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August 30, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: "Shout to the Lord"

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(8:00) "Simple Gifts" ~ flute, Elizabeth Pulham

OLD TESTAMENT: Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." To the contrary,

“if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

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

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

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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SERMON SONG: “Come Thou Fount”

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.)***

SPECIAL MUSIC SELECTIONS

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Blessed Be”

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Roger and Donna Block for God's blessings.

MUSICIANS

Tonya Karow, Bailey Welch, Blaine Welch

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 Kolli, 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, Jean Larson, aunt to Gwen Loiz, who has medical issues.

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.

Grieving: family of Terri Kankelfitz on the death of her sister, Charlotte, and family of Kenny Artus, brother of Mary Schultz.

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- Card Making

Please join us on **Tuesday, September 22nd at 12:30 pm** in the fellowship hall for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Kathy Sparks will demonstrate several paper crafting techniques; including embossing, die cutting, stamping and layering decorative paper. You will have the opportunity to make a Christmas card, getting a head start on your Christmas cards. A free will offering will be available to offset the cost of the project.

In addition to card making, we will have time for conversation and cards. Please bring a snack to share. All are welcome!

Son-Shine Bible Study

Thank-you Pastor Joe for leading us and sharing additional insights into Jesus as our Good Shepherd in last week's study. Our group continues this week with Praying the Names of God, 'Prince of Peace'. Our focus and discussion will include various concepts of peace and the deeper meaning of Sar Shalom based on Isaiah 9:6 and Hebrews 13:20-21.

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 30 – September 6, 2026

- Sun, August 30** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Groundbreaking ceremony (meet in Sanctuary)
10:30 Worship
12:00 Mission Review meeting
- Mon, August 31** 8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
- Tues, September 1** 6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Quilting
6:30 Preschool Parent Orientation
- Wed, September 2** 9:00 1st day of Preschool
1:00 Son Shine Bible study
6:00 Worship
- Thurs, September 3** 9:00 1st day of Preschool
5:00 PEW Sisters
- Fri, September 4** Office Closed
Pastors’ & Blaine’s Family Day
- Sat, September 5** -----
- Sun, September 6** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study
10:30 Worship

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 **

North Wisconsin District Adult Gathering

Make plans now to attend one of the NWD Adult Gatherings in 2026! The first will take place on Monday, October 12 at Peace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire and the second will be Tuesday, October 13 at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston. Registration & morning refreshments begin at 9:30 a.m. with the program from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Devotions will be led by District President, Rev. Timothy Shoup. Keynote speaker, Rev. Dr. Brian Gauthier, who serves as managing director – global mission operations of the LCMS Office of International Mission. Rev. Gauthier will share a message on “Unpacking Lutheran Mission” providing insight and understanding of the LCMS missions, the impact around the world, and how your congregation can make an impact. The \$35 registration fee includes morning refreshments, program, and a catered lunch. **Registration deadline is September 25.** Registration forms are available in the narthex and on the NWD homepage at nwdlcms.org under ‘Events and Info’.



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:



GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Germán Novelli

Director, LHM Hispanic Ministries

Also featuring:

- Rev. Timothy Shoup (North Wisconsin LCMS District President)
- Rev. Nathan Meador (South Wisconsin LCMS District President)
- No & So Wisc LWML District Updates
- Bridge Street Mission Presentation
- Orphan Grain Train Presentation and Ingathering/Packing School Supplies

Items Needed: Backpacks/Drawstring Bags/Totes; Spiral Notebooks; Pencils; Pens; Construction Paper; Crayons (24 count); Ruler; Glue Sticks; Scissors; Rectangular Eraser; Colored Pencils (12 count); Pencil Sharpener; Pocket Folders

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

Rib Mountain Lutheran Church

227150 Harrier Ave • Wausau, WI 54401

7:30 a.m.

Doors Open

8:30 a.m.

Opening Worship Service

(Convention immediately follows)

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:



Register today by visiting lhm.org/no-sowisc-III or scan the QR code with your mobile device.

Please register by Monday, October 5 for seat and meal count.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS



SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

Hot Topics: Relationships Part 1 of 2

📍 St. Mark's

🕒 5:30pm-6:30pm



HAGAR HOUSE COLOR RUN

Volunteering

- See the GroupMe for more info

📍 Doepke Park

🕒 ~8:15am-12pm



S'MORE JESUS

Faith, Fire, and Fellowship

📍 Nine Mile County Park

🕒 5:30-9pm

Join the GroupMe for details on each event, updates, to connect with others, and to RSVP to any event!



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