



## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Second Sunday of Advent



### 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 Bible Study** meets from 9:15-10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall

"The Real St. Nick"

### RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

*"Speak Life" - mini movie*

**OPENING HYMN:** *"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"* (LSB 341 vs 1, 4, 5)

### INVOCATION

#### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

**P** (We pause for a brief time of silent confessional prayer.)

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

#### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**P** See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

**C Prepare the way of the Lord. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Today we have the opportunity to prepare our hearts in faithful waiting. It is a chance to reflect on the ways prophecy has been fulfilled. May the Holy Spirit transform our days leading up to Christmas as we prepare to celebrate the arrival of our King, Jesus.

## VERSE

*“Light One Candle”*

**Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope,  
He brings hope to ev’ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

**Light one candle for peace, one bright candle for peace,  
He brings peace to ev’ry heart, He comes! He comes!**

*(as the verse is sung, the candles are lit.)*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Almighty God, You sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, as prophesied by Isaiah who foretold the Christ. May we Your saints be prepared for Christ’s coming again in glory. In Jesus’ name.

**C Amen.**

**HYMN:** *“Prepare the Royal Highway”* (LSB 343 vs 1, 3)

## OLD TESTAMENT: Malachi 3:1-7b

“Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

“Then I will draw near to you for judgment. I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired worker in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, against those who thrust aside the sojourner, and do not fear me, says the LORD of hosts.

“For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed. From the days of your fathers you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, ‘How shall we return?’

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## EPISTLE: *Philippians 1:2-11*

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

**ANTHEM:** *“Come, Emmanuel, Come”* - Celebration Choir

**GOSPEL:** Luke 3:1-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 3rd chapter.

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the wilderness. And he went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall become straight, and the rough places shall become level ways, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

He said therefore to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits in keeping with repentance. And do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.”

And the crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?” And he answered them, “Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.” Tax collectors also came to be baptized and said to him, “Teacher, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Collect no more than you are authorized to do.” Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what shall we do?” And he said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or by false accusation, and be content with your wages.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**ADVENT CREED**

We believe in one God, who is Creator,  
maker of all we see and all we don't see.

Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God and true human.  
He is one with the Creator;  
the Word made flesh, our Messiah: Savior of all creation!

We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit,  
Breath of God moving among us;  
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ;  
our Comforter and our Guide: Mentor of all creation!

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON HYMN:** “*On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*” (LSB 344 vs 1, 2, 3, 5)

**SERMON**

**PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING**

## RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion. If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.)*

### THE 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

*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (LSB 357)  
“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” (LSB 348)*

#### BLESSING and BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** *“Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring” (LSB 353 vs 3, 4)*

#### 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

Kris Sparks & Katherine Sparks

Judith Cohen

#### READERS

Linda Jagodinski

Rich Klein

#### POWERPOINT

Michael Deedon

Tyler Woller

#### COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Tom & Linda Jagodinski

Rita Woller & Rich Klein

#### USHERS

Warren & Sharon Jacobi, Bruce Thurs, Ray Melander, Jae Loiz  
Rich Klein, Chris Grosskreutz, Herb Ninnemann, Volunteers

#### ALTAR GUILD

Mary Schultz, Gwen Loiz, Sue Berndt

#### LIGHTING CANDLES

Witter Family

Wanish Family

**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, Izzy Vardon

**Hospice:** Delores Rusch, Clark Schalow

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICE SERIES - "WAIT FOR THE LORD"**

led by Pastor Gary Schultz

**December 8 - Wait for the Lord with Hope**

Advent dinner: Fellowship (Sloppy Joes)

**December 15 - Wait for the Lord with Gratitude**

Advent dinner: MIA (Chili)

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)

Everyone is invited to attend our Family Advent worship as we wait upon the Lord! Parts of these special Advent services are written especially for children, but we are all children of God. In our first service we take a look at the story of Abraham and Sarah who wait in faith for the birth of their son, Isaac, as we wait as a family for the birth of God's Son. As our Advent craft, we will make homemade Advent Wreaths.

**Holiday Service Schedules**

**Christmas Eve Candlelight Services:**

1:00 pm Contemporary / Praise Band

3:00 pm Festive, Choir, Brass, Soloist

5:00 pm Festive Holy Communion Service

**Christmas Day:** 9:00 am Festival Carol Service with Holy Communion

**New Year's Eve:** No Services

**New Year's Day:** No Services



## **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 or see sign up on credenza. Questions? Please call Kris Sparks. - Thank you!

## **Son-Shine Bible Study**

As we prepare for the birth of our Savior, our Advent study will continue on December 1st. The following is an overview:

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Nothing is Impossible: Mary and the Angel

December 15<sup>th</sup> - Divine Interruption: Joseph and the Angel

January 5<sup>th</sup> – Season of Wonder: Jesus' Birth

January 12<sup>th</sup> – 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!

Our mission focus this Christmas is in support of **KATS ( Keeping Area Teens Safe)**, a secure place for homeless and at risk youth, here in Wausau.

To make their Christmas brighter, we are collecting :

Gift Cards (McDonalds, Walmart, Cost Cutters)

Candy

Personal hygiene items

Warm mittens, caps

Ink pens/ note pads

Warm house sox

Personal 2022 calendars

Lap blankets

If you would like to participate, please leave your donation in Christmas box marked KATS, in the narthex.

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**New Organ Pipes:** the new pipes have been installed that needed repair. Thank you to the Jaeckel Organ Company for getting it done before Christmas.

# BAND OF BROTHERS



**“As iron sharpens iron,  
so one man sharpens another”**

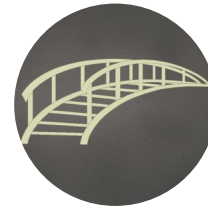
**Proverbs 27:17**

**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**. Questions? Call Pastor Eric.

**Location will be Nick Schoch's garage at 7085 Hillcrest Drive, Wausau.**

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



## **USHERS NEEDED DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**

With the Holidays quickly approaching, we find we're in need of some more ushers for the many extra services. If you can lend a hand during the 10:30 services on Sunday, the Wednesday evening services at 6 p.m. (Advent Services) or the 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Services we'd love to hear from you. Please call Sharon Rezin at 715-848-5511 ext. 4, Rich Klein (Group 6 Lead) at 715-581-4303 or Scott Werner (Group 9 lead) at 715-203-9715 to lend a hand. *Thanks so much*

## **Christmas Music Festival - December 19**

To honor God and to celebrate the songs of Advent and Christmas we will have ONE SERVICE at 9:00am that will showcase the children of our Sunday School and Youth, the Praise Band, the Celebration Choir, the Mark's Men and the organ and brass. Come and sing as we magnify the Lord reflecting on Mary's Song-at this festive service. Invite your friends and family. PLUS....after the service a delicious Christmas brunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall. All freewill offerings received at the brunch will go towards a local mission. To God be the glory!

## **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. Gifts should not be wrapped.

**GIFTS DUE: December 8th**



## **New Member Sunday**

This congregation has been blessed with many new faces. Being that we will be doing a church directory next year, this is the best way to meet them and introduce yourself. We want to recognize all our new members on Sunday, December 12th at a reception between the services. Let's extend a warm welcome to our new members by joining us for food and fellowship.

### **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.

## **Christmas Caroling**



Following New Member Sunday, we will be... caroling, caroling now we go on **Sunday, December 12th**, leaving the church parking lot at 1:00pm. We will be going to several of our home bound members. Questions can be directed to Dan Page at 715-921-0404. Everyone welcome - all voices and ages too.

## **Pillowcase Dress Workshop**

We're getting together for one more pillowcase dress workshop before Christmas, **Tuesday, December 7th, 9:00 - 11:30**, in the Fellowship Hall. Hope you can join us. We need help cutting, ironing, pinning, threading elastic, matching pockets, and sewing. All are welcome! We've finished over 40 dresses already and have soooo many more in process! Any questions call Sandy Flanagan at 715-842-4204. Hope to see you then!



# St. Mark's Scoop

**December 5 - 12, 2021**

Sun, Dec 5

**Contemporary**

8:00 Worship

9:15 Bible Study (The Real St. Nick Bible Study) /  
Sunday School

10:30 Worship

6:00 The Bridge

Mon, Dec 6

8:00 OGT

11:30 Noon Optimists

1:00 Staff Meeting

3:30 Drivers Ed class



Tues, Dec 7

6:30 MIA Bible study

9:00 Pillowcase Dresses

3:30 Drivers Ed class

Wed, Dec 8

**Traditional**

1:00 Son-Shine Bible Study

3:30 Drivers Ed class

4:15 Advent Supper - Fellowship (Sloppy Joes)

6:00 Worship

6:45 Midweek

Thurs, Dec 9

3:30 Drivers Ed class

6:00 Celebration Choir

Fri, Dec 10

3:30 Driver's Ed Class

Office Closed at Noon

**Pastor's Family Day**

Sat, Dec 11

Sun, Dec 12

**Contemporary**

**New Member Sunday**

8:00 Worship

9:15 Sunday School

**9:15 New Member Reception**

10:30 Worship

1:00 Christmas Caroling

6:00 The Bridge



**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.

**Scan to**



Questions?

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

**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

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