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April 13, 2025

“Why are you doing this?”

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

P Hosanna to the Son of David!

C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna” (LSB 443)
(includes children’s parade of palms)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SONG: “At Your Feet”

EPISTLE: Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(8:00) SPECIAL MUSIC: *Celebration Choir*

GOSPEL: Mark 11:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 11th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. And some of those standing there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

And he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple. And when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON HYMN: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" (LSB 442)

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.**)*

(10:30) RITE OF FIRST COMMUNION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Let us confess together:

C Loving Jesus, you came in peace, humbled Yourself and gave Yourself for us. We confess our lack of humility. We confess that we want to be accepted and take the easy way and do not stay true to Your will. Forgive us, Lord and help us to follow in the way of obedience.

(Time of silent reflection and self-examination.)

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C Amen.

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:

"Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)"

"Psalm 23"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (LSB 441 vs 1, 2, 5)

DISMISSAL

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Marie Borchardt, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, Erv Boehm, husband of Clarice, Grace Kobs, Mary Utecht-Johnson, Lana Wilkinson, Jack Klein, Carla Grulkowski, Ginger Quaderer, Dick Wick, Linda Graebel, Kristina Klein & Lilly Pikorz, Susan Stargardt who is in hospice, Barb Langbecker, Derek Schilling.

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Bartelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Perry Redeker, Emmett Heindel, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Jerry Sams, Aissen Witter, David Hussong, Tracie Wills, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck.

Grieving: the family and friends of Shirley White who passed away last week.

Congratulations to our First Communion Candidates

Parker Alters, son of Kyle & Leah
Mason Borchardt, son of Logan & Traci
Lucas Hickman, son of Katie
Aleah Holzem, daughter of Anthony & Nicole
Liam Kaufman, son of Keith & Sarah
Brynn Kecker, daughter of Matt & Libby
Kate Kecker, daughter of Matt & Libby
Maverick Lawrence, son of Jeff & Julie
Emmett Matyasz, son of John & Katie
Ava Vergara, daughter of Tim & Melissa
Peyton Young, daughter of Ryan & Rachel



Whether you're planning to attend as a camper, work for the summer, or volunteer your time, there are still opportunities available for you to sign up. To learn more about these, please visit <https://campluther.com/> for all the details and instructions.



- Volunteer Work Week: April 21-25
- Spring Workbee Weekend: April 26-27
- Youth summer camp
- Counselors & Junior Counselors

April 18th ~ 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 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 the Church card box in the narthex.

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

Zion Lutheran Church's Annual Men's Breakfast



All men are invited to attend the Annual Men's Breakfast on Maundy Thursday, April 17, at 6:30am. The guest speaker is David Thompson, director of the **Center for Apologetics and Worldviews**. A former agnostic and now a Lutheran pastor, he will present on the compelling question: **What Happened to His Body?** And the importance of Christ's physical resurrection for sharing the faith. Zion stands on the corner of Sixth and Grant Streets in downtown Wausau.

Tickets are \$10 and may be reserved in advance (www.zionlutheranwausau.com or 715-848-7286). A full, hot breakfast buffet will be provided.

MAUNDY THURSDAY - April 17

3:30pm (Traditional)
6:00pm - (Contemporary)

We remember this day as our Lord and Savior shared His body and blood with his disciples in Holy Communion. We partake of a meal that was prepared by the hands of Jesus.

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18

12:00pm (Traditional)
1:00 - 3:00 Prayer Vigil
6:00pm (Contemporary)

We look upon the tree and see our sins laid upon the Holy One. We see our sins, we see our Savior, and we see our salvation. "It is finished."

EASTER SUNDAY - April 20 - HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

6:00 Sunrise Traditional
6:45 - 9:00 Easter Breakfast
7:30 Traditional
8:00 - 10:30 Kids Craft Corner in Youth Room
9:00 Contemporary
10:30 Contemporary



"This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." 1 John 5:4

Looking for a more tax-efficient way to give to church?

We created an account where you can donate appreciated assets directly to St. Mark's. These assets can be stocks, ETFs, or mutual funds. Donating directly to church means you do not pay capital gains tax on the appreciation of the asset if it is donated directly and not sold before the transfer. We can also accept donations from qualified accounts, like IRAs, to lessen income in retirement. For more details, call Chris Grosskreutz at 715-574-1385.

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We would love for you to become a part of our vibrant community at St. Mark's. If you're looking for a place to grow in your faith, connect with others, and serve the community, then there are plenty of opportunities for you here.

Come join us for a service, learn more about our church, and discover how you can get involved. We welcome all who are seeking to deepen their spiritual journey and connect with a loving church family.

We look forward to welcoming you!

(Our next New Member classes are May 1st, 8th, 15th at 5:30pm)

From the Sewing Room

This month we will focus on making dresses, shorts, and backpacks. There are jobs for everyone including cutting, ironing, threading cord and/or elastic as well as sewing. We meet Tuesday mornings, April 15, 22, and 29, 9:00-11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. Your help in making these much-needed items is greatly appreciated!

Son-Shine Bible Study

Max Lucado's, He Chose the Nails, continues to guide us through Lent. Each session includes a video, scripture references, discussion questions, and Lenten practice between sessions. This week we will study Session 4, 'He Chose to Love Us Forever'. God showed His love for us through Jesus' suffering and death on the cross. The cross represents the width of God's love and the height of His holiness. You are welcome to join us. We meet in the Youth Room on Wednesday from 1:00 – 2:30.

Bible Study on the Epistle of James

March 13th - May 8th (not meeting April 17th)

Pastor Gary & Dan Mansk (who has 40+ years in Lutheran teaching) will be having a Bible study on the Epistle of James on Thursday mornings from 9am – 10am. Walk-ins are always welcome! Please bring your Bible.

Parochial School Tuition and Camp Luther Assistance

St. Mark's provides parochial school tuition assistance for families in need of support for the upcoming school year. The application form can be found on our website (stmarkswausau.org) under Ministries > Youth > Tuition Assistance, or you can contact Kurt Haebig at 715-848-5511 ext. 4 to receive a paper copy. It's important to submit the completed form to the office by **April 30th, 2025**, as the available funds will be divided based on the number of applicants. The Governance Team will review all applications at the May meeting to determine the distribution of funds.

In addition to tuition assistance for parochial schools, St. Mark's offers financial help for Camp Luther. If you're interested, please reach out to Jean in the office to have the application form emailed to you. To be considered for assistance, you **must provide proof of enrollment** for a program this summer. The application deadline for Camp Luther assistance is **May 30th, 2025**. Make sure to submit your application before the deadline to be eligible for support.

The Gathering-Good News Project

Please join us on **Tuesday, April 22nd** for a tour of the Good News Project. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm and carpool over. After our tour, we will head over to Culver's on Bridge Street for ice cream.

Good News Project is a nonprofit organization running the following three unique programs to serve others: an International Service Program, e-Cycling, and HELP – a Health Equipment Lending program.

The fellowship hall is available for anyone interested in playing Sheephead or cribbage. Make plans to join us.



St. Mark's Scoop

April 13 - 20, 2025

- Sun, Apr 13** **PALM SUNDAY—Blended**
8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Worship (1st Communion)
- Mon, Apr 14** 8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
7:00 Band of Brothers
- Tues, Apr 15** 6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses
- Wed, Apr 16** 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study
NO WORSHIP
NO MIDWEEK OR CONFIRMATION
- Thurs, Apr 17** **Maundy Thursday**
3:30 Worship - Traditional
6:00 Worship - Contemporary
- Fri, Apr 18** **Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED**
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- Sat, Apr 19**
- Sun, Apr 20** **Easter**
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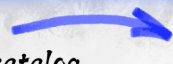
FREE Living River Concert

Friday, May 30, 2025 ~ 6:30-8:30 pm
Holiday Inn & Suites at Cedar Creek
1000 Imperial Dr., Rothschild

Join us for an evening of refreshing contemporary praise, country, oldies, and more! This concert is not just for those who grieve but for everyone who lives with compassion and hope. We wish to share the power of love and music with all of you. Hosted by Wings-a-Grief Education Ministry, a 501c3 non-profit, charitable organization. Free will donations at door to support Wings programs and events. No registration required.

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