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August 2, 2026 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" (LSB 849)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

- P Holy Father, You are the God who feeds us, yet we forget to give thanks. Instead, we take pride in our work and we lie to ourselves that we are the ones who have done it all.
- C Lord, have mercy on us.**
- P Good Shepherd, you are the God who meets all of our needs, yet we cling to our earthly possessions and do not rely on You to guide us every day.
- C Lord, have mercy on us. Gracious God, teach us to give thanks and be content in all our circumstances in life. We repent of all of our sins. Change our hearts to focus only on You, the Bread of life.**
- P We are invited to feast on His body and His blood shed for the forgiveness of all of our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen. Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 55:1-5

"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 9:1-13

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and

to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 14:13-21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE’S CREED

SERMON HYMN: “Where is Bread?”

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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. Those of you who will not be communing are welcome to come up and receive a blessing by crossing your arms.

(The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. [Gluten free wafers are available upon request.](#))

COMMUNION HYMNS

Solo: "I Am the Bread of Life"

"The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want" (LSB 710)

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer" (LSB 918 vs 1)

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, Cindy Barton, Marie Borchardt, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Carol Leopold, Emily Ramthun, Jamesetta, daughter of Pastor Kolliie, who is in need of a transplant, daughter-in-law of Ruby Phillips who had a stroke, Grace Kobs, Donna Schroeder, who is in hospice, Bob Moritz, who is struggling with pain, Jamie Krautkramer, niece of Jim & Paulene Sala.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne, Jean Majewski, niece of Sandy Cotey, son of Ruby Phillips who is battling cancer.

Military Service - SSGT Jacob Lang, deployed with the U.S. Marine Corp., PFC Ty Crisman who is based in Poland.

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!

~The next New Member classes will be Oct. 1, 8, 15 ~

Please contact the office to sign up.

The Gathering- Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art

On **Tuesday, August 25th**, we are heading over to the Wausau Museum of Contemporary Art, located in the historic Wausau Club at 309 McClellan Street in downtown Wausau. We will take a docent tour of the gallery and building. Admission to the museum is free. **We will meet at the museum at 12:30 pm.**

Following the museum, we will have time for fellowship in downtown Wausau.

Please make plans to join us.

We Are Hiring!



St. Mark's Lutheran School is hiring a **Lead Teacher** for our **5-day morning class**. 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.

August 2 - 9, 2026

Sun, August 2	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 10:30 Worship ~ Pastor Eric on vacation until 8/3 ~
Mon, August 3	8:00 OGT
Tues, August 4	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, August 5	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship
Thurs, August 6	5:00 PEW Sisters
Fri, August 7	Office Closed at Noon Pastors & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, August 8	-----
Sun, August 9	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible study 10:30 Worship ~ Confirmation Camp leaves ~

Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Check out Mission Corner—a dedicated space in our narthex highlighting the outreach efforts and opportunities that connect our church family with our broader community and the world.



Veterans Free Coffee & Conversation at the **Merrill Eagles Club, 1205 Lake Street**. Drop in for a cup. This is an every Thursday, 10:00-11:30 am, get together for veterans to relax and chat with other vets. No rules, come and go as you please.

Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill- "Living River" Concert in the Park

Saturday, August 8th at 6:00 PM at Normal Park, 500 N. Center Ave in Merrill. Bring your lawn chairs and refreshments. **Living River's** mission is to share the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, with their music, and to proclaim His gift of salvation and eternal life. Volunteers from Aspirus Merrill Hospital will be selling hamburgers, brats, chips and soda.



We are ready to kick off our third year of **“Meet Me at the Well Mondays!”** We are looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting on Monday, September 21st. We will meet from 7:00-8:30pm at St. Mark’s.

Thank you to all of the women that attended last year’s events! Women of all ages are welcome to attend. It is fun to meet new people and share with each other our walks with Jesus. The Bible study is not sequential, so if you can’t make it one month, you will still be right on track to continue your learning from this series. Feel free to bring a friend!

“Meet Me at the Well Mondays” are an opportunity for the women of St. Mark’s to grow closer to God, fellowship with one another, and participate in community service events. If you have any questions, please call Kristen at 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there!

Future “Meet Me at the Well Monday” Dates: Monday, October 19, 2026, and Monday, November 16, 2026

Changes in the Works

We are transitioning to electronic distribution of *The Markings* by 2027. We understand that some members prefer to receive a printed copy, and we are happy to accommodate those requests. If you would like to continue receiving a paper copy, please email Jean at jdrake@stmarkslcms.org.

**If you have already contacted the office regarding your preference, you do not need to call again **

Offering Options

In addition to our offering envelopes, there is also an option to submit your offering electronically through ACH. If you would like to enroll in ACH giving or have questions, please contact Kurt Haebig at **715-848-5511, ext. 4.**

2026 St. Mark’s Softball Schedule

Date	Home/ Visitor	Time	Field	W/L
5/17/2026	H Christ Community Church	7:30PM	3	Won 10-1
5/31/2026	H Cheeks Bar and Grill	6:30PM	3	Won 6-3
6/7/2026	H The Garage II	7:30PM	2	Lost 4-7
6/7/2026	V Falcon Valley Farm	8:30PM	2	Lost 7-19
6/14/2026	H L&S Electric	6:30PM	2	Lost 12-17
6/21/2026	H Family Insurance Center	7:30PM	3	Lost 0-15
6/28/2026	V S.O.S.	5:30PM	3	Won 12-5
7/12/2026	V The Garage	7:30PM	3	Lost 5-17
7/19/2026	V Melonheads	5:30PM	3	Won 11-9
7/26/2026	V Immanuel Baptist Church 2	7:30PM	2	Won 15-6
8/2/2026	~ Tournament Week ~		7:30PM	3

AUGUST 23RD at 10:30 am~ OUTDOOR WORSHIP SIGN UP

Please remember to sign up for the outdoor service by August 17th.

Sign up sheet is located on the credenza in the Narthex.

We are looking for a headcount for the free-will offering lunch.



YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY

Men & Women | Ages: 18 - mid 30's



Series Topic: Hot Topics for Young Adults

- Identity in Christ
- Purpose
- Communication
- Relationships
- Social Media
- Money
- Spiritual Habits
- and more!

What the Bible says & how to develop practical skills as we navigate this season of life.
Childcare will be provided.

Join the GroupMe for more information.
Join at any point, 1st Thursday of the month
5:30-6:30pm!



Co-coordinators:

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Son-Shine Bible Study

Our group study will resume this week with Praying the Names of God on August 5th. This month's weekly studies will include: 'God Most High', 'The Lord is My Shepherd', and 'Light of the World'. We meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.

During the month of July, many have taken the daily scripture reading challenge and have found it to be very eye-opening as we have read some scriptures for the first time. Even if you have missed a few days or are having trouble getting started, we're encouraging one another to continue to read daily throughout the year. Chronological Bible reading plans are on the credenza. Pick one up and you can begin anytime.

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