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April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *“Raise A Hallelujah”*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

SONG OF PRAISE: *“Gratitude”*

FIRST READING: Acts 8:26-40

Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is a desert place. And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over and join this chariot.” So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this: “Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.”

And the eunuch said to Philip, “About whom, I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?” Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?” And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 John 4:1-11

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Jesus said: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch of mine that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON SONG: "New Wine"

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 SONGS:

“Jesus Loves Me”

“Make Room”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *“Firm Foundation (He Won’t)”*

DISMISSAL

Sunday, April 28, 2024

GREETERS

Steve & Janet Herring

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Berndt, Rose Graf

READER

Steve Herring

POWERPOINT

Michael Deedon

COMMUNION

Amy Smet, Janet Herring, Ken Berndt

USHERS

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

BOUQUET

Today’s arrangement is given by Ted & Mary Utecht-Johnson
in honor of their 13th anniversary on April 30th.

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

GREETER

Jim Jacobson

READER

Pastor Eric

POWERPOINT

Nick Schoch

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

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Perry Redeker, Steve Herring, Emmett, son of Ben & Claire Heindel, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Jim Wanish, Grace Clark, Stan Bartsch, Charles Juedes, brother of Sue Berndt for cancer treatment.

Safe travels for Kristina Klein’s parents who will be traveling here from Russia.

Grieving: family and friends of Sara Vande Boom and Todd Van Ryn, ministry leader of the Bridge Street Mission.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our new 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 starting with Capernaum. Each session includes narratives of what Jesus did while there and the impact for us. Books are here. Plan now to join us.

Sewing Workshop

We made amazing progress finishing 26 more pairs of shorts and 9 backpacks last week! We will continue 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 30th and June 7th, 9:00 – 11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Join us when you can...it's fun!

Haiti VBS

Thank you to all who have already contributed to the collection of items for this year's VBS program in Haiti. Bethanie has 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. We plan to collect items through May 8th.

Ushers Needed!

Calling all men and women of St. Mark's.

We are in need of ushers at ALL services.

Prayerfully consider joining this opportunity to serve.

Responsibilities: greet attendees, hand out bulletins, collect offerings.

Rotational time commitment & training available.

Inquiries contact: Dan Page, 715-921-0404 call or text.

Going . . . Going . . . GONE!

The old playground fence is GONE! Our amazing group of Trustees and other volunteers came together Wednesday morning to remove the old fence and prepare the space for the installation of the new fence. We are SO thankful for all of their work!

-Cathy Page, Deb Cornelius, and Michelle Berens



HIRING PRESCHOOL STAFF: We are hiring a part-time teaching assistant for the 4-day class and also one or two part-time childcare staff. Summer staff may also be needed. For more information or to submit a resume, please contact Cathy Page at cpage@stmarkslcms.org or 715-848-5511, ext. 7.



PRESCHOOL SUMMER CAMP: REGISTRATION IS OPEN! Our NEW Summer Camp for three and four year old children will run from June 3 – August 16. Weekly-themed units will include activities, projects, games, Bible stories, music, outdoor play, and more! Full day or half day options are available. Specific information can be found on our website at www.stmarkswausau.org or by contacting Cathy Page at 715-848-5511, ext. 7 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org.



Upcoming Events:

- 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

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!
- **TODAY 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.

Mother's Day Worship

Sunday, May 12

8:00 & 10:30

Theme: Aspects of a Godly Woman



On the special occasion, we take a moment to pay tribute and thank God for the women in our lives. God has blessed us with mothers, whether past or present, who have impacted our lives. Mothers are the first to encourage us when we feel discouraged, comfort us when we hurt and celebrate our successes. Their selflessness and sacrificial love knows no limits. Every woman in attendance will receive a special gift. Featuring special musicians and specific themed hymns.

The Gathering-Clark County Greenhouse Tour

"Get out and enjoy this colossal, breathtaking" Clark County Bloomin' Greenhouse Tour with The Gathering on **Tuesday, May 14th**.

The plan for the day is to visit several greenhouses in the morning, have lunch at a local restaurant, and visit a few more greenhouses in the afternoon.

We will meet at church at 9 am, and then carpool to Clark County.

To get a headcount for lunch, **please RSVP** to the office if you plan to attend on or **before May 8th**.

Celebrate spring with us; there is something for everyone – annuals, perennials, vegetables, and so much more.

The Fellowship Hall is available in the afternoon for anyone interested in getting together to play cards or games.

A **BIG thank you** to all who donated to the donated to The Neighbor's Place with non-perishable food items. With your generosity we were able to donate 254 lbs. of food!

St. Mark's Scoop

April 28 - May 5, 2024

Sunday, Apr 28

CONTEMPORARY

8:00 Worship

9:15 Bible Study / Sunday School - **LAST DAY**

10:30 Worship (Confirmand Questioning)

11:45 Food & Folks

5:30 TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday, Apr 29

8:00 OGT

11:30 Noon Optimists

3:30 Drivers Ed

Tuesday, Apr 30

6:30 MIA Bible study

9:00 Pillowcase Shorts / backpacks

3:30 Drivers Ed

6:30 Fishing Seminar

Wednesday, May 1

CONTEMPORARY

1:00 Son Shine Bible Study

3:30 Drivers Ed

6:00 Worship

6:45 Midweek ONLY – **NO Confirmation**

Thursday, May 2

3:30 Drivers Ed

5:00 PEW Sisters

5:30 New Member Class

Friday, May 3

Pastor & Blaine's Family Day

Saturday, May 4

~ Wedding Shower in Fellowship Hall ~

Sunday, May 5

CONTEMPORARY

8:00 Worship

10:00 Worship - Confirmation

11:00 Private party in Fellowship hall



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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