

May 10, 2026
Mother's Day



RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 143:8, Psalm 139:13-14

P Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you.

C Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

P For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

C I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

OPENING HYMN: "Now Thank We All Our God" (LSB 895)

(10:30) BAPTISM

John Edward Radtke

son of Samuel & Ashley Radtke

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P We confess our sin.

C Lord, have mercy on us. Help us see our sin and desire a fresh start with You. Help us see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for answers to our problems. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, and to give, fixing our eyes on Jesus as the author and perfecter of our faith.

(silent time for reflection)

P Our God has heard the cries of His people and has had mercy on us. He has seen our need and provided for our salvation. He has seen our condition and provided the solution. He has seen our hearts and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer a weight that holds us down. 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

HYMN: "God Gave Mothers" - tune: Hyfrydol; by Dan Page

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 53:7-8

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

SPECIAL MUSIC: “*Borning Cry*”

soloist, Dan Page; violin, Mary Premeau

EPISTLE: Hebrews 11:32-12:2

And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword. They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated— of whom the world was not worthy—wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 26:36-46

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 26th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to his disciples, “Sit here, while I go over there and pray.” And taking with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, he began to be sorrowful and troubled. Then he said to them, “My soul is very sorrowful, even to death; remain here, and watch with me.” And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will.” And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” Again, for the second time, he went away and prayed, “My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.” And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So, leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words again. Then he came to the disciples and said to them, “Sleep and take your rest later on. See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Rise, let us be going; see, my betrayer is at hand.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God - the Creator of all things - the source of all goodness and love. He is our God and we are His people.

We believe in Jesus Christ - the Son of God - true God yet true man. He was crucified, died, and was buried for our sin - that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven. He will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit - the power of God at work inside of us.

We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.

SERMON HYMN: “Christ Is the World’s Redeemer” (LSB 539 vs 1-3)

SERMON

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

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.**)

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:

“Be Still My Soul” ~ violin, Mary Premeau

“How Great Thou Art” (LSB 801)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “Take My Life and Let It Be” (LSB 783 vs 6)

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Matt & Sheri Mayer in honor of Bob Frickenstein’s birthday today.



We Are Hiring!



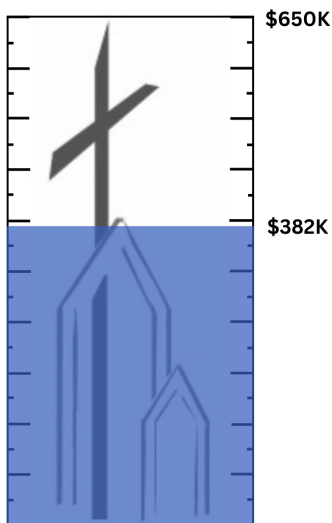
St. Mark’s Lutheran School is hiring several teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our wonderful St. Mark’s Preschool staff, please contact Cathy Page at cpage@stmarkslcms.org or 715-848-5511 for specific information.

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

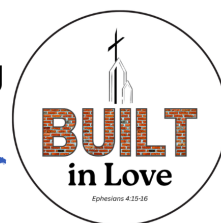
Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Cindy Barton, Marie Borchardt, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Daniel & Melissa Shewmake for medical concerns, Terri & Brad Kankelfitz, Emily Ramthun.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Roger Baumgart, father of Lisa Peck, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne.

Military Service - SSG Mitchell Fromm, deployed overseas with the Wisconsin National Guard. SSGT Jacob Lang, deployed with the U.S. Marine Corp.



**Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K by MAY 24
to kick off our
expansion project!**



GIVE HERE!



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!

YOU'RE INVITED TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church

227150 Harrier Ave., Wausau, WI



June 15-18, 2026

Dinner: 5 PM to 6 PM

VBS: 6 PM to 8 PM

ST. MARK'S FAMILY FUN DAY!

Saturday, May 16 from 9am - 12pm

An event for young families of St. Mark's Church and Preschool

Programming is geared toward families with kids 5th grade and under, but ALL are welcome to attend!

Activities include:

- Crafts
- Minnow Races
- Scavenger Hunts
- Life-sized Candyland
- and of course...LUNCH

We hope to see you there!
Please RSVP by emailing Blaine at
bwelch@stmarkslcms.org, call the office
at 715-848-5511, or scan this code.



Please
join us!

A new sermon series going through 6/7/26.

Christ Figures in Film

Jesus Christ as portrayed in the Bible has affected and infiltrated culture in more ways than people can imagine or understand. Jesus dying for His people; Jesus being given New Life from His Father and, in turn, giving His people New Life; Jesus rebelling against unbiblical cultural norms; Jesus speaking for the poor, the lost, and the sinner; and Jesus showing everyone a Greater Love. These, and many other aspects of Jesus, are what tug at the heart strings of society to move and motivate people into faith and being something more. This coming sermon series will show how aspects of Jesus have been portrayed in film to move the hearts of the viewers.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Mark's



Lutheran Preschool

St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool offers 2-day, 3-day, 4-day 4K, and 5-day classes for three and four year old children in a caring, Christian environment. Before and After School Care is also available. **Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open.** Classes are expected to fill up quickly so don't wait! For more information, contact Preschool Director, Cathy Page, at 715-848-5511 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org.

From the Sewing Room



This **Tuesday, May 12th**, will be our last sewing morning this spring and you are welcome to join us. We will continue to make shorts, backpacks, and dresses. There are jobs for everyone including cutting, ironing, pinning, sewing, and putting the cord or elastic into the casings. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00-11:30. We would be 'sew' happy to have you join us

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our Son-Shine Bible study this week is based on Matthew 21:28-22:46, The King Silences the Opposition. This study focuses on the conflict between Jesus and the religious leaders as Jesus poses questions and tells parables. It also addresses the dangers of rejecting Jesus' invitations. You are welcome to join us on Wednesday from 1:00 - 2:30 in the Youth Room.

St. Mark's Scoop

May 10 - 17, 2026

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| Sun, May 10 | Happy Mother's Day! 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 9:15 - 10:15 Quilt Sale 10:30 Worship |
| Mon, May 11 | 8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers |
| Tues, May 12 | 6:30 MIA Bible study 8:00 Trustees 9:00 Sewing 5:00 PEW Sisters |
| Wed, May 13 | (Jean Vacation) 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship |
| Thurs, May 14 | 9:00 Gensis II Bible study 5:30 New Members class |
| Fri, May 15 | _____ |
| | Pastor & Blaine's Family Day |
| Sat, May 16 | 9:00 Family Fun Day |
| Sun, May 17 | New Member Sunday 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship 12:00 New Member Brunch |

Listening Assistance Devices



St. Mark's is exploring the addition of listening assistance devices for use during worship services. We would appreciate knowing if you, or someone you know, would benefit from this resource. Please contact the church office to let us know if this is something you would utilize.

Genesis II Bible Study ~ runs thru May 26th

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

The Gathering-Children's Imaginarium

Join us on **May 19th** for a hands-on tour of the Children's Imaginarium in downtown Wausau. The Children's Imaginarium is a place for children to learn, parents to engage and families to connect. A place for everyone. We will meet at church at 12:30 pm and carpool over to the children's museum. Our tour will begin at 1 pm. There will be an opportunity to make a free will donation to help support the Imaginarium.

Following our tour, we will head to Washington Square for refreshments and fellowship.

PEW Sisters: New Dates for May

Join us as we begin a study of Esther. Due to scheduling conflicts, our meetings this month will be held on **Tuesday, May 12 & 26 from 5:00–6:00 p.m.**

We will resume our regular Thursday schedule on June 4 and June 18.

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