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October 12, 2025
Buck the Trend: Easily Offended

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" (LSB 850)

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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Living for Jesus" - soloist, Wayne Flanagan

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 112

Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments! His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever. Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous. It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice. For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever. He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD. His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries. He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor. The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: James 1:19-25

Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:16-23

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, and you will be hated by all for my name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: Meaning of the Third Article

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve” (LSB 856 vs 1, 2, 4)

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.**)*

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Jamie Tackes in thanksgiving for God’s many blessings.

A heartfelt thank you to Dan and Amy Smet for their generous donation of the pumpkins displayed in front of our church. We are truly grateful for your thoughtfulness and support.



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, Lizzy Marciniak, Barb Langbecker, Terri Kankelfitz, Angela Peterson, prayers for continued healing for Gloria Huan, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Audrey Wilde, Cindy Barton for healing of broken leg, Nan Zastrow for health issues, Judy Young for a broken hip, Elaine Klockziem, Bill Boos, father of Denise Snoeyenbos, who is in hospice.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Jerry Sams, Aissen Witter, Tracie Wills, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck, Rick Schultz, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Rich Klein.

Military Service - SSG Mitchell Fromm, deployed overseas with the Wisconsin National Guard.

Grieving: Robert Mackesy, brother of Joan Seubert, who passed away last week Sunday.

For those that want to get an early start, the order forms for poinsettias are on the credenza in the Narthex.

Orders due November 10th.



Son-Shine Bible Study

This past week, we gained a deeper understanding of God's sovereignty, the sin of pride, cultivating humility, being prepared for correction, and sharing our testimony as we discussed Nebuchadnezzar's transformation. Next, we will explore the role a committed Christian can play in influencing a decaying society through our study guide session 6 "The Handwriting on the Wall" focusing on Daniel chapter 5. Join us on Wednesday, 1:00 – 2:30 in the Youth Room. Study guides are available in class. Bring your Bible or Study Bible along if you'd like. All are welcome.

Trinity Lutheran Church & School invites you to two fun community events this October!

- **Trunk or Treat** – [Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.](#) in the Trinity parking lot. Wear your Halloween best as families deck out their cars and hand out sweet treats. Costumes should be family-friendly.

Everyone in the community is welcome—we hope to see you there!



Hager House News

Color Run

The Hager House Color Run 2025 was held at Doepke Park, Saturday morning, September 13th. The goal of the event was to raise money to support the Hager House mission of freeing single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community. Year 2025 was a record year for the 5K run/walk with approximately 225 participants, plus 55-60 participants from My Team Triumph and Trail Blazers. A final profit number is not currently available as all invoices for various expenses have not been submitted. A huge "thank you" to everyone from St. Marks that supported the Color Run.

Legacy Wall

The Legacy Wall Campaign, which launched in early 2025, supports the expansion of the Hager House with two new buildings designed to enhance safety, provide transitional housing and support program growth. The campaign remains active and 68% of the goal has been reached. A \$5,000 contribution will be recognized by a framed photograph of a mom you wish to honor on the legacy wall. A \$1,000 donation will be recognized by an engraved nameplate on the legacy wall. Donations of any dollar amount are appreciated. For additional information, please visit the website: <https://thehagarhouse.org> or call The Hager House at 715-298-9994.

Celebration Choir/Mark's Men

Joining your church's music ministry is a wonderful way to serve, grow spiritually, and connecting to a community.

October Choir Rehearsals: Thursday, Oct. 23 & 30; 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Mark's Men: a group of men who love to sing hymns. Sing seasonally. Additional members are always welcome. No audition necessary.

October Rehearsals: Thursday, Oct. 16 & 23; 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Contact Dan Page, Choral Director danpage671@yahoo.com; 715-921-0404

Join Our Worship Team!



WE WANT YOU

We're looking for semi experienced musicians to help lead worship: male singers, lead female singers, and acoustic/electric guitarists. We're also looking for someone to run the sound board at our 10:30 service. If you have a passion for worship and some background in performing, we'd love for you to share your gifts!

Interested? Contact Matt Rhyner at matthew.rhyner@gmail.com for more info.

All Saints Day Stars ~ November 2, 2025

St. Mark's has a tradition of hanging stars in our sanctuary on All Saints Day to honor those who have passed away. The basket containing these stars will be located on the table in the Narthex. Write the name of the person you would like to remember, and anything else you wish, on the star. You are welcome to fill out as many as you need.

All stars must be returned by October 27th to give us time to hang them up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Christensen (715-574-6759) or Blaine Welch.

The Gathering – The Fromm Brothers Fur and Ginseng Farm

The Marathon County Historical Society will present a talk about The Fromm Brothers Fur and Ginseng Farm on **Tuesday, October 28th at 12:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.**

A neighbor showed the Fromm brothers how to recognize ginseng. From this beginning, the brothers pioneered ginseng farming. Using their profits from ginseng, they began silver fox and mink farming, becoming the largest fur farm in the United States. Join us to learn their story, and its impact on Marathon County.

Before and after the presentation there will be time for conversation and cards. Light refreshments will follow the presentation.

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:15-10:15

October 12th - guest speaker

Regrets, Reality, Restoration

October 19th , 26th, November 2nd, 9th

November 16th - guest speaker

Book of Ecclesiastes

Starting November 23rd

Genesis Bible Study — Part I Now until November 6

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



Operation Baby Bottle

Hope provides confidential help, compassionate care and free services, to those faced with an unplanned pregnancy, possible STD, or dealing with a past abortion. We take time to build relationships and encourage individuals to make good choices.

Most importantly, we share the love and forgiveness found only in Jesus Christ. With your support, we are committed to building a community of grace that extends beyond the birth of their child. Operation Baby Bottle (OBB) provides support for the mission of Hope, and is a simple way for your congregation or group to get involved.

Please pick up a bottle as you leave church today, fill the bottle with coins, bills or checks, and then return the bottle to church by November 30th. You can also donate online at HOPEWI.ORG/DONATE or scan this qr code:



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!

St. Mark's Scoop

October 12 - 19, 2025

Sun, Oct 12	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study (guest speaker) / Youth Programs 10:30 Polka Service 11:30 Luncheon
Mon, Oct 13	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team meeting 7:00 Band of Brothers
Tues, Oct 14	6:30 MIA Bible study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Oct 15	1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Oct 16	9:00 Genesis Bible Study 5:00 PEW sisters 5:30 New Member class 6:30 Mark's Men
Fri, Oct 17	Pastor & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Oct 18	~ Fellowship Hall rented out ~
Sun, Oct 19	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship 12:00 Townhall Meeting



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