



Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

'Obedience from the Heart'

The Gathering

Please stand

HYMN: CW 474

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

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: How I long for your precepts!

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Brothers and sisters, we come before a holy God knowing we are unclean people. Even when we want to serve him, our words, actions and thoughts betray the selfishness and indifference that still plague our fallen nature. So let us confess our sins to our holy God, knowing that he will never turn away from his repentant children.

C: **Heavenly Father, we confess that from our own hearts have come many evil thoughts: greed, anger, deceit, slander and indifference to your truth. These have given birth to sinful actions which are**

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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 - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Friday - Mowing: Lawn—Sue Soyk, Lot- Joshua Van Egmond
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 R. Rankin,
Sec. 2 R. Randazzo, Sec. 3 Remmers
- Sunday - Sunday School 8:30 am
- Worship Service 9:30 am

A Measure of Our Love for Our Lord			
<u>Worship Attendance Last Week 160</u>			
<u>Last Week's Thank Offering to our Lord</u>			
Home	\$2,963.61	Missions	\$123.00
Building Fund	\$42.00	NELHS General	\$70.00
Sunday School	\$7.00	Tuition	\$3,225.00
Moving Fund	\$15.00	Bibles/Book Fees	\$30.00
Dinges Memorial	\$210.00		
Total Offering—		\$6,685.61	

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 use the nursery. Ask an usher to lead you to the nursery. If you need a private place to feed your baby, there is a chair downstairs in the women's restroom along with a changing table. 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.

Birthdays—Shirley Zacherson 9/14, Lonnie Lindblad 9/14, Kandace Kramer 9/14, Robert Kramer 9/15, Bill Aden 9/17, Kim Kumwenda 9/18 **Anniversary**—David & Rhonda Medley 9/14

THANK YOU FOR SERVING

Elders: Jarod Wilkinson, Jeff Schmidt
Ushers: Rich & Maclain Randazzo
Greeters: Rich & Alta Beltz, Noel & Elfi Lee
Pianist: Jocelyn Vogel

Coming Events:

September 25—Family Game Night at St. Mark 6:30 pm—9:00 pm
October 11— Open Forum 10:45 am
October 18—Voters' Meeting 10:45 am
October 17 —Reformation Carnival 11:00 am—3:00 pm

shameful to you. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. By the power of your Holy Spirit change and renew us from within, that we may serve you with joy every day of our lives. Amen.

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: You who have humbly confessed your sins before Almighty God, be strengthened in faith, remembering that He does not want any sinner to die, but would rather have him turn from his evil ways and live. God has commanded his called ministers to declare the forgiveness of sins to all who are penitent. Therefore by the command and in the stead of our Lord Jesus 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: With grateful hearts we pray to the Lord.

C: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

HYMN: CW 369 (verses 1,4)

Beautiful Savior

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 4:1, 2, 6-9

¹ Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ² Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. ⁶ Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷ What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸ And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? ⁹ Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

CHOIR O Church Arise

O church, arise and put your armor on;
 Hear the call of Christ our captain;
 For now the weak can say that they are strong
 In the strength that God has given.
 With shield of faith and belt of truth
 We'll stand against the devil's lies;
 An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!"
 Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
 But to rage against the captor;
 And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
 We will fight with faith and valor.
 When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
 We know the outcome is secure,
 And Christ will have the prize for which He died —
 An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet,
 As the Son of God is stricken;
 Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
 For the Conqueror has risen!
 And as the stone is rolled away,

Thank you—We would like to thank everyone for the kindness, cards, sympathies, and prayers for our Dad/Grampa Phil Dinges. Being at church that last Sunday and having so many share a moment with him was so nice and he enjoyed it so much. We thank all who helped with his funeral service and appreciate all who made food for it. God's Blessings to all in our church family. *Phil Dinges Family*



Please remember in your prayers...

- Bill Aden who is celebrating his 100th birthday
- Sarah Brauer, Margaret Booth's daughter
- Jacob Kander, Jean & Denny Riegsecker's nephew
- Alida Freese, Julie Nelson's mother

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 471

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

And Christ emerges from the grave,
This vict'ry march continues till the day
Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride,
Give grace for ev'ry hurdle,
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When, with Christ, we stand in glory.

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14, 15, 21-23

HYMN: CW 457

Fight the Good Fight

SERMON

Ephesians 6:10-20

OFFERING

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we ask You to be near us with Your Word and Spirit. Guide and lead us, that we might walk the way of Your commandments, lest we forget the wonderful blessings that You have given to us.

C: **Direct us always with Your Word of truth.**

M: Holy Spirit, protect us this day from the assaults of the devil. Equip us with the full armor of God, that we might be clothed in truth, righteousness, peace, faith and salvation, bearing the sword of the spirit, which is God's Word.

C: Keep us all in safety and security from the forces of the evil one.

M: Heavenly Father, keep us from all that would defile us in heart and soul. Keep us from all evil thoughts, immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.

C: Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us, that we would be holy as You are holy.

M: Almighty God, You are the strength of the weak and the refuge of the powerless. We pray that You would be with Your people who are struggling with doubt and temptation. Grant assurance to the doubtful and deliverance to those who are tempted by the things of this world.

C: Strengthen all who are in need of Your power by Your grace and love.

M: God of all health and life, we pray that You would bring health and healing to Your people. We pray for all of those in need of Your healing mercy. Strengthen them with Your Word and grace.

C: Move them to look to You for comfort in the midst of their suffering and pain.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

M: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: 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.**

Please be seated.

HYMN: CW 459

O God, My Faithful God

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

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 have joined once again this hour to worship our Savior and King. We have been dressed with the armor of God. So we leave this house of God renewed to live for him.

C: **Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: 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.**