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April 17, 2025 ~ 6:00pm
Maundy Thursday

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

CONFESSIONAL ADDRESS

P During this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to intensify our struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that prevents us from trusting in God and loving each other. Since it is our intention to receive the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ when He instituted this blessed meal for our salvation, it is proper that we complete our Lenten discipline by diligently examining ourselves, as St. Paul urges us to do. This holy Sacrament has been instituted for the special comfort of those who are troubled because of their sin and who humbly confess their sins, fear God's wrath, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.

But when we examine our hearts and consciences, we find nothing in us but sin and death, from which we are incapable of delivering ourselves. Therefore, our Lord Jesus Christ has had mercy on us. For our benefit He became man so that He might fulfill for us the whole will and law of God and, to deliver us, took upon Himself our sin and the punishment we deserve.

So that we may more confidently believe this and be strengthened in the faith and in holy living, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you." It is as if He said, "I became man, and all that I do and suffer is for your good. As a pledge of this, I give you My body to eat."

In the same way also He took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." Again, it is as if He said, "I have had mercy on you by taking into Myself all your iniquities. I give Myself into death, shedding My blood to obtain grace and forgiveness of sins, and to comfort and establish the new testament, which gives forgiveness and everlasting salvation. As a pledge of this, I give you My blood to drink."

Therefore, whoever eats this bread and drinks this cup, confidently believing this Word and promise of Christ, dwells in Christ and Christ in him and has eternal life.

May the almighty and merciful God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by His Holy Spirit, accomplish this in us.

C Amen.

P Having heard the Word of God, let us confess our sins, imploring God our Father for the sake of His Son, Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P God be merciful to you and strengthen your faith.

C Amen.

P Do you believe that the forgiveness I speak is not my forgiveness but God's?

C Yes.

P Let it be done for you as you believe.

In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it. Go in peace.

C Amen.

SONG: "How He Loves"

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 24:3-11

Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the rules. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words that the LORD has spoken we will do." And Moses wrote down all the words of the LORD. He rose early in the morning and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the people of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basins, and half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, and we will be obedient." And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when He was betrayed took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

SONG: "Psalm 116"

GOSPEL: John 13:1-15, 34-35

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart out of this world to the Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going back to God, rose from supper. He laid aside his outer garments, and taking a towel, tied it around his waist. Then he poured water into a basin and began

to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was wrapped around him. He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, do you wash my feet?" Jesus answered him, "What I am doing you do not understand now, but afterward you will understand." Peter said to him, "You shall never wash my feet." Jesus answered him, "If I do not wash you, you have no share with me." Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" Jesus said to him, "The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean. And you are clean, but not every one of you." For he knew who was to betray him; that was why he said, "Not all of you are clean."

When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, "Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

SERMON SONG: *"At The Cross (Love Ran Red)"*

SERMON - *"Holy Ground"*

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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:

"From The Dust"

"Give Us Clean Hands"

"Forgiven"

"It Is Well With My Soul"

BLESSING

(All leave the church in silence and respect)

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

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

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Barttelt, 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 & friends of Delores Andringa who passed away. For Marlene, sister of Rita Woller, who recently passed away.

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

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)

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 17 - 20, 2025

Thurs, Apr 17

Maundy Thursday

3:30 Worship - Traditional
6:00 Worship - Contemporary
~ **No Preschool** ~

Fri, Apr 18

Good Friday - OFFICE CLOSED

12:00 Worship - Traditional
1:00-3:00 Prayer Vigil
6:00 Worship - Contemporary
~ **No Preschool** ~

Sat, Apr 19

Sun, Apr 20

Easter

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

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.

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.**

Dear Saint Mark's Family,

We cannot express enough thanks & are very humbled for all the love and support in SO many ways that our St. Mark's Family has shown us regarding Perry's experiences with cancer.

We also keep you all in our prayers as there are many also going through tough times.

May God Bless you all!

Prayers & Blessings ,
Perry & Ruthie Redeker

*Thank
You*

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