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Festival of the Reformation

October 26, 2025

***Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Solus Christus, Sola Scriptura,
Sola Deo Gloria!***

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" (LSB 837 vs 1, 2, 4, 6)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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 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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: "The Church's One Foundation" (LSB 644 vs 1, 4, 5)

FIRST READING: Revelation 14:6-7

Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. And he said with a loud voice, "Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

(8:00) “Be Thou My Vision” ~ flautist, Elizabeth Pulham

EPISTLE: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

“Rise Up, O Church of God” ~ Mark’s Men

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” They answered him, “We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, ‘You will become free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

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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.**)*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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:

(8:00) “He Leadeth Me” ~ flautist, Elizabeth Pulham

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” (LSB 709)

“By Grace I’m Saved” (LSB 566 vs 1-4)

BLESSING

VIDEO INTRO - Psalm 46

SERMON - "The Freedom to Interpret"

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "A Mighty Fortress" (LSB 657)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Henry Jennejohn for his birthday on October 27th.

BRASS

Chad Premeau, Becky Woller, Frank Slembarski, John Rhyner

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, Carla Grulkowski, Ginger Quaderer, Kristina Klein & Lilly Pikorz, Lizzy Marciniak, Barb Langbecker, Angela Peterson, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Audrey Wilde, Cindy Barton for healing of broken leg, Judy Young for a broken hip, Elaine Klockziem, Bill Boos, father of Denise Snoeyenbos, who is in hospice.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Bartelt, 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, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Rich Klein.

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

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.



Trinity Lutheran Church & School invites you to a fun community event 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!



Son-Shine Bible Study

This past week we were encouraged as Christians to persevere in our commitments to the Lord in spite of opposition or oppression. This week, we will begin the second part of the book of Daniel which focuses on Daniel's prophetic visions and dreams.

Please note we are switching the order of two of the lessons:

- **October 29th** will be Lesson 9– Daniel 8: 'Super Powers in Conflict'
- **November 5th** will be Lesson 8 – Daniel 7: 'A Prophetic Panorama'

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.

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. 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.

St. Mark's History



If you'd like to continue reading about St. Mark's history, please pick up a packet from the credenza. It highlights significant dates from January 2008 through May 2016.

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.



Saturday Women's Event Planning Committee Meeting

Our Meet Me at the Well women's group is excited to begin designing our 3rd Annual Women's Event for Saturday, March 14th. We hope to plan this amazing event in just 4 meeting times-- please consider marking your calendars to join us! Our planning parties will be: **Monday November 3rd, December 1st, January 12th, and February 2nd from 6:30-7:15 p.m.** No need to RSVP, just show up! Many hands make light work and we look forward to making this event be another blessing to women of our church and the community.

St. John Lutheran Church and School ([Town of Easton](#)) invite you to two (2) upcoming Special Services:

Mission Fest & Dedication Service

Sunday, November 2 • 1:00 PM

Location: 164475 Granite Road, Wausau

You're warmly invited to join us for a special **Mission Fest and Dedication Service** celebrating the opening of our new school building.

The service will begin at **1:00 PM in the gymnasium**, with **overflow seating and a live stream available** in the new school chapel area. This is a joyful milestone for our church and school community, and we look forward to sharing it with you.

Veterans' Day Chapel Service

Wednesday, November 12 • 9:00 AM

Location: 164923 County Road Z, Wausau

Join us for a special **student-led Veterans' Day Chapel Service** as we honor the brave men and women who have served — and continue to serve — in all branches of the U.S. military.

Following the service, we invite you to a **light breakfast reception and social time** with students in the church gym. This is a meaningful opportunity to express our gratitude and connect with those who have sacrificed for our country.

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 26 - November 2, 2025

Sun, Oct 26	New Member Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Oct 27	~ Pastor Eric at Camp Luther ~ 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tues, Oct 28	6:30 MIA Bible Study 9:00 Quilting 12:30 The Gathering
Wed, Oct 29	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / Confirmation / HS Youth
Thurs, Oct 30	9:00 Genesis Bible Study 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Oct 31	Office Closed Pastor Eric & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Nov 1	9:00 Service Saturday
Sun, Nov 2	All Saint's Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship 6:00 Trivia Night

For information on ALL *St Mark's* ministry opportunities, visit

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog



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.

Adult Bible Study ~ 9:15-10:15

Regrets, Reality, Restoration

October 26th, November 2nd, 9th

November 16th - guest speaker

Book of Ecclesiastes

Starting November 23rd

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