



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Transfiguration Sunday

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
Pastor Ray will be leading Bible study today

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: "Transfigured Christ"

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| 1 | <i>Transfigured Christ, none comprehends Your Majesty, whose splendor stuns All waking souls; whose light transcends The brightness of a thousand suns!</i> | 3 | <i>You stand here with Elijah too, By whom the still small voice was heard: And you, yourself, will prove God true, Made mute in death, incarnate Word.</i> |
| 2 | <i>You stand with Moses on the hill, You speak of Your new exodus. The way through death, you will fulfill By dying helpless on the cross.</i> | 4 | <i>Majestic Christ, God's well-loved Son, If we must share your grief and loss, Transfigure us, when all is done, With glory shining from your cross.</i> |

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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.**

HYMN: *"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* (LSB 411 vs 1 & 2)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put upon ourselves the armor of light now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 3:1-14

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain."

Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: 2 Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 17th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

HYMN: "Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" (LSB 414)

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

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 our 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

“Take My Life and Let It Be” (LSB 783)

“Beautiful Savior” (LSB 537)

BLESSING ~ BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing” (LSB 924 vs 1 & 3)

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

READERS

Joan Crisman

Pastor Connor

POWERPOINT

Jason Grulkowski

Derek Simon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Joan Crisman, Ruth Tritten

Rita Woller, Rachel Olson

USHERS

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

Rich Klein, Chris Grosskreutz, Herb Ninnemann

Please keep the following people in our prayers: Helen Prochnow, Lyle & Sandy Royce for medical healing. For Bethany and the Haiti Mission. For Becky Haltaufderheid, LWML Dist. President, who is battling pancreatic cancer. For Kelly Butzlaff, Todd & Sandy Hass and Gary Langbecker for health concerns. Dee Jeffries and Traci Borchardt for ongoing health concerns. Ruth Anklam and Marliss Fritz who are battling cancer. Elaine Klockziem, who has had a stroke. For the parents of Laurie Ollhoff, Robert & Bernice Porath, who are both fighting Covid. Bryana Schalow, whose baby came early and is currently in NICU. Marge Raddatz who fell and broke her hip and wrist.

Wausau Noon Optimist Club - Youth Fisheree

Sunday, February 14, 2021 ~ Noon to 3:00 pm

Rookery Park (South of Gullivers Landing)

- **Free Registration**
- Hot Dogs and Hot Chocolate ... 25 cents each. Come early & eat lunch!
- Bring your own auger if you have one. Holes will be drilled for those who do not have equipment.



**Reminder that we will be having 2 services on Ash Wednesday again this year.
Please join us for the 10 am or the 6 pm service.**



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING : February 21, 2021 at Noon

As discussed at the November 15, 2020 Voter's Meeting, the Governance Team has been looking at the future of St. Mark's and considering what it might look like in terms of pastoral staff. It was decided that it is now the right time, both financially and practically, to proceed with the Call process of an additional pastor. We will be having a special Voter's Meeting , which will be Live Streamed, **on February 21, 2021** starting at Noon. During this meeting Pastor Huan and the Governance Team will have a presentation with a Q & A afterwards. President Dwayne Lueck will also be available, either via phone or in-person, to assist with any questions. Some of the information presented will be:

- Explaining the process of the Call
- Explaining the need of the Call
- Giving a timeline in which we will be working within
- Presenting the Year End Review of the finances of the church

The Call Committee will consist of nine members. One member will be from the Governance Team (Dan Novitch), one member will be the Head Elder (see explanation below) and the other seven will be At-Large members. The chairperson of the Call Committee will be voted in by the Call Committee members themselves.

At this time, there have been twelve members selected and approved by the Governance Team to be an Elder. The Elders will now be selecting who they feel should be appointed as the Head Elder.

We are asking the congregation for names to be submitted to fill the seven At-Large slots for the remaining Call Committee members. If you would like to submit your name or someone you feel should be on the committee, **please do so by February 7, 2021**. This will enable the Governance Team to select the committee at their February 8, 2021 meeting.

If at any time you have questions or concerns, we encourage you to reach out to Pastor Eric at 507-993-5564 or PEHuan@stmarkslcms.org. Also included are the email addresses for the Governance Team who are available as well.

Governance Team

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Elders

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| Lee Belmas | Kurt Haebig | Rich Klein | Brad Peck |
| Ken Berndt | Warren Jacobi | Evan Mayer | Tom Radenz |
| Chris Grosskreutz | Jeff Kern | Ray Melander | Kevin Schroeder |

A big **THANK YOU** to members of our Trustees for all that they do around St. Mark's! Many times they work behind the scenes to get all the projects done. We are blessed to have the following men as our Trustees: DeWayne Graf, Jason Grulkowski, Jeff Kern, Gary Krause, Burnell Utecht, Dennis Wald and Erv Ziegel.



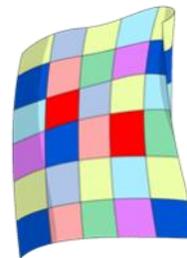
January 24-31, 2021

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| Sunday, Jan 24 | TRADITIONAL - P. RAY CONNOR 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge |
| Monday, Jan 25 | 8:00 OGT 9:30 Staff Meeting 11:30 Noon Optimists |
| Tuesday, Jan 26 | 6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting |
| Wednesday, Jan 27 | P. RAY CONNOR 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek |
| Thursday, Jan 28 | _____ |
| Friday, Jan 29 | Pastor's Family Day |
| Saturday, Jan 30 | _____ |
| Sunday, Jan 31 | TRADITIONAL 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge |

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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Quilting Change: Due to the Spring Primary Election voting being held in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, Feb. 16th...** there will be **NO** quilting on that day.



Offering vs. Budget

As of 1/17/21

Budget per Week:
\$8,844.00

Actual this Week:
\$2,741.00



Orphan Grain Train is looking for someone to pick up and do some mending on otherwise good quality clothing. Questions? Please contact Rita Woller at 715-675-7188. Thanks!

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| Bid Total - Arrow Audio Inc.: | \$68,757.02 |
| Donations brought in: | \$47,989.72 |
| Balance to Raise: | \$20,767.30 |