



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS

We are grateful and blessed to have you worship with us, as God's family, here at St. Mark's. When God's people come together we are the beating heart of His Church. We come together to receive His gifts of mercy and grace that sustain our faith and renew our Spirit. When we leave we have the privilege of sharing these gifts with others in our own lives. We hope you can see what a blessing it is to be a part of the heartbeat of God's people. Enjoy your time, meet some new people, and draw closer to Jesus Christ. ~ Pastor Eric Hauan

SERMON NOTE QUESTIONS

1. What did I learn about the context (time, author, audience, important events) during which the sermon text was written?
2. What sin does this message make me want to confront in my own life?
3. How was the Gospel or Good News of Jesus Christ proclaimed to me in this message?
4. In what ways can I take the overall message of this sermon to shape my life and the lives of the people God has placed around me?

CHRISTIAN GROWTH OPPORTUNITY

Adult & High School Bible Study meets from 9:15 - 10:15 am in Fellowship Hall

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(Please rise and face the cross)

"Lift High the Cross" (LSB 837)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C I, a poor sinner, plead guilty before God of all sins. I have lived as if God did not matter and as if I mattered most. My Lord's name I have not honored as I should; my worship and prayers have faltered. I have not let His love have its way with me, and so my love for others has failed. There are those whom I have hurt, and those whom I have failed to help. My thoughts and desires have been soiled with sin. I am sorry for all of this and ask for grace. I want to do better.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

SONG OF PRAISE: *“Because He Lives (Amen)”*

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

LUTHER’S MORNING PRAYER

P Let us pray.

C **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: *Psalm 46*

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: *Revelation 14:6-7*

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: *John 8:31-36*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CREED: **Meaning of the Third Article**

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. If you share this belief, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. After placing it in your mouth, you may either drink from the common cup or take an individual cup. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS

"There Is A Redeemer"

"O Come To The Altar"

BLESSING ~ BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "How Great Thou Art"

DISMISSAL

P Wherever you go, Christ is sending you.

Wherever you are, Christ has put you there.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

READERS

Rev. Gary

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POWERPOINT

Jason Grulkowski

Michael Deedon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Joan Crisman, Ella Holmes

Rita Woller, Terri Kankelfitz

USHERS

Warren & Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Jae Loiz, Ray Melander

Rich Klein, Jason Grulkowski

FLOWERS

Today's bouquet is giving by DeWayne & Rose Graf in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary DeWayne & Rose Graf

Please keep the following people in our prayers: Helen Prochnow, Lyle & Sandy Royce for medical healing. Rex Mortensen for medical concerns. Father of Jason Kniess and Sully McGuire, friend of Pastor Eric, who are battling cancer. For Bethany and the Haiti Mission. For Becky Haltaufderheid, LWML Dist. President, who is battling pancreatic cancer. Gail Martinez who has an arm & shoulder injury. For Todd & Sandy Hass, Bob Frickenstein and Gary Langbecker for health concerns. Pastor Ken Albers and Traci Borchardt for ongoing health concerns. Marliss Fritz who is battling cancer. For the family of Wally Gwidt who recently passed away. For Russ Boehm, son of Clarice & Ervin, who is very ill from an infection. For Roger Kniess, father of Jason, who passed away last week. For Verland Kasten, who has medical concerns.



CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Once again this year, we've initiated a Christmas Decorating Fund. Anyone wishing to contribute a gift to the fund to remember a special person or occasion is invited to do so. You can help with your donations toward Christmas decorations, or to purchase poinsettia plants to help beautify God's house for the Christmas season. Thanks!

Name: _____

Enclosed is \$ _____ Envelope # _____

You may use the gift to (check appropriate box):

_____ Help with the decorating of St. Mark's at Christmas.

_____ Purchase a 6" poinsettia (1 plant) at \$18.00 - Red, White, Pink, Marble

Please indicate this gift in memory of _____

And / or

Presented by _____

Return this form together with a check (made out to St. Mark's) in the amount desired to church no later than **Friday, October 30th**. Thank You!

****Due to greenhouses and producers taking huge losses from Easter flower order cancelations, they are requesting orders earlier than usual. Evolutions has already put in a pre-order last week but will do their best to adjust their numbers once I have received orders back.**

This year St. Mark's is participating in the **Operation Christmas Child** program which is run through Samaritan's Purse (Samaritan's Purse is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world).

Please take the insert in this week's bulletin or go to our website to learn more about how you can help kids this holiday season. For complete information on the program, please go to the following website:



<https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

October 25-November 1, 2020

Sunday, October 25	REFORMATION 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge
Monday, October 26	8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tuesday, October 27	6:30 MIA Bible Study Markings Deadline
Wednesday, October 28	6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek
Thursday, October 29	6:00 New Member Class 6:00 Celebration Choir
Friday, October 30	Pastor's Family Day Poinsettia orders due
Saturday, October 31	_____
Sunday, November 1	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Who do I contact to ...

Become a member - Pastor or Jean
Baptize my child - Pastor or Jean
Make a prayer request - Jean or Sharon
Get married - Pastor or Jean
Volunteer - Sharon
Give to church - Sharon
Ask a question about finances - Sharon
Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean
Pastor Hauan: 715-848-5511 or
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Upcoming Bible Study

Starting November 1st, Pastor Eric will be doing a video series for bible study called "Who Am I? What Am I Doing Here?" in case you have ever wondered these things.

Please consider contributing to the new sound system

Bid Total - Arrow Audio Inc.:	\$73,816.22
Donations brought in:	\$28,562.64
Balance to Raise:	\$45,253.58

Quarterly Statements

With many members staying away due to Covid-19, we are asking that you call and leave a message requesting that your quarterly statement be mailed or emailed to you. Please call Sharon Rezin at 715-848-5511 to make your request.

Offering vs. Budget

As of 10/18/2020

Budget per Week:
\$8,545.35

Actual this Week:
\$6,102.00