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January 23, 2022

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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 Book of Ephesians

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING SENTENCES (Excerpts from Psalm 19)

P The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

C **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

OPENING SONG: "To The Cross I Come"

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Most merciful God,

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE: "Revelation Song"

OLD TESTAMENT: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6,8-10

All the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until mid-day, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. . . .

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . .

They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater

modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

VERSE

P Alleluia! Alleluia! These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

C Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 4:16-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 4th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Physician, heal yourself.' What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well." And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. But passing through their midst, he went away.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

(10:30) SPECIAL MUSIC

"God is Good All the Time" - Sunday School Grs. PK - 5th

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG: "Thy Will"

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.)

PRAYER

P O Lord, our God, in Holy Baptism You have called us to be Christians and granted us the remission of sins. Make us ready to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all our sins, and grant us grateful hearts that we may give thanks to You, O Father, to Your Son, and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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 SONGS

“Stronger”

“Lord I Need You”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “O Praise The Name (Anastasis)”

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

Steve & Dorothy Reed

Jack & Marsha Klein

READERS

Jeff Kern

Rich Klein

POWERPOINT

Jason Grulkowski

Derek Simon

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Jeff & Kathy Kern

Rita Woller & Rich Klein

USHERS

Ken Berndt, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon

Brad Peck, Roger Block, Chris Dahlke, Tyler Woller, Jim Wilkerson

ALTAR GUILD

Kris Sparks & Sue Berndt

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, Sue Giese, Jay Frank

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

Recovery: Donna Schroeder, Marlene Giese, Shirley Bremer, Deb Block, Amanda Witter

Grieving: For the family and friends of Clark Schalow

Prayer for the unborn children, all Lutheran Schools Nationwide & seminaries



MIA FUNDRAISER



The Men In Action will be holding a fundraiser for a family who is in dire need of financial help. We met this family at the toy give-a-way. They have three children. Their one year-old daughter is sickly and needs heart surgery in Boston, MA. She had complications from a previous heart surgery and had serious side effects as a result. As she was in the hospital for a year, her parents haven't been able to work much because they have been driving between home and the hospital a great deal of the time while still having the other two children at home.

If you would like to donate money towards this fundraiser, please drop off your donation anytime at the office, use the QR Code in the bulletin, or place in the collection plate. Your donation will be added to your church giving. Our hope is that we will raise \$6000 so we can give them \$500 each month for a year to help with their expenses. We are already at \$1,000. Any help that you are able to give is greatly appreciated. We have a target date of February 6th, 2022, to raise the money. Thank you for making a difference in the life of this family. You are a blessing to many. If you have any questions, please contact Lee Belmas or Dennis Wald.

Bible Study



New Bible Study Coming

Nan Schultz will be leading a new women's Bible Study starting soon! This will be a 6 week study on the book "Red Letter Challenge" by Zach Zehnder. It is a dynamic study on God's Words in scripture and how He wants us to implement them in our daily lives. The Bible Study will be held in the Fellowship Hall at church starting Sunday nights at 6:30 pm. The actual dates are February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6 & 20.

If interested, please contact Nan at 715-370-0208, or call the church. Books may be purchased ahead of time by you or call the Church office to buy it for you. Ideally, it would be best if you have the book before the 1st class and read Days 1-7 by February 6. Anxious to how God works in this!

National Lutheran Schools Week January 23-29, 2022

National Lutheran Schools Week provides our network of more than 1,800 LCMS preschools, elementary schools and high schools with the public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

National Lutheran Schools Week gives us an opportunity to proclaim these great blessings within the communities we serve. Our schools are amazing incubators for faithful witness of God's love for us through Christ by teachers and students alike.

"In All Things" is the theme for the 2022 National Lutheran Schools Week celebration. The associated scripture verse is Colossians 1:15-20

Sylvan Hill Tubing (Grs. 4-8)

Our tubing day was rescheduled to **Wednesday, February 2nd from 6-9pm**. There will be NO Midweek that day. Children in grades 4-8 are welcome to attend at no cost to you!



2021 Year End Financials are Available

As 2021 ends we'd like to update you on what your contributions have been used for. At St. Mark's we stress transparency in all the financials and welcome questions if something isn't understood. Please contact Sharon Rezin at 715-848-5511, Ext.4 with any concerns or questions. The financial packets are available on the credenza in the Narthex. If there are none available or you'd like one sent to you please call the church office.

If you have an interest in taking the training or would like to be a part of a group, please talk to Pastor Gary or Nan. Our next small group training session Thursday January 27th from 5:30-7pm.

Email Pastor Gary Schultz <schultzg8115@gmail.com>

or Nan Schultz <schultzn60@gmail.com>



Winterfest

TODAY, starting at 11:45 STMK is hosting a Chili Feed with all the fixings. Yum... Chicken vegetable casserole with salads will be available also. ALL the proceeds from this free will event will be given to WVLHS.

PEW Sisters Bible Study

Please join your fellow PEW Sisters as we explore the beautiful Christ centered narrative of the book of **RUTH**. In RUTH, you will find God caring specifically for you in every joy and trial showing HIS plan for salvation in Jesus.

We meet at church 5:00 – 6:00 pm **every other** Thursday. Hope to see you there!

2022 Meeting Schedule

	April 7, 21	July 7 (no class 7/21)	October 6, 20
February 3, 17	May 5, 19	August 4, 18	November (no class 11/3) 10, 17
March 3, 17, (no class 3/31)	June 2, 16, 30	September 1, 15, 29	December 1, 15 (no class 12/29)

Comfort Quilters

Please join us as we gather Tuesdays from 9:00 to 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall to tie beautiful quilts.

We're looking for volunteers with some sewing experience and a sewing machine to hem (sew around) tied quilts. This piece of the quilting process is done at home at a time that works best for you. Please consider hemming 2-3 quilts a week. We'll train! If you have a willing heart ready to pitch in, please call Joan Crisman at 715-842-9800.



One of the missions we support, **Greater Wausau Christian Services**, is looking for a representative from St. Mark's to be on their board. The commitment is a 1 hour a meeting a month. If interested, please contact Jean at 715-848-5511 ext 1.

Trinity Lutheran 5K Open House

Trinity Lutheran School on Stewart Ave will be hosting it's annual Kindergarten (5-year olds) Open House on **January 24th, 2022**. The Open House will give families a chance to check out what our programs have to offer. Event times will run from 4-6pm that day. Please let anyone you may know with children at this age level (for the 2022-2023 school year) know about this event.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIFE OF A FAMILY

Needs List by Local Families given to us at the toy give-a-way – if you have any of the items listed below that are clean and good condition, please contact the church office. If you would like to help a family with kids clothing, we have a list of families and the clothes list. Please contact Lee Belmas. Thank you!

CouchTable, Double Bed, Mattress, Blankets, TV, Table & Chair set, TV Stand, Kids clothes, Winter boots, Shampoo

Assistance needed by local families – if you can help in any way, please contact Lee Belmas. Thank you!

Help us find a suitable home for our family as our current home is in foreclosure, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Pull Ups 4T, Gas cards for medical appointments, Help find a suitable apartment as we have limited income, Rent help, Finding a job, Rugs

Son-Shine Bible Study - UPDATE

Due to the current situation, we have decided to **cancel our January studies**. It was a difficult decision but we felt it was the best at this time. Watch the Markings and bulletin for updates. At this time, we look forward to getting back together in February starting with Jesus' birth. Hope to see everyone then!

St. Mark's Scoop

January 23 - 30, 2022

Sun, Jan 23	Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians) / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 11:45 Winterfest 6:00 The Bridge
Mon, Jan 24	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 1:00 Staff Meeting 3:30 Drivers Ed
Tues, Jan 25	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting 3:30 Drivers Ed
Wed, Jan 26	6:00 Worship (to be held in the Fellowship Hall) 6:45 Midweek
Thurs, Jan 27	8:00 NWD Team Ministry Workshop 3:30 Drivers Ed Class 5:30 Small Group Training 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Jan 28	Pastor's Family Day
Sat, Jan 29	_____
Sun, Jan 30	Traditional / Brass 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (The Book of Ephesians) / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 6:00 The Bridge

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Questions?
Call Sharon Rezin at
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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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