

**St. Mark**

LUTHERAN CHURCH

REACH, TEACH,  
REJOICE!



*We're delighted you've chosen to worship with us this morning. At St. Mark it's our commitment to you that we faithfully proclaim God's Word so that your faith may grow during your time with us. Our goal is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the good news of what He has done for us. We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you have.*

- **Ushers and Greeters** are available in the narthex (entryway) to answer any questions you may have and offer you any assistance you may need.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway to the north of the sanctuary
- **We love having children** in worship and encourage them to sing and pray along with their parents. **Children's Bulletins and Busy Bags** are available in the entryway for your family to use. If your child becomes a bit restless during the service and you think they could use a break, we have a **Nursery Space** in the church office that you can use. An usher can guide you there.
- **Friendship Cards** are found in the racks of each pew. We ask that during the offering you fill out a card that we may have a record of your visit and get to know you.

**OUR THEME FOR TODAY** – Treasure in Heaven

## St. Mark Lutheran Church and School

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### This Week at St. Mark

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| Sunday    | - Worship Service 9:00 am<br>- Bible Class & Sunday School 10:20 am<br>- NE Lutheran High School Opening Service 4:00 pm |
| Monday    | - St. Mark Lutheran School Starts 8:30 am –Noon<br>- Worship Service 7:00 pm   |
| Wednesday | - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm   |
| Thursday  | - Bible Class 6:30 am  |
| Friday    | - Mowing: Rich Beltz   |
| Saturday  | - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Workentine Sec. 2 Witt<br>Sec. 3 Zielinski   |

## St. Mark News and Notes

### Please remember in your prayers...

- Teachers and students going back to school
- College and university students
- Those participating in school sports, may they remain injury-free
- Shirley Zacherson

### Serving in God's House today...

**Elders:** Blake Baumann, Jarod Wilkinson

**Ushers:** Noel Lee, Paul Fanning

**Greeters:** Elfi Lee (1 & 2 Sunday)

**Pianist:** Jocelyn Vogel

**Birthdays—** Mark Nelson 8/16, Detlef Gartzke 8/17, Thomas Drews 8/19

**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.



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## NELHS SOLAR ECLIPSE BASH

Please join us to view a unique wonder of God's creation!

August 21, 2017, 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

We will be having a guest speaker from MLC, a grill out, yard games, and a viewing with complimentary eclipse-viewing glasses during the eclipse. Please RSVP to [kdorn@nelhs.org](mailto:kdorn@nelhs.org) by August 14 to attend.

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## Treasure in Heaven

HYMN: CW 386 (vs 1-2, 4-5) **Now I Have Found the Firm Foundation**

### OPENING DIALOGUE

*based on Psalm 119*

**M:** Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees;

**C:** **Then I will keep them to the end.**

**M:** Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

**C:** **And obey it with all my heart.**

**M:** Direct me in the path of your commands,

**C:** **For there I find delight.**

**M:** Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

**C:** **Preserve my life according to your Word.**

**M:** Fulfill your promise to your servant,

**C:** **So that you may be feared.**

**M:** How I long for your precepts!

**C:** **Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

### 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.**

*Silence for personal confession*

- 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:** **O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN: CW 239

Glory Be to God the Father

### THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 3:5-12

### 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 according to your promise.
- C:** **Grant us the determination to spread your Word.**
- M:** Strengthen our faith and help us to put our faith into action.
- C:** **Give us the zeal to accomplish your will.**
- M:** Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear:
- C:** **We dedicate ourselves...**
- 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.**

### 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: CWS 757 (see insert)

Where Your Treasure Is

## 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 469

Take My Life and Let It Be

## Confession of Faith

**C:** I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.  
**M:** What do you mean when you make this confession of your faith?  
**C:** I believe that God created me and all that exists, that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle and all I own, and all that I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger and guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

## PSALM 119

verses 9-16

**M:** How can a young person stay on the path of purity?  
**C:** **By living according to your word.**

**M:** I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands.  
**C:** **I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.**

**M:** Praise be to you, O Lord; teach me your decrees.  
**C:** **With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth.**

**M:** I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.  
**C:** **I meditate on your precepts and consider your ways.**

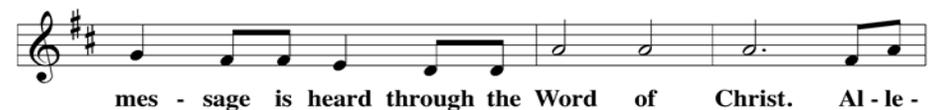
**M:** I delight in your decrees;  
**C:** **I will not neglect your word.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. (John 6:68)



## GOSPEL

Matthew 13:44-52

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**HYMN:** CWS 755 (see insert)

**Your Kingdom, O God**

## SERMON

*Following a brief introduction, the congregation sings...*

When all your mercies, O my God,  
My waking soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost  
In wonder, love, and praise.

Through ev'ry passing phase of life  
Your goodness I'll pursue  
And after death, in distant worlds,  
The glorious theme renew.

## OFFERING

### 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.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**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.**