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August 23, 2026
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING MEDLEY: “To God be the Glory” (vs 1,3)
“The Church’s One Foundation” (LSB 644 vs 1,4)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 51:1-6

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD: look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, that I might bless him and multiply him. For the LORD comforts Zion; he comforts all her waste places and makes her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples. My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 11:33-12:8

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as

in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 16th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ!**

CREED: Meaning of the First Article

I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.
This is most certainly true.

SERMON HYMN: “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” (LSB 575)

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VERSES

“Onward, Christian Soldiers” (LSB 662 vs 1 & 3)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Anita Tritten Waldon for God’s blessings.

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 Kollie, 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 base in Poland.
Safe travel for those college students who are moving back to school.

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.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our group study continues this week with Praying the Names of God, with an in-depth study of 'The Good Shepherd' with Pastor Joe. Topics of study and discussion will include one of the most tender images of Jesus when He refers to Himself as the Good Shepherd in the New Testament.

We are also looking forward to Pastor Joe joining us on August 26th. We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.



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

August 23 - 30, 2026

Sun, August 23	8:00 Worship 10:30 Outdoor Worship at Riverside Park
Mon, August 24	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tues, August 25	6:30 MIA Bible study 12:30 The Gathering – meeting at the Wausau Contemporary Art Museum (309 McClellan Street)
Wed, August 26	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 7:00 Worship Volunteer training
Thurs, August 27	-----
Fri, August 28	Office Closed at Noon Pastors & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, August 29	-----
Sun, August 30	8:00 Worship 9:15 Groundbreaking ceremony (meet in Sanctuary) 10:30 Worship 12:00 Mission Review meeting

Groundbreaking Ceremony – August 30th

Please meet in the sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. on August 30 as we celebrate the groundbreaking of our upcoming construction project. Further instructions will be given at that time. **No RSVP is needed—just show up!**



Blessing of the Backpacks

St. Mark's Youth - Please bring your backpacks to worship on Rally Day (September 13th) to be blessed in preparation for the upcoming school year. You'll also receive a special gift! The blessing will be done during the children's message at both services.

Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

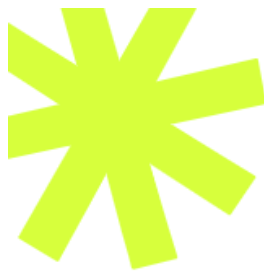
Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

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.

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 **



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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Worship Volunteer Training – August 26th at 7:00pm

We are looking for greeters, ushers, readers (Lectors), communion assistants and Altar Guild members. No experience is necessary—we're happy to provide guidance and training. Whether you can serve once a month or more often, your time and gifts are a blessing to our church family.

If you feel called to serve in any of these ministries, please come to a short informal meeting on **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26 at 7:00pm** in the Fellowship Hall. **CHILDCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE IF NEEDED.** If you want to learn more but cannot make this meeting, contact Dan Page, at 715-921-0404.

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