



ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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February 25, 2024
Second Sunday in Lent

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *"To the Cross I Come"*

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.

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

C Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

LENTEN VERSE

P Return to the Lord your God,

C for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE: *"O Praise The Name"*

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be

Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 8th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul? For what can a man give in return for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: Excerpt from the Athanasian Creed

SERMON SONG: “Oceans (Where Feet may Fail)”

SERMON - “What’ll You Have?”

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 SONGS:

"Way Maker"

"King Of My Heart"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *"How He Loves"*

DISMISSAL

Sunday, February 25, 2024

GREETERS

Pam Fromm Mark & Maria Coakley

READERS

Leon Woller Rachel Olson

POWERPOINT

Nick Schoch Conner Anklam

ALTAR GUILD

Mary Schultz, Gwen Loiz

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

John & Jill Simon, Ken Berndt

John & Rita Woller, Rachel Olson

USHERS

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

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

GREETERS

Fred & Pat Fuchs Don & Kim Uttech

READER

Pastor Gary

POWERPOINT

Blaine Welch Brandon & Kyle Uttech

USHERS

Henry Jennejohn, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson

PRAISE BAND

Joel Barboza, Matt & Jody Duranceau, Julia Hauan,
Dave Johnson, Dawn Schoch, Helaina Wills

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Anne Raduechel, Scott Prochnow, Jean Rhyner, Raphael Klein, Marie Borchardt, Mary Ann Nielsen, Vienna Haunschild, granddaughter of Phyllis Koppa, Steve Dahlke, Linda Graebel, Joan Stroyny, Elaine Klockziem, Donna Schroeder, Kelly Butzlaff, Ava Downing, Ruth Tritten.

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Bartelt, 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, Joan Cohen.

Grieving: family and friends of Ruth Bessette, sister of Paulene Sala.



February 11th
-
March 3rd.

Watch for donation box in the narthex. See below for items needed.

Most urgent needs include:

- Soaps: laundry, dish, soft, shower gel, 2-in-1 shampoo
- Trash bags (shelters especially need these for bedrooms)
- Diapers (sizes 3-6 and Pull-Ups)
- Deodorant (unscented)
- Wet wipes
- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Disposable razors
- Tampons and maxi pads

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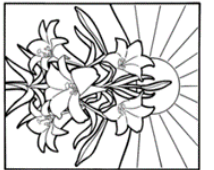
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Attention all Thrivent Members. You are invited to attend a “Thrivent Members of St Marks” event here at church called IMACT 2024. There are quite a few of us here and we’d like to gather in fun, fellowship, and learning. A meal will be provided, before informational presentations about how we can increase our impact in this region using Thrivent resources.

Mark your calendar’s to attend on April 11th at 5:30, and call the church office or Richard Klein to register and secure your free tickets to attend. Watch for more information as we get closer.

Attention all Thrivent members. Its that time of the year again! March 31st is the deadline for designating any 2023 Thrivent Choice Dollars you may have before loosing them. If you choose to designate them to St Marks you can also pinpoint their use by calling our bookkeeper Kurt Haebig and letting him know where they should go. Some people are using them as their way to help update our playground. If you’re not comfortable doing this on-line, simply call 800-THRIVENT, (800-847-4836) and say “Choice Dollars” when prompted. A friendly agent will help you.



EASTER DECORATING FUND

Following our observance of the Lenten Season, our hearts are filled with new hope and joyful anticipation.

Gifts in the form of a thank offering and memorials will be gratefully received for our Easter Decorating Fund to help beautify our worship sanctuary for the Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord.

Members and friends may give any amount and, as has been our custom, names of those giving as well as those being remembered will be listed in the MARKINGS. After the last service on Easter Sunday, you may take your plant(s) home with you, or designate a plant for a shut-in.

This year we’ll again offer a choice of three plants: Easter Lilies, Tulips, and Easter Egg Mum. Please indicate your choice(s) below:

_____ Lily (\$19) _____ Tulips (\$19) _____ Easter Egg Mum (\$17)

_____ Thank Offering (Occasion) _____

_____ Memorial in loving memory of _____

_____ For the beauty of God’s house

After Easter, please



_____ Give the plant to a shut-in OR _____ I will pick up plant

Given by:

Amount enclosed _____

Envelope # _____

Please return this form (with check made out to St. Mark’s or cash) to Jean in the church office by **February 26th**.

Upcoming New Member Class

Interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's? Please join us for our next New Member class on **May 2nd, 9th, 16th at 5:30pm**. Please contact the office if you would like to get on the list.



Save the date...

Faith, Fellowship and Fermentation will be on Saturday, April 13th.
More information/details to come in March.

March 29th ~ Good Friday Prayer Vigil 1:00– 3:00pm

Once again we will be having a Prayer Vigil on Good Friday. We invite you to use the quiet of the church and this prayer-focused time to offer up prayers individually. Pastor Eric and Pastor Gary & Nan Schultz will be also be available to pray with you or for you.

If you are not able to be present, Prayer Request Cards are available in the narthex. Write your prayer on the card (name optional) and drop off the completed Prayer Request in Church card box in narthex.

**Prayer is a powerful thing that God has
given us. God says to pray without ceasing.**

PEW SISTERS

If you ever wanted to explore the Bible and not know where to start this is the group for you!

As Sister's in Christ, we all are busy in the kitchen, much like Martha *Luke 10: 40*.

We simply ask you to consider dropping your kitchen towel for 1 hour twice monthly and sit at the feet of Jesus, like Mary. *Luke 10:39*.

Who: YOU are invited

What: Bible Study gathering; St. Mark's PEW Sister's, a small women's group

When: 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month 5pm – 6pm.

Where: St. Mark's Youth Room

Why: Proclaim, Encourage, & Worship together

How: Romans 1: 12

Mobility Worldwide Gift

Our Ash Wednesday Lenten Supper donations amounted to \$1289.01 for Mobility Worldwide located in Columbia, MO. That gift will provide mobility to three people somewhere in the world who would otherwise not be able to get around without the aid of a cart. What a blessing that will be for them! Your gifts will change their lives forever! Thank you for your generous support.

Mission of the Month – The Hagar House



Welcome and thank you to Terri Hess for joining us at St. Marks today to share The Hagar House mission and give us current updates. She will also be available between services in the Narthex and then during the Fellowship Hour for more information and a Q and A. Plan to join us and enjoy a freshly baked cinnamon roll, too! Proceeds from the cinnamon roll sale will go to The Hagar House.

Italian Night Lenten Supper

Between our Lenten services this week, the Son-Shine Bible Study group will host the supper – Italian Night with lasagna, manicotti, bread sticks, and desserts. Join us for worship, fellowship and in support of The Hagar House. Thank you also to the Thrivent Action Team for supporting this event.



Calling all bakers! There is still time to share your baking talents by signing up in the narthex to support the Baked Goods Silent Auction. The auction will be held during the Lenten Supper. Please have your home baked items packaged for auction, labeled (include whether they contain nuts), and bring your item(s) by 3:00 that day. Join us by helping bake or bidding on these delicious treats!

Son-Shine Bible Study

This week, Feb. 28th, our Bible study group will be preparing for our servant event of the Italian Night Lenten Supper and Baked Goods Silent Auction both benefiting The Hagar House. Thank you to all who are helping with the set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up, and to those who have baked for the silent auction. See you this Wednesday.

The Gathering - Potluck



The Comfort Quilters have invited “The Gathering” to join them for a potluck on **March 12th at noon** in the fellowship hall. Please bring a dish to pass. Time to socialize will follow the potluck meal. The afternoon activities will include cards and games (Sheepshead, Cribbage, or a favorite game) and Easter crafts.

Make plans to join us!



Would you like to receive the Markings in your inbox instead of your mailbox? We can do that! Please email Jean at jdrake@stmarkslcms.org to let her know that you would like to start receiving the Markings electronically. You will receive the newsletter days earlier and never have to wait on the post office.

To view the Markings on our website, hit the **GUEST INFO** tab.
We have been busy making updates to the website and have changed locations of some items.

From the Sewing Room:



The dedicated Comfort Quilters were busy in January and the finished stack of quilts is rising towards the ceiling in Kurt's office. In February, we will quilt on the 27th.

Next year, 2025, St. Mark's will be celebrating our 75th Anniversary as a congregation. A banner will be created and made to commemorate this occasion. Please consider joining a group to plan and create this banner. Call Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801 if you would like to be involved in this project.

Lenten Series: Be Gracious To Me

(Please join us before Wednesday night service for food and fellowship. Serving starts at 4:30 pm.)

Feb 28th: "I Have Sinned" / [Son Shine Bible Study](#) (Lasagna, manicotti, and Texas toast)
Mar. 6th: "Soon and Never" / [Band of Brothers](#) (Tacos)
Mar. 13th: "Empty Words" / [Preschool](#) (Chili)
Mar. 20th: "Vindication" / [Joy Bible Study](#) (Loaded baked potatoes)

"The Gathering" - History of Downtown Wausau

Do you remember what Third Street was like before the mall? Before that?

Join us on February 27th at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall, as Gary Gisselman from the Marathon County Historical Society will share with us the "History of Downtown Wausau."

Following the presentation, kick back, stay awhile, visit, and share your downtown Wausau memories. There will be time for cards and games following the presentation.

Refreshments will be provided. Make plans to learn more about Downtown Wausau.

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St. Mark's Scoop

February 25-March 3, 2024

Sun, Feb 25	Contemporary <i>Cinnamon Roll sale</i> 8:00 Worship ~ <i>Hagar House speaking</i> ~ 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 High School Youth Night
Mon, Feb 26	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 3:30 Drivers Ed
Tues, Feb 27	6:30 MIA Bible study 8:00 Trustees 8:00 Quilting 12:30 The Gathering 3:30 Drivers Ed
Wed, Feb 28	3:30 Drivers Ed 3:30 Worship - Traditional 4:30 Lenten Supper ~ <i>baked goods silent auction</i> ~ 6:00 Worship - Contemporary 6:45 Midweek and Confirmation
Thurs, Feb 29	9:00 1st John Bible Study 3:30 Drivers Ed 6:00 Meet Me at The Well set up
Fri, Mar 1	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Mar 2	9:00 Meet Me at The Well Women's Event
Sun, Mar 3	Traditional 8:00 Worship ~ <i>Craig Vincent (Bridge Street Mission) speaks</i> ~ 9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School 10:30 Worship 5:00 High School Youth Night

1st John Bible Study ~ runs until Mar 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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