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April 21, 2024
Good Shepherd Sunday

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LSB 709)*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P In simple terms, repentance is a turning away from sin and back to God. It begins with a recognition that we are on the wrong path because we have turned from God’s ways. As Isaiah writes:

C “We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way.”

(Isaiah 53:6)

P The Bible makes it clear that “we all” are in need of a Savior because “we all” have lived according to our heart’s desires and not the desires of our Father in heaven.

(Ephesians 2:3)

C If we say we have not sinned, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

P Let us now take a moment for personal reflection and prepare our hearts for confession.

(Silence for reflection)

P Most merciful God,

C Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from You and given ourselves over to the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In Your compassion, forgive us our sins; known and unknown, things done and left undone. Turn us to You again and uphold us by Your Spirit, so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

P *“Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the one whose sins the LORD does not count against them and in whose spirit is no deceit” (Psalm 32:1-2).* 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! Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:16-24

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

By this we shall know that we are of the truth and reassure our heart before him; for whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence before God; and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC: "I Shall Not Want"

soloist, Kyle Wiskow, violinist, Mary Premeau

GOSPEL: John 10:11-18

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

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SERMON HYMN: "Spirit Song"

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.**)*

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. 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:

*Special Music: "Shepherd Me, O God"
"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (LSB 739)*

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb" (LSB 740)

DISMISSAL

Sunday, April 21, 2024

GREETERS

Joan Crisman

Nathan & Sarah Zuelke

READERS

Janet Herring

Jerry Ray

POWERPOINT

Derek Emon

Conner Anklam

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Berndt, Rose Graf

COMMUNION

Ruth Tritten & Joan Crisman, Ken Berndt

Rachel Olson, Brian Borchardt Chris Grosskreutz

USHERS

DeWayne & Rose Graf, Bob Christensen, Todd Krause, Gary Krause, Dave Mueller
Jeff Block, Dale Vande Boom, John Woller

VIOLINIST

Mary Premeau

SOLOIST

Kyle Wiskow

ORGANIST

Dan Page

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

GREETER

Jim Jacobson

READER

Pastor Eric

POWERPOINT

Brandon & Kyle Uttech

ORGANIST

Dan Page

USHERS

Henry Jennejohn, Scott Werner, Jim Jacobson

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, Ava Downing, Wilfred Graveen, AJ Saltzmann for prayers of ongoing healing, Grace Kobs, Jerry Czeshinski, Erv Boehm, husband of Clarice, Kelly Butzlaff.

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, Stan Bartsch.

Son-Shine Bible Study

This week's study takes a closer look at Psalm 150 – Praying Our Praise. We will focus on praising God for who He is and all He has done for us. We'll meet on Wednesday, April 24th, 1:00 – 2:30, in the Youth Room. You are welcome as we study this final aspect of prayer in the Psalms. Extra study guides are available in the church library for independent study. Help yourself.

Our next study, In the Footsteps of the Savior-Following Jesus Through the Holy Land by Max Lucado, begins May 1st. This six-week study with DVD takes us to 6 locations in the Holy Land with narratives of what Jesus did while there and the impact for us. Books are on order. Plan now to join us.

Sewing Workshop

We made amazing progress finishing 27 pairs of shorts and 22 backpacks last week! This week we will focus on sewing backpacks and cutting out more shorts. There are jobs for everyone – cutting, ironing, threading elastic and cord, and sewing. We're planning to meet April 23 and 30, 9:00 – 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us when you can...it's fun!

Haiti VBS

In support of their VBS program this summer, we have been busy preparing dresses, shorts, and backpacks for our shipment to Haiti. Bethanie has also expressed the need for new or gently used children's shoes (ages 3 – 12, sandals, flip flops, sneakers, crocs, etc.), t-shirts, tank tops, and socks, and new toothbrushes and children's underwear. They plan to make bracelets so stretchy string, cord, and beads are also needed. There is a donation box in the Narthex. Thank you to all who have already donated! Please pray that the unrest in Port-au-Prince would end so that peace and order would be restored, and our shipments will be delivered safely and in a timely way. Thank you!

ST. MARK'S

TRIVIA

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

NIGHT

DOORS OPEN AT 5:15PM
GAME STARTS AT 6:00PM

FOOD and DOOR PRIZES!

UP TO 8 PEOPLE ON A TEAM. REGISTER AT THE DOOR. COME BY YOURSELF AND WE WILL GET YOU ON A TEAM!

CONTACT BLAINE WELCH FOR MORE INFO: BWELCH@STMARKSLCMS.ORG

Take me out to the ballgame!

St. Mark's annual Brewer game (vs. LA Dodgers) is on **Thursday, August 15th**. Tickets **MUST** be purchased by **TODAY**. **Cost is \$90 for the ticket and transportation**. Forms are found in the Narthex. Call Lee Belmas at 715-551-7394 with questions or to get tickets.



DATE CORRECTION!

The dates for the 2024 Quilt sale are May 8th & 12th.

May 8th - 5:00 - 6:00 pm

May 12th: 9:15 - 10:15 am

Caregiver Needed

A member is looking for a caregiver 3 days a week during the morning hours, approximately 8am—noon.

Please call 715-675-7057 with questions or if you are interested.

Food and Folks

To honor our 2024 Confirmands, their families and to thank our awesome Sunday School staff, students and their families: LET'S EAT!

- FREE LUNCH!
- **Sunday, April 28th at 11:45 am**
- Everyone welcome. Encouraged to attend
- Menu: Tater Tot Casserole, French bread, tossed salad, hotdog plates and an ice cream sundae bar for dessert.
- Facilitators: Ken & Sue Berndt and Dan & Cathy Page.

Upcoming Events:

April 28 at 10:30am: Confirmation questioning

May 5 at **10:00am*** (note service time): Confirmation Celebration service

May 12 - Special Mother's Day services: 8:00 & 10:30am

May 26 at 9:00am Patriotic Memorial Day service



The Gathering-Neighbor's Place

Please join us on **April 23rd** for a tour of the Neighbor's Place. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm and carpool over. After our tour, we will head over to Third Street for beverages...coffee, etc.

Another option for April 23rd, we have reserved the fellowship hall for card playing and games. Make plans to join us.

Please see box in the narthex to donate nonperishable foods.

St. Mark's Scoop

April 21-28, 2024

Sun, April 21

Traditional

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School
~ *The Gideons speaking at services* ~
10:30 Worship

Mon, April 22

8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
3:30 Drivers Ed
Blaine at Camp Luther

Tues, April 23

6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses
12:30 The Gathering
3:30 Drivers Ed
Blaine at Camp Luther

Wed, April 24

Traditional

1:00 Son Shine Bible Study
3:30 Drivers Ed
6:00 Worship
6:45 Midweek and Confirmation

Thurs, April 25

Fri, April 26

Office Closed @ Noon
The Markings deadline
~ No Preschool ~

Pastor & Blaine's Family Day

Sat, April 27

Sun, April 28

Contemporary

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School
10:30 Worship ~ **Confirmand Questioning** ~
11:45 Food & Folks - Luncheon

5:30 TRIVIA NIGHT

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.

Welcome
New Members

2024 Fishing Seminar

The MEN IN ACTION will be sponsoring a fishing seminar on **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**, in the fellowship hall, from 6:30 - 8 pm. Cost for the event will be non-perishable cleaning items.



Who do I contact for / to ...

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

Ministry Programs - Blaine
~ 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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