



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 21, 2024
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" (LSB 686)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SOLO: "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

~ Wayne Flanagan ~

OLD TESTAMENT: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 7:29-35

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

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SERMON HYMN: “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake (LSB 688 vs 1-3, 5)

SERMON - “5 Steps to Takeoff”

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.**)

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. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share this belief and practice, please join us in celebrating the meal of God’s family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten-Free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

“Renew Me, O Eternal Light” (LSB 704)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (LSB 702)

“O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee” (LSB 632)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Christ the Eternal Lord” (LSB 829 vs 4)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Perry and Denise Snoeyenbos in honor of Perry’s birthday on January 22nd.

Sunday, January 21, 2024

GREETERS

Michael Tatman

Jan Mann

READERS

Kurt Schemenauer

Rachel Olson

POWERPOINT

Derek Emon

Tyler Woller

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Berndt, Ruth Tritten

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Amy Smet, Kurt Schemenauer, Ken Berndt

John & Rita Woller, Rachel Olson

USHERS

DeWayne & Rose Graf, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause, Dave Mueller

Jeff Block, Dale Vande Boom, John Woller, Dave Mueller

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

GREETER

Jim Jacobson

READER

Pastor Gary

POWERPOINT

Derek Simon

COMMUNION

Scott Werner

USHERS

Henry Jennejohn, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, Anne Raduechel, Scott Prochnow, Jean Rhyner, Raphael Klein, Marie Borchardt, Mary Ann Nielsen, Vienna Haunschild, granddaughter of Phyllis Koppa, Steve Dahlke, Linda Graebel, Matt Duranceau, Joan Stroyny, Ray Melander’s mom, Jo Anne, who is recovering from back surgery.

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Perry Redeker, Sara Vande Boom, Steve Herring, Emmett, son of Ben & Claire Heindel, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Jim Wanish, Grace Clark.

Grieving: family and friends of Mary Schultz, whose father passed away

For the parents of Kristina Klein, for safe travels.

*** REMINDER: Sunday School Students on February 11th @ 10:30am worship service ***

1st John Bible Study ~ Runs until March 14

Pastor Gary and Dan Mansk will be leading a Bible Study on 1 John Thursday mornings from 9am-10am. If you are interested in attending, please let the office know so we are prepared with materials. Walk-in's are always welcome!

Winterfest

Come join in the fun on Friday, February 9, at the Rothschild Pavilion, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. for our 3rd annual St. Mark's Mixer. Enjoy hot sandwiches and hors d' oeuvres, family activities, music, and a cash bar. Tickets are \$12/person and are available after church services and in the church office during the week. Don't miss it!

ASH WEDNESDAY - February 14th

3:30pm Traditional ~ 4:30pm Lenten Supper ~ 6:00pm Contemporary

St. Mark's Sunday School "SECRET VALENTINE"

Would **YOU** like to be a "Secret Valentine" to a St. Mark's Sunday School student? It's easy and fun!

Here's how it works:

- Take an envelope from the Valentine Tree in the narthex. (The tree will be decorated beginning on January 21st.)
- Send 2-3 cards/notes to your student in the mail anytime from January 22 through February 10.
- Pray for your student daily.
- Following the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, February 11, meet your student in the Fellowship Hall with a card, note, or treat.

If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Page. Thank you for sharing your love with the students of St. Mark's Sunday School!



NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK CELEBRATION SUNDAY



**Preschool Students Sing
at the 10:30 a.m. Service**

**Chili Cook-Off, BBQ, and
Hot Dog Lunch at 11:30 a.m.**



**JUGGLING SHOW at 12:15 p.m. by
Dan Kirk, The Juggler With
the Yellow Shoes**

EVERYONE IS INVITED! DON'T MISS IT!



YOUTH FISHEREE



**Sunday, January 28th, 2024
NOON - 3:00 p.m.**

**Rookery Park
(South of Gulliver's Landing)**

FREE Registration

Hot Dogs - 0.25

Hot Chocolate - 0.25

Come Early and eat lunch!

Holes will be drilled for those who do not
have the equipment.

~ Prizes & Door Prizes ~

The Fish of the Day will be selected by our judges and mounted by Dave's Wildlife Taxidermy.

Son- Shine Bible Study

This week we studied Psalm 3 – Praying Our Trouble, by taking a closer look at David’s psalm as he lamented his son’s conspiracy to overthrow him. Like David we need to continue to stay strong in our faith in God for his protection and gift of salvation, even in times of trouble. Next week we will study Psalm 8 – Praying Our Creation, a psalm written to help us orientate ourselves as creatures of God.

We meet in the Youth Room, 1:00-2:30, on Wednesdays weather permitting. (Check with Jean in the church office if the weather is questionable.) Study guides are available in class. All are welcome.

Orphan Grain Train +

Greetings from Wisconsin Orphan Grain Train. We are blessed to be able to provide much needed food and clothing to many living in poverty throughout the world, but we cannot do it without all of you. Your generosity continually provides much needed items. We currently have a great need for new or gently used baby and children's clothing, shoes, boots. Thank you and God's Blessings. Your gifts help share the love of Christ to many.



February 11th
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March 3rd.

More details
coming in a
few weeks...



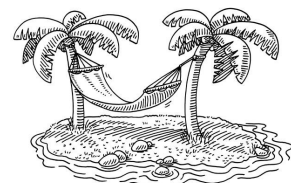
St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool **OPEN HOUSE**

Thursday, January 25, 2024
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

- * Meet the teachers
 - * Tour the Classrooms
 - * Learn about our 2-day, 3-day, and 4-day class options, as well as our childcare options
- Contact Preschool Director, Cathy Page,
@715-848-5511, ext. 7 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org

Pastor Eric will be on vacation from January 11-24.

Please call Pastor Gary with any emergencies at 715-574-1650



St. Mark's Scoop

January 21-28, 2024

Sun, Jan 21

Traditional

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 Worship
5:00 High School Youth Night

Mon, Jan 22

8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
3:30 Drivers Ed

Tues, Jan 23

6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Quilting
3:30 Drivers Ed
12:30 The Gathering

Wed, Jan 24

Traditional

1:00 Son Shine Bible Study
3:30 Drivers Ed
6:00 Worship
6:45 Midweek and Confirmation
9:00 1st John Bible Study
3:30 Drivers Ed
4:00 **Preschool Open House**
5:30 Small Group Booster meeting
6:00 Mark's Men

Thurs, Jan 25

OFFICE CLOSED AT NOON
Pastor & Blaine's Family Day
Marking's Deadline

Sat, Jan 27

Sun, Jan 28

Traditional

8:00 Worship
9:15 **Bible Study held in Sanctuary**
9:15 Sunday School
10:30 Worship
11:30 **Chili Feed**
12:15 **Dan Kirk Juggling Show**
5:00 High School Youth Night

The Gathering

Join us on Tuesday, January 23rd, at 12:30 pm in the fellowship hall, as we share our plans for the year 2024. Thank you to everyone who helped in the planning.

Following the presentation, the afternoon's activities will include learning how to play the dice game, Farkle, play cards or Mexican Train

All are welcome!

Who do I contact for / to ...

Ask general questions - Pastor Eric
~ Become a member
~ Baptize my child
~ Get married

Family Ministry - Blaine
~ Local Mission volunteering
~ Adult/youth church involvement
~ Small Group involvement

Make a prayer request - Jean
Preschool / 4K - Cathy
Worship Volunteer - Janet
Give to church - Kurt
Ask a question about finances - Kurt
Ask general questions - Jean
~ Put article in Markings or bulletin

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