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September 13, 2026
Rally Day



“God, who needs nothing, loves into existence wholly superfluous creatures in order that He may love and perfect them.” ~ C.S. Lewis

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: “Holy, Holy, Holy

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACK AND BIBLE PRESENTATION

VIDEO: “Created”

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 1:1-31

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Psalm 19:1-6

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 1:1-3, 14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 1st chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CREED: Meaning of the First Article

SERMON SONG: “King Of Kings”

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 SONGS

“What A Beautiful Name”

“Goodness Of God”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “God Of Wonders”

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet was given by Dave & Anne Raduechel, in memory of their daughter Samantha.

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, 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 Leo Sann, Jr. brother of Mel Sann, who passed away, family of Kaye Schwalenberg, wife of Rev. Mark Schwalenberg, Trinity Lutheran, Athens, WI who passed away from ALS.

Celebrations: 60th wedding anniversary for Mel and Audrey Sann and the 45th wedding anniversary of Tom and Linda Jagodinski

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 ~ 5:30pm -8:00pm
~ 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

Our group continues this week with Praying the Names of God, with a study of 'I Am'. Our focus and discussion will include the good shepherd, light of the world, the true vine, as well as others reflected in John's Gospel of Jesus referring to himself as "I am". We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to join us.

St. Mark's Women's Ministry Event



Women of St. Mark's you are invited to join our first Meet Me at the Well event at St. Mark's taking place on **Monday, September 21, from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM** starting in the Narthex. Our Bible Study this year will feature Lisa Harper's "Lyrics of Life" focusing on the Psalms for comfort, small group fellowship, prayer, and community service work for the "Emmett Strong" project.

These Monday events 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 @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there.

Future Dates:

Monday, October 19th and November 16th and Saturday all day event: March 13, 2027

September 13 - 20, 2026

Sun, Sept 13	RALLY DAY 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs / parent orientation 10:30 Worship 11:30 Bucket Challenge
Mon, Sept 14	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 7:00 Band of Brothers
Tues, Sept 15	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Sept 16	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Sept 17	9:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 PEW Sisters
Fri, Sept 18	Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day
Sat, Sept 19	-----
Sun, Sept 20	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship

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.

Come Sing With Us!

Do you love to sing? We invite you to join the Celebration Choir!

No audition is required—just bring your voice, your enthusiasm, and a heart ready to worship. Whether you've sung in a choir for years or are trying it for the first time, there is a place for you.

Rehearsal: Thursday, Sept. 24 ~ 6:00-6:30pm in the sanctuary

Come be part of a welcoming group that shares the joy of music, fellowship, and worship. **We'd love to have you sing with us.** Contact Dan Page at 715-921-0404.

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 **

SERMON SERIES – “Personal Space”

~ September 13 – November 1 ~



God our Father, His Son, and the Holy Spirit that proceeds from them both are at their core an absolutely personal God. Our God who creates space, and literally occupies all of it all the time, can also be found occupying the space of an Ark, a Tabernacle, and even a baby. Our God is everywhere at once but yet can be born of a virgin. This *Personal Space* sermon series is meant to show the immensity of God existing beyond space and time, while also showing how God personally comes to us in

occupied space and time. This sermon series will walk us through Genesis to Revelation, culminating on All Saints Day/Reformation Day falling on Sunday, 11/1/2026. We all have an idea of personal space in our own lives, but with God, there is no personal space. God personally gave all He could for us so that we could desire Him as an up close and personal Lord in our lives. We hope you enjoy this series!

Thursday Morning Bible Study – Come join Pastor Gary and Dan Mansk while they study the Gospel of Mark. **The study will run from September 17 – November 5 from 9:00-10:00am in the Fellowship Hall.** If you are thinking of joining, please let the office know so that we have enough materials ready. Walk-in's always welcome!



High School Youth Fundraiser

for youth events and well drilling in Ghana.

September 13 at 11:30am

All St. Mark's members are encouraged to sponsor some laps and come out to watch!

Sponsor forms will be in the narthex beginning August 23.



EMMETT STRONG SUNSHINE FOUNDATION
CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS

3rd Annual
BLOOD DRIVE

GO GOLD. GIVE BLOOD. SHINE HOPE.

SEPTEMBER 26TH
8 AM – 2 PM

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE
WAUSAU AREA

SIGN UP & MORE



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

THUR
9/3

SEPTEMBER BIBLE STUDY

Hot Topics: Relationships Part 1 of 2

📍 St. Mark's

🕒 5:30pm-6:30pm

SAT
9/19

HAGAR HOUSE COLOR RUN

Volunteering

- See the GroupMe for more info

📍 Doepke Park

🕒 ~8:15am-12pm

FRI
9/25

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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