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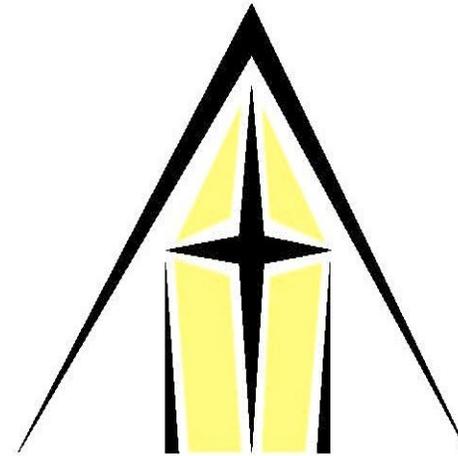
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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Friday - Mowing: Rainer Gartzke
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Bork Sec. 2 Burcham
Sec. 3 Colson
- Sunday - Worship Service 9:00 am
- Monday - Labor Day
- No School
- No Worship Service
- Tuesday - Worship Service 7:00 pm



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 – Dispelling Doubt

Today's lessons show us believers who had faith in God and his abilities to save them, but yet doubted when his plans or purpose failed to match theirs. In each case, it is adversity that fights against faith and allows its unfortunate companion to rear its ugly head. And in each case, the true answer to doubt is not found in the great miracle that removes adversity, but in the still small voice of our Savior God whispering in his Word.

St. Mark News and Notes

Please remember in your prayers...

- **Jim Rehm**, who will have open heart surgery on Monday
- **Dave & Tonya Beach**, who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 25 years of marriage
- **Larry & Carol Hans**, who celebrate with thanksgiving God's grace of 35 years of marriage
- **Shirley Zacherson**

Serving in God's House today...

Elders: Blake Baumann, Jarod Wilkinson

Ushers: Brian Wiles

Greeters: Valerie Ellsworth

Pianist: Jocelyn Vogel

Birthdays— Ian Gartzke 8/27, Dan Bork 8/27, Jim Rehm 8/28, Spencer Randazzo 8/28, Jon Rehm 8/31, Trevor Wiles 8/31, Maximus Partida 9/1, Ella Taylor 9/2

Anniversaries— Larry & Carol Hans 8/28, David & Tonya Beach 8/29

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.

St Mark Lutheran School is accepting applications for a part time teacher aide position. Hours would be two days a week, three hours each day, six hours total a week. If you have an educational background or have worked with school children before, please contact Jeremiah Drews to explore this opportunity.

Thanks to those who made donations, grilled, served and helped in any way with the Aug. 13th meal at Nebr. Lutheran High School. Along with a donation from Thrivent, the 5 churches who assisted raised \$712 for NELHS. Serving Christ and Our School, St. Mark La-

I Sing as I Arise Today

1 I sing as I arise to day, I
 2 The word of God to be my speech, The
 3 The work of God to be my joy, The
 4 I sing as I arise to day; I

call on my Cre - a - tor's might: The
 hand of God to be my stay, The
 house of God to be my rest, The
 cry out my Re - deem - er's name: Lord

will of God to be my guide, The
 shield of God to be my strength, The
 grace of God to be my song, The
 Je - sus Christ, my hope, my all, To -

eye of God to be my sight,
 path of God to be my way,
 praise of God to be my best.
 day and ev - er - more the same.

Text (st. 1,2): Anon.
 Text (st. 3,4): Michael Schultz, b. 1963 © 2006 Michael Schultz. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
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ATTENTION LADIES OF ST. MARK!

Let's Begin Another Year of Serving our Lord with a Salad Supper!



Who: All Ladies of St. Mark Lutheran Church

What: A Salad Supper, Dessert and Open Meeting

When: Thursday, September 7th at 6 p.m.



Please bring a favorite salad of any variety to share with your Sisters in Christ! Desserts will be provided by our new president, Tina Schmidt.

This will be our opening meeting to the 2017/2018 season. If you're interested in learning more about our Ladies Aid group, want to renew your spirit of giving by serving with your fellow ladies, or are a 'regular' looking forward to another year together, please, join us! It'll be a great time for food, fellowship and fun, plus a little housekeeping for our congregation and church.

Any questions or concerns? Contact Tina Schmidt at 402-310-8984 or tina.schmidt@gmail.com.

We Hope to See You There!

Dispelling Doubt

HYMN: CWS 779 (pg 10)

I Sing as I Arise Today

CONFESSION

M: Beloved in the Lord! We have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his Word, and to ask for those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. So that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins.

Silence for meditation

M: Most merciful God...

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, By what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us and forgive us; That we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

ABSOLUTION

M: 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.**

LITANY OF PRAISE

M: O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works!

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His name is worthy of praise!**

M: O Father Most Holy, gather us together in the name of Jesus whom the saints and angels adore as the Lamb on his throne and whose name is above every name,

that all we do might be done at your bidding,
filled with your grace,
directed by your wisdom,
informed by your truth,
accomplished to your glory.

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. His love endures forever!**

M: O Father Most Gracious, bring us together in the name of Jesus, that in him we might be a spiritual temple, that founded on him we might be built together as living stones, that in him we might offer to you the spiritual service

of praise and thanksgiving,
of lives lived in your love,
of proclaiming your words and work,
of sharing your gifts to us.

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. Tell of all his wonderful deeds!**

M: O Father eternal, you have sent out an invitation, you have prepared a great feast that all might enter the courts of your presence and the mansions of your paradise. Grant to us your blessing and peace,

M: This coming week, when you fall into sin, when you forget your focus in life, when you suffer in all kinds of trials, look to one place—the cross. There you will find forgiveness, purpose and direction. Then live looking forward to Jesus' return.

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: CW 439

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

Confession of Faith

M: When the difficulties of life seem overwhelming, many people turn to their own strength to get them through. What do you believe about God, and why would you turn to him?

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

M: Many people in this world say that God is not willing to help us when we are in need of comfort or help. Many don't see him as their only way to heaven. What do you believe about God and what he's done for you?

C: **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.**

M: What do you say to those who don't know what will happen to them when they die? What comfort can you give to them that would help them face death and all the troubles of this earthly life?

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.**

CLOSING DIALOGUE

M: We have joined once again this hour to worship our Savior and King.

C: **We leave this house of God renewed to live for him.**

that we may be witnesses of your truth,
the reflection of your glory,
the ambassadors of your kingdom.

C: **The works of the Lord are great and glorious. May our mouths be filled with his praise!**

M: To you, O Father, together with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God from all eternity and to all eternity, be glory, wisdom, power, and dominion forever.

C: **Alleluia! Amen!**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 14:10-31

PSALM 73

Sung in unison.

SECOND LESSON

James 1:2-8,12

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR

Thy Word

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

When I feel afraid,

Think I've lost my way,

Still you're there right beside me.

And nothing will I fear

As long as you are near.

Please be near me to the end.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

HYMN: CW 379

Amazing Grace

SERMON

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious Lord, we come to You carrying the burden of our fears, worries, doubts and terrors.
C: **Reach out Your hand to us, that we may trust in Your Word for all things and find peace and contentment for our hearts.**

M: Gracious Lord, give us grace that we may recognize the sufficiency of Your Word,
C: **that Your promise may sustain us in trial and call us when we wander from the narrow path of everlasting life.**

M: Gracious Lord, Your power and wisdom are beyond us. Keep us from the false comfort of worldly wisdom,
C: **that we may rely upon Your truth as our rock and foundation amid the shifting sand of doubt and fear.**

M: Gracious Lord, You send forth those whose voices will speak Your Word and whose hands will administer Your Sacraments to Your people. Raise up those whom You call, equip them for Your service and bless the places where they are taught and learn.
C: **Bless all pastors, church workers and the work of Your kingdom among us and through us.**

M: Gracious Lord, You give comfort to the troubled hearts and minds of Your people.
C: **Guide those with mental and emotional illness, that they may not feel alone nor despair without the consolation of Your Word and Your grace.**

M: Gracious Lord, Your healing grace sustains Your people in all their trials and troubles. Give to the sick, suffering, grieving and dying the full measure of Your healing and grace according to Your will.
C: **Bless those who care for them and the use of all the medical arts to relieve their suffering.**

M: Gracious Lord, You stand over all creation. Speak peace to the nations, that war and violence may end.
C: **Raise up good and faithful leaders who will act justly and protect the weak, the vulnerable and the unborn from exploitation and oppression.**

M: Gracious Lord, Your Word is near to the hearts of Your people. Grant them courage that they may faithfully speak the Gospel before the world and that those who hear may confess Jesus Christ and be saved.
C: **Remember all who endure persecution for the name of Christ, and strengthen them for a bold witness.**

M: Gracious Lord, give ear to the prayers of Your people and lead us to trust in Your mercy without fear, that the words of our prayers may be accompanied by the confidence that You will grant to us all things needful to us and our salvation
C: **Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**