



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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November 24, 2021 Thanksgiving Eve Service



RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Taken from Psalm 100
(A Psalm For Giving Thanks)

P Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

C Worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs.

P Know that the Lord is God.

C It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.

P Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise;

C give thanks to Him and praise His name.

P For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;

C His faithfulness continues through all generations.

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" (LSB 892)

INVOCATION

P We begin our worship celebration in the Name of our Triune God.

C We celebrate the guidance of the Father who has given us more than we could wish for or ask.

P We celebrate the joy of salvation which is ours through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C We celebrate the call and keeping of the Spirit, who has freed us from the bondage of sin and given salvation in Christ. Amen.

PRAYER

P Heavenly Father, God of all grace, govern our hearts that we may never forget Your blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all Your saints, we praise You eternally in Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

HYMN: “We Praise You, O God” (LSB 785 vs 1 & 3)

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 6th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: *Meaning of the First Article*

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.

He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.

He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.

This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “Now Thank We All Our God” (LSB 895)

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HYMN: “Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart” (LSB 806)

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord makes his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance on you and give you peace.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” (LSB 805)

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.**

GREETERS

Craig & Sharon Rezin

READER

Pastor Gary

POWERPOINT

Nick Schoch

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Warren & Shron Jacobi

USHERS

Scott Werner & Henry Jennejohn

ALTAR GUILD

Rose Graf & Sue Berndt

BAND OF BROTHERS



**“As iron sharpens iron,
so one man sharpens another”
Proverbs 27:17**

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church, Wausau

Band of Brothers is a group of men that is committed to building each other up into disciples of Christ, serving our families, our church, and those in need within our community.

This group will meet **the 3rd Monday of the month, from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm.** It will begin with some social time before moving into a topic that helps us grow in our relationships with Christ, our families, and others. **Next meeting will be January 17th.**

Meeting at Nick Schoch’s garage at 7085 Hillcrest Drive, Wausau

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical Concerns: Roger & Helen Prochnow, Lyle & Sandy Royce, Todd & Sandy Hass, Marge Raddatz, Barb Langbecker, Darlene Burk, Tom Yelton, Carla Haebig, Jenny Garcia, Steve Herring, Raphael Klein

Battling Cancer: Becky Haltaufderheid, Traci Borchardt, Leslie Anklam, Jill Werner Karson

Recovery: Donna Schroeder, Marlene Giese, Susan Woller, Shirley Bremer

Hospice: Delores Rusch, Clark Schalow

All hunters: to have a safe hunt and travels

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE SERIES - "WAIT FOR THE LORD"

led by Pastor Gary Schultz

December 1 - Wait for the Lord with Faith

Advent dinner: Band of Brothers

December 8 - Wait for the Lord with Hope

Advent dinner: Fellowship

December 15 - Wait for the Lord with Gratitude

Advent dinner: MIA

Plan now to prepare for Christmas in the best way possible by attending these meaningful services of prayer and preaching from 6:00-6:45pm. (no communion)

The Bridge
Sunday Nights at 6:00 pm
For 9th-12th graders



Blood Drive at St. Mark's

We will be hosting a blood drive on **Monday, Nov. 29th from noon—5:00 pm**. A sign up sheet for appointments will be put out on the **podium by the front doors**.. Walk-in's are welcome! Questions? Call 715-842-0761.



Family in Need - Barry & Kristina Klein Family Meals

Want to help a family in need? We are looking for people to take turns making and delivering meals by 5 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November - January. Meals should be freezable. It would be for a family of 5 (11 yrs, 1+ yrs & newborn). Please see sign up on credenza for more information and if you are able to help. Questions? Call Barb Lutz at 715-212-6586. or Lee Belmas at 715-551-7394.



Christmas Decorating

Please mark your calendars to help decorate the building for Christmas on **Tuesday, November 30th at 4:00 pm** and afterwards we'll gather together for a light meal of pizza. Many hands make the job much easier for everyone.

MIA Toy Give Away

The toy give-a-way will take place on Friday, December 3rd, from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm. We will take new and used toys that are clean and work. You can start dropping off the toys beginning TODAY. We'll also take monetary donations in any amounts. Donation envelopes are on the table in the narthex by the toy give-a-way signs. Deposit the envelopes in the collection plates or drop them off in the office. Sign your name on the donation card if you want it recorded in your regular church giving. Thank you for being "awesome" and for making a difference in the lives of families in need.

Funeral Lunch Helpers Needed

We are hoping to form a group of volunteers who are willing to help serve funeral lunches on an occasional basis. When a lunch is needed, we would put out an appeal for helpers from this group. This would not be a commitment to help with every funeral lunch. To volunteer, please contact Jean in the office. Questions? Please call Kris Sparks. - Thank you!

Son-Shine Bible Study

We will not meet this Wednesday, November 24th. However, we will continue our Advent study on December 1st as we prepare for the birth of our Savior.

December 1st – Waiting and Hoping: Zachariah and the Angel

December 8th – Nothing is Impossible: Mary and the Angel

December 15th - Divine Interruption: Joseph and the Angel

January 5th – Season of Wonder: Jesus' Birth

January 12th – In Search of the King: The Magi Meet Jesus

The series includes scripture references, group discussion questions, and space for personal reflection in the individual study guides. We'll continue to meet in the classrooms, 1:00 – 2:00, on the Wednesdays listed above. We hope you can join us for this study of preparation!

SALVATION ARMY "ANGEL TREE"

As we approach the Christmas Season this year there is a great need for assistance in the community. Once again, the Salvation Army will be supplying us with donation tags for needy families. There will be a designated tree set up for this Mission. Before the tree is in place there will be a basket with tags in the Narthex. Please feel free to take as many as you'd like to fulfill the wishes of the individual during this holiday season. Salvation Army will be picking up the items here at St. Marks or you can drop them off at the downtown location.

St. Mark's Scoop

Wed, Nov 24	Thanksgiving Eve - Traditional NO Son-Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship NO Midweek
Thurs, Nov 25	Happy Thanksgiving Day OFFICE CLOSED
Fri, Nov 26	Pastor's Family Day OFFICE CLOSED
Sat, Nov 27	_____
Sun, Nov 28	Advent Starts - Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (LHM - DVD series) / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 Voter's Meeting 6:00 The Bridge



Questions?
Call Sharon Rezin at
715-848-5511, ext. 4



Electronic Markings

Would you rather get the Markings in your Inbox instead of your mailbox? Just advise Jean in the office and she can get you on the list.

Spring New Member Classes

Our next new member classes will be on the following Thursday's from 6pm - 8pm.

March 10th - 17th - 31st

If you want to sign up, please call Jean at 715-848-5511 Ext. 1 to get your name on the list.

Who do I contact to ...

- Become a member - Pastor Eric
- Baptize my child - Pastor Eric
- Make a prayer request - Jean or Sharon
- Get married - Pastor Eric
- Volunteer - Sharon
- Give to church - Sharon
- Ask a question about finances - Sharon
- Ask general questions - Pastor or Jean
- Pastor Hauan:** 715-848-5511 Ext 2 or PEHauan@stmarkslcms.org
- Jean Drake:** 715-848-5511 Ext 1 or jdrake@stmarkslcms.org
- Sharon Rezin:** 715-848-5511 Ext 4 or srezin@stmarkslcms.org