



## ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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January 28, 2024  
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

### RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)*

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in 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.**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"Be Still My Soul"*

~ Mark's Men ~

### OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

"The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' And the Lord said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## **EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 8:1-13**

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol’s temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God!**

## **GOSPEL: Mark 1:21-28**

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

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

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **APOSTLE’S CREED**

**SERMON HYMN: “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (LSB 842)**

## **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.**)*

## **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:

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (LSB 809)*

*“Jesus, Lead Thou On” (LSB 718)*

### BLESSING and BENEDICTION

**CLOSING HYMN:** *“I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus” (LSB 729 vs 1, 6)*

### DISMISSAL

#### Sunday, January 28, 2024

##### **GREETERS**

Kevin & Marie Heinking

##### **READER**

Bryon Gleisner

##### **POWERPOINT**

Nick Schoch

##### **COMMUNION**

Steve & Janet Herring, Ken Berndt

##### **USHERS**

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

#### Wednesday, January 31, 2024

##### **GREETER**

Jim Jacobson

##### **READER**

Pastor Eric

##### **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, Ken Parsch, Linda Graebel, Matt Duranceau, Joan Stroyny, Ray Melander’s mom, Jo Anne, who is recovering from back surgery, Robert, son of Joyce Burish, who is recovering from knee surgery, Mary Wadzinski, Becky Hummer.

**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.

### Meet Me at The Well

A St. Mark’s Women’s Event focused on refreshing women in the Word of God and providing opportunities for connecting through conversation starters, interactive activities and strategies to equip and empower women to “meet at the well” even after the event.

**March 2, 2024 ~ 9 am - 3 pm**

**(8:30-9:00 am check in and refreshments)**

**\$20 per person**

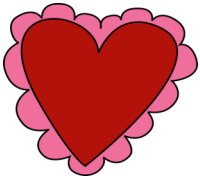
This event includes worship, guest speaker, crafts, small group fellowship, blessing of the hands, and a catered Mexican buffet. It is open to both members and non-members of St. Mark’s. Registration forms can be found in the narthex with deadline of February 16.

## Winterfest

Come join in the fun on Friday, February 9, at the Rothschild Pavilion, from 6:00–9:00 p.m. for our 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.
- 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!

CAMP LUTHER summer registration is now open.

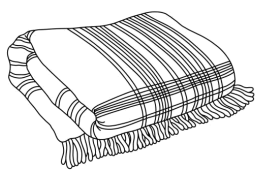
Visit <https://campluther.com/summer> for more information.

Please contact Kurt in the office if you need assistance paying for camp.



## **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.



The fleece tie blankets in the choir loft were made by the Preschoolers this week and will be donated to "Project Linus." This organization donates handmade blankets to shelters and social service agencies to help comfort children in trauma.

### **Son- Shine Bible Study**

This week we studied Psalm 8– Praying Our Creation, another Psalm of David's proclaiming God's majesty in all that He created and the responsibility God has given us to care for His creation. Next week we will study Psalm 51– Praying Our Sin, a psalm written to help us discover what God has resolved to do with us as sinners.

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.



**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.

# St. Mark's Scoop

**January 28 - February 4th, 2024**

<b>Sun, Jan 28</b>	<b>Traditional</b> 8:00 Worship <b>9:15 Bible Study held in Sanctuary</b> 9:15 Sunday School 10:30 Worship <b>11:30 Chili Feed</b> <b>12:15 Dan Kirk Juggling Show</b> 5:00 High School Youth Night
<b>Mon, Jan 29</b>	11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed
<b>Tues, Jan 30</b>	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting 3:30 Drivers Ed
<b>Wed, Jan 31</b>	<b>Traditional</b> 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek and Confirmation
<b>Thurs, Feb 1</b>	8:00 NWD Team Ministry Workshop 9:00 1st John Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 5:00 PEW Sisters
<b>Fri, Feb 2</b>	9:00 Quilting <b>Pastor &amp; Blaine's Family Day</b>
<b>Sat, Feb 3</b>	
<b>Sun, Feb 4</b>	<b>Contemporary</b> 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 High School Youth Night

**\* REMINDER: Sunday School Students singing 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. Walk-in's are always 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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