



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 a little bit better.

OUR THEME FOR TODAY – *The Veil is Lifted*

Throughout this season Jesus has shown his glory in various ways. However, he has not yet shown it fully. A veil has covered its brightness. Today, before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a fuller view of the glory which he possesses. His final suffering is coming, so we need to see a bit more. Hang on to the glory that soon will be covered in shame and washed with blood!

THE GATHERING

HYMN: CW 95

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

INVOCATION

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

C: **Amen.**

OPENING DIALOGUE

from Psalm 148

M: Praise the LORD from the heavens, praise him in the heights above.

C: **Praise him, all his angels, praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars.

C: **Praise the LORD from the earth, lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding.**

M: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds.

C: **Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.**

M: Let them praise the name of the LORD,

C: **For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. The Word of God urges us to confess all the evil that is in us. We are to do this with a heart full of humility and repentance at all times. We should especially do so when we meet together in worship, as we thank and praise our God for what he has done for us, and as we hear his Word. So let us go to God's throne of grace and confess our sins together.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we confess that we are like lost sheep. We have gone our own way, following our own sinful desires. We have not listened to your voice. We are thoroughly corrupt by nature, and this reveals itself every day as we lie and cheat, when we argue and hold grudges. As a result, we deserve nothing from you but your wrath against our sin. But we plead for your mercy because of your Son, who died to take our sins away.

Silence for personal confession

WORD OF FORGIVENESS

M: Dear friends in the Lord, hear the Word of our God: *“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”* (Romans 8:1-2) By the merits of the Son of God and through the working of the Holy Spirit, salvation has come to you! As a called servant of 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: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12a

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 110 *Soloist sings verses; congregation sings refrains and Gloria*

Refrain



Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia! Praise and glo-ry to



Christ the King! Al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm Tone



The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand
until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet."

The Lord will extend your mighty scepter from Zion;
you will rule in the midst of your enemies.

The Lord has sworn and will not change his mind:

"You are a priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek."

The Lord is at your right hand;

he will crush kings on the day of his wrath.

Refrain

He will judge the nations, heaping up the dead
and crushing the rulers of the whole earth.
He will drink from a brook beside the way;
therefore he will lift up his head.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:6

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

The congregation sings...

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be thine!

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN: CWS 712 (verses 1-4)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Music can be found in the insert.

SERMON

HYMN: CWS 712 (verse 5)

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, we praise You that You revealed Jesus to be Your beloved, incarnate Son in His transfiguration before He made His way to the cross for our salvation. We pray that You would preserve us in the faith so that we might always listen to Him alone for forgiveness and salvation

C: May we remain continually thankful that every good gift comes from You, for the sake of Your Son, crucified and risen from the dead.

M: Heavenly Father, we give great thanks that You spoke from the cloud to proclaim Your beloved Son and that You commanded us to “listen to him.” For though we do not see Him in His incarnate form with our eyes, we know that He remains as near to us as His Word and Sacraments.

C: Strengthen our faith always to seek the Lord where He promises to be for us in His means of grace.

M: Gracious God, we give thanks to You for Your faithfulness in revealing the hope of salvation through the ages in the work of Elijah and all of Your prophets. We commend to You those whom You have called to be Your public messengers today.

C: Give to them an abundant portion of Your Spirit so that they might properly proclaim Your Word to all who will hear.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks to You for the gift of Your holy Word and for the privilege of proclaiming it to all who will hear. Bless the evangelism efforts of Your people. Preserve us from relying on our cunning or tampering with Your Word, and strengthen us to make the open statement of Your truth and proclaim not ourselves, but You.

C: Where our efforts are blessed with new disciples, may we give all glory to You; where our labors seem fruitless, comfort and strengthen us so that we do not lose heart.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your transfiguration You revealed Yourself to be fully God, yet still fully man. Look upon those who suffer from affliction in body and mind, and grant to them healing and deliverance according to Your will.

C: In the meantime, strengthen them in the certain faith that You will raise them up fully restored and alive for eternity.

M: O Son of God, Your will for our salvation took You from Your Father's announcement of beloved sonship at the transfiguration to the forsakenness of the cross, bearing all of our sins and infirmities. We pray for those who are lonely. Assure them by Your grace that You have not forgotten them.

C: Deliver them from any fear and distress that would lead them further into isolation, and grant us both compassion and the will to befriend and help them.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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.

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

C: 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 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 by sending us the gift of your Holy Spirit according to your promise.

C: As you have given us the power to become your children through faith in Jesus Christ, so grant us the determination to spread your Word.

M: Strengthen our faith and help us to put our faith into action.

C: As we anticipate the fulfillment of your glory, give us the zeal to accomplish your will.

M: Confident of our forgiveness and God's power working in us, our mission is clear: We dedicate ourselves...

**C: 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.**

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.

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word alleluia, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The alleluias will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Triumph
Music can be found in the insert.

This Week at St. Mark

- Monday - Worship Service 7:00 pm
- Wednesday - Bible Class Lexington Assisted Living Center 3:30 pm
- Catechism Class 5:30 pm
- Soup Supper 6:00 pm
- Ash Wednesday Lenten Service 7:00 pm
- Choir Practice 7:30 pm
- Thursday - Bible Class 6:30 am
- Friday - Snow Removal: Craig Goodrich
- Saturday - Church Cleaning: Sec. 1 – Humphrey Sec. 2 – Jamison
Sec. 3 - Hussman

Please remember in your prayers...



- Dwayne Burianek
- Ken Holm
- Shirley Zacherson
- Jerry Tielke

Birthdays— Sami Nelson 2/11, Verna Rank 2/12, Dewey Page 2/13, Martha Wilkinson 2/13, Tracy Jamison 2/14, Jack Peitsmeyer 2/15, Gordon Zacherson 2/15, Erna Westphal 2/16, Amaya Theiler 2/16 **Anniversary** – Ken & Kathy Holm 2/17

St. Mark News and Notes

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.

Blake Baumann is looking for interested individuals to assist with some projects for the church, please contact (baumann19@yahoo.com) or speak with him if willing to help (e.g. put up shelving for the school, landscaping).

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Serving in God's House Today

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Organist: Cindy Krushenisky