

**St. Mark Lutheran Church and School**  
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This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Friday - Mowing: Lawn— T. Beach , Lot—D. Beach
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Schroeder  
 Sec. 2 Stan Stamps

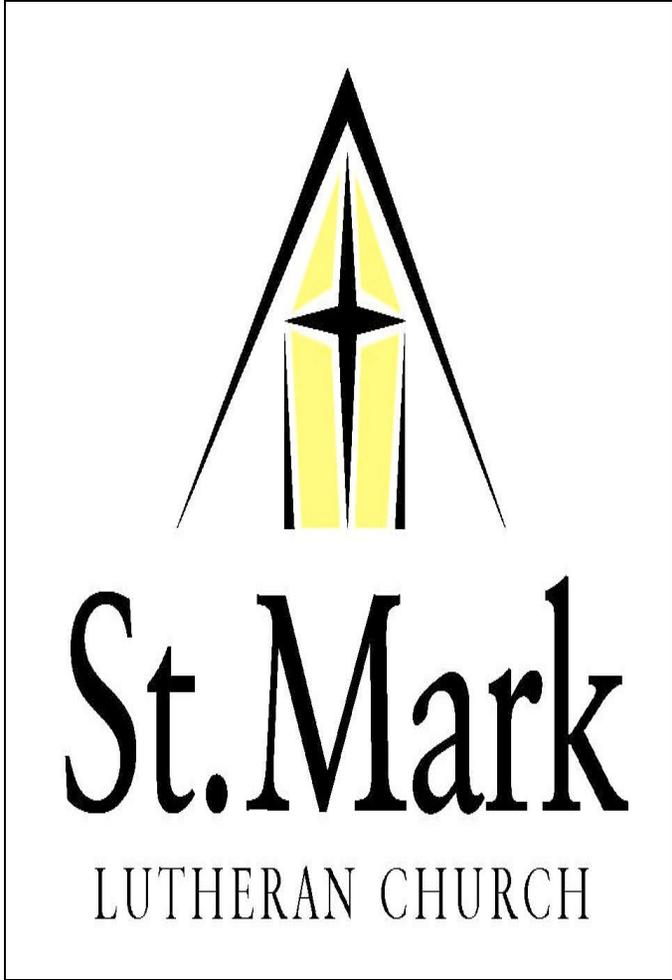
**Bible Study Sunday at 9:20 am**—We will look at The Church of the Latter-Day Saints.

**Coming Events:**

- August 12** —St. Mark First Day of School 8:30 am—Noon
- August 18**— Sunday School Starts 9:20 am
- August 25** —NE Lutheran High School Opening Service 4:00 pm

**Thank you** to Noel Lee and Rainer Gartzke who waxed the floors last week. They look great!

**Birthdays**—Nancy House 8/11, Karen Steinbach 8/12, Mark Nelson 8/15, Detlef Gartzke 8/17, Leigh Monroe 8/17 **Anniversary-** Isaac & Michelle Cepek 8/14, Dale & Heidi Dinges 8/16



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

<b>A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord</b>			
<u>Worship Attendance Last Week, 177</u>			
<u>Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord</u>			
Home	\$ 3105.98	Missions	\$208.00
Building Fund	\$75.00	NELHS General	\$150.00
Tuition Assist.	\$190.00	Tuition	\$4750.00
Carpet	\$150.00		
Total Offering— \$8628.98			

Solo In Christ Alone—Dillon Richert

Synod Convention Report—Detlef Gartzke

**HYMN 528** Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Stand

### INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. *(spoken)*

### THE WORDS OF MISSION

M: Go into all the world

C: **And preach the good news to all creation.**

M: Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

C: **In your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.**

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: **For he has done marvelous things.**

M: We will not hide them from our children;

C: **We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord.**

M: His right hand and his holy arm

C: **Have worked salvation for him.**

M: The Lord has made his salvation known

C: **And revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

M: All the ends of the earth

C: **Have seen the salvation of our God.**

M: Sing to the Lord, praise his name;

C: **Proclaim his salvation day after day.**

My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
For I am his and he is mine—  
Till he re - turns or calls me home.

Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
Here in the death of Christ I live.  
Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*(Fine)*

*This christological hymn summarizes the sacrificial, earthly life of our Savior and the glory that is now his forever and ours through faith.*

Tune: IN CHRIST ALONE (88 88 D)  
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Pentecost 12

August 11, 2013

**Welcome in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ.** We love our Savior for he sacrificed himself for us. We love because He first loved us. Our love for God shows itself in a love of His Word and a love for our fellow man. We welcome all visitors into our midst. If you have questions about our beliefs or God's Word, please ask.

Prayer before worship:

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

**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 make use of 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 make use of our 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** to my St. Mark family for all the cards, prayers and thoughts sent my way as I recover from surgery. My recovery is going well. *Detlef Gartzke*

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In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



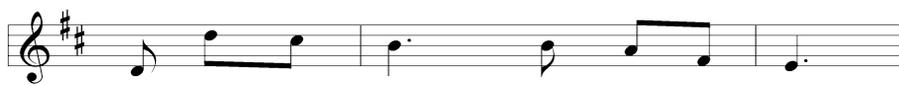
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Children of God, we join in confessing our sins.

C: Lord, we confess that we have heard the call to do your will, but have chosen not always to follow. We have picked roads that lead to anxiety and despair. We have walked paths of darkness and sorrow. We have run from your beckoning love. We have sinned as we have:

been slow to share our faith with others, and have been reluctant to fully support the church with our gifts and skills, and have been hesitant to take advantage of every Christian education opportunity. Lord, we see our sins and our helplessness to make things right with you. We turn to our Savior Jesus Christ and pray: Have mercy on us according to your unfailing love. Cleanse us from our sins and take away our guilt.

WE HEAR WE ARE FORGIVEN

M: Beloved children of God, we have been rescued from the wrath of God. Jesus has lived and died for us, and rose gloriously on the third day. Through the gracious working of the Holy Spirit, each of us can joyfully confess, "Jesus Christ is my Savior and Redeemer!" God has had mercy on us and has restored us through the blood of Christ. He has declared us innocent in his sight. We are forgiven all our sins. Amen.

HYMN 753 s. 2-4 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us (turn to pg 8)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord of the harvest, inspire the hearts of many to offer themselves for the public ministry of your Church. Look with favor on our schools and missions, blessing those who teach the gospel and those who learn it, that many more may come to know you as the only true God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Be seated.*

FIRST LESSON

1 Chronicles 17:10b-14

PSALM 62

CW pg 88

**SECOND LESSON Romans 15:4-6**

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

Alleluia! My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL OF THE DAY**

**Matthew 11:25-30**

*After the announcement of the Gospel the congregation sings:*

C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

**HYMN 752 In Christ Alone (pg. 10)**

**SERMON Romans 15:4-6**  
United in Christ

**HYMN 452 s. 1 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus**

**OFFERING**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

M: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
C: Grant that the gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed among us and throughout the world in its truth and purity, and that we and all believers may live holy and consecrated lives to the glory of your holy name.

Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!  
Praise the first - born from the dead!  
Our sal - va - tion's work is done!  
By your sav - ing means of grace!  
Quick - ly come! Make all things new!  
Al - le - lu - ia! A - - men.

*Masterfully minted for the 150th anniversary of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, this hymn calls to mind God's grace in the past, which compels us to proclaim his gospel promises into the future.*

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Tune: LAUDA ANIMA (87 87 87) John Goss, 1800–1880

## 753 Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us



1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,  
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,  
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised  
 4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,  
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,  
 6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



Chose us, named us as your own,  
 And our guilt was crim - son red.  
 From the Fa - ther and the Son  
 Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.  
 Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:  
 Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning  
 Son of God, you came in - car - nate,  
 Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,  
 Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us  
 "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;  
 Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.  
 Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,  
 Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.  
 When the dark - ness hid your face.  
 I am ev - er more with you."  
 God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us  
 Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:  
 Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us  
 Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,  
 Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Your kingdom come.

C: Grant that the proclamation of the gospel may bear much fruit, that large numbers of men, women, and children from every nation, tribe, and language may be brought into your kingdom of grace in this life and your kingdom of glory in the life to come.

M: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

C: Grant that we may never forget that it is your will that all people be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Grant that we may always remember that we are to be witnesses of Christ to the ends of the earth. And help us to remember that it is also your will that we live a holy life to reflect the love of our Savior Jesus Christ in everything we do.

M: Give us today our daily bread.

C: Grant that we may always remember that every good gift is from above, that the earth is yours and everything in it that we may always trust you to give us our daily bread, that we may therefore share our blessings with others and return to you a large measure of the gifts you entrust to us, that your kingdom may spread from pole to pole around the globe to every mountain, hamlet, and every jungle village.

M: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

C: Forgive us for all the times we have given offense and thus kept others from coming to you. Forgive us for being so cold and indifferent to your command to preach the gospel to every human being. Forgive us for not witnessing for Christ in our own community and throughout the world. Forgive us for so often forgetting that Christ lived for us that we who live should no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died for us and rose again. Bless us by all means that we might lead some to Christ through your powerful Word.

M: Lead us not into temptation.

C: Grant that Satan, the world, and our own flesh may not tempt us to neglect the supreme task of the church. Grant that we may not be tempted to fiddle away our time while the world rushes toward eternal flames, that we may never be tempted to squander our money on luxuries and the pleasures of this world and deny to others the bread of life.

Grant that we never be tempted to use our God-given talent to our own glory and selfish interests, but that we may always use these talents to declare the praises of him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light.

M: But deliver us from evil.

C: Protect us from all harm and danger, but for the sake of the gospel, grant that we may boldly confess our faith in Jesus no matter what the circumstances, no matter what may be the result. Grant that we may be willing and happy to deny ourselves and take up the cross of self-sacrifice so that others might spiritually live. Grant that we, like our Savior, may be willing to sacrifice all, if need be, that others might be brought to faith in Jesus Christ.

M: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: We bring all these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us.

C: Amen.

## BLESSING

M: 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.

### By God's Free Grace

*Tune - Christian Worship 85*

By God's free grace, let us draw near  
To heaven's high, celestial throne  
With faith assured and conscience clear,  
Cleansed by the blood of Christ alone.  
For though our hearts to God had died.  
In sin that held us stubbornly,  
In Christ we now are justified,  
By God's rich grace, faithful and free

By God's free grace, let us take heart  
In fellowship of kindred souls,  
Nor eager be from them to part  
Who share with us these heav'nly goals:  
To reach the lost, to teach the found,  
To train God's servants faithfully  
To tell the Truth the world around  
Of God's rich grace, faithful and free

O God our Lord, may we stand firm  
Upon your heritage of grace,  
And may our lives your love confirm  
In every age, in every place  
Until, in heav'n, for endless days  
Your matchless glory we may see,  
And lift our endless hymn of praise  
For matchless grace, faithful and free.

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## FRIENDSHIP REGISTRY

We would ask that all guests and members fill out the friendship cards that can be found by the Bibles in your pew. Thank you!



### Please remember in your prayers...

- Wendy Hall, Jeremiah Drews's mother
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother
- Gerta Krech, Erna Westphal's sister
- Teachers and students going back to school
- Those participating in school sports, may they remain injury free