



St. Mark

LUTHERAN CHURCH

Reach, Teach, Rejoice!

January 14, 2018

Building the Body of Christ

ALL SCHOOL CHOIR:

Jesus Calls Us

OPENING DIALOGUE

based on Psalm 78

M: O my people, hear my teaching;
C: **listen to the words of my mouth.**

M: I will utter things from of old,
C: **what we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

M: We will not hide them from our children;
C: **we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.**

M: The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob
C: **and established the law in Israel.**

M: So the next generation would know them,
C: **and they in turn would tell their children.**

M: Then they would put their trust in God
C: **and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

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

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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
Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
Friday - Snow Removal:
Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 Dorn Sec. 2 Duffield
Sec. 3 Drews

Voters' Meeting—Sunday, January 21 at 1:00 pm

Serving in God's House today

Elders: James Mullen, Bryan Hodges

Ushers: Mark Schwede, Paul Fanning, Scott Meyer

Greeters: Tracy Jamison, Tom Bork

Organist: Cindy Krushenisky

Birthdays— Chelsea Thompson 1/14, Trenton Steinbach 1/17, Jeremiah Drews 1/19, Meredith Hawkins 1/20
Anniversary - Eric & Patty Richert 1/18

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!

Nebraska Lutheran High School will be playing basketball in Lincoln on Thursday, January 18th at College View Academy, 5240 Calvert Street. The girls' varsity game begins at 6:00 pm, with the boys' game to follow around 7:30 pm. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students. The teams have been doing very well this year and are exciting to watch. Come out and cheer on the Knights!

PRINCIPAL CALL - On Wednesday night St. Mark extended a divine call to Mr. Timothy Raddatz to serve as our next principal and upper grade teacher. Mr. Raddatz is currently serving at St. John Lutheran School in Wrightstown, WI. Please keep Mr. Raddatz, his wife Abigail, and their children in your prayers as he considers where he may best service the Lord in his kingdom.

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.
Lord God, heavenly Father, the unfailing giver of every good gift, we implore you to dwell continually among us with your Holy Word and sacraments so that by grace we poor sinners may be turned to you and saved eternally, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN: CW 241

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 71

Sung responsively with pastor

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:7-16

M: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Alleluia. How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD. Alleluia. (Psalm 84:1,2)

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL

Mark 10:13-16

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

HYMN: CW 511

O Lord, Our God, Your Gracious Hand

SERMON

OFFERING

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 to the 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.

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.

Please remember in your prayers...

- Jerry Tielke, Mark & Carolyn Schwede’s brother-in-law, who was diagnosed with cancer
- Ken Holm
- Shirley Zacherson



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 our selves...**

**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 579

Lift High the Cross

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the Church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.
Silent prayer.
- M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.
C: **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**
- M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.
C: **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**
- M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.
C: **Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**
- M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.
C: **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**
Special prayers and intercessions may follow.
- M: Hear us Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.
Silent prayer
- M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 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: CWS 752

In Christ Alone

Confession of Faith

C: **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Lord God, we exalt you as our Maker, Creator of the universe, the One who protects and sustains us every day.

C: **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

M: Lord Jesus, you are God's only Son, and our only Lord.

C: **He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

M: Jesus, you are Son of Man and Son of God, 100% God and 100% human.

C: **He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

M: You gave your life willingly for the sins of the world, and so you are the Savior and Redeemer of the world!

C: **He descended into hell.**

M: You proclaimed your victory over sin, death and hell itself.

C: **On the third day he rose again.**

M: Hallelujah! You are the Resurrection and the Life! You are victorious!

C: **He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

M: You are in control of all things for the good of your believers.

C: **He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

M: You are King of kings and Lord of lords. We await the day of your coming with readiness and joy!

C: **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

M: You are our Comforter, Counselor, our Helper and our Guide.

C: **the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,**

M: We are your Church, O Lord, declared holy through faith and united in faith in Jesus!

C: **the forgiveness of sins**

M: Holy Spirit, through faith you connect us to Jesus' finished work on the cross, by which we are forgiven.

C: **the resurrection of the body,**

M: You will raise our bodies in glory on the Last Day, just like Jesus' body.

C: **and the life everlasting.**

M: Through faith, you give us the certainty of living in heaven forever with you.

C: **You are our merciful Triune God! We praise your name forever! Amen!**