourself to be fully God, yet still fully man. Look upon those who suffer from affliction in body and mind, and grant to them healing and deliverance according to Your will.

C: **In the meantime, strengthen them in the certain faith that You will raise them up fully restored and alive for eternity.**

M: O Son of God, Your will for our salvation took You from Your Father's announcement of beloved sonship at the transfiguration to the forsakenness of the cross, bearing all of our sins and infirmities. We pray for those who are lonely. Assure them by Your grace that You have not forgotten them.

C: **Deliver them from any fear and distress that would lead them further into isolation, and grant us both compassion and the will to befriend and help them.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer*

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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 97

Down from the Mount of Glory

### Confession of Faith

### The Apostles' Creed

C: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

### 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.**