

September 27, 2026



While the Old Testament Tabernacle was a physical tent where God pitched His dwelling among the Israelites, Lewis shifts the focus of God's dwelling place to human lives and souls.

“Imagine yourself as a living house. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

~ C.S. Lewis (Mere Christianity) ~

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: “House Of The Lord”

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 40:34-38

Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:1-14

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, [10] but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 27:45-54

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 27th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" And some of the bystanders, hearing it, said, "This man is calling Elijah." And one of them at once ran and took a sponge, filled it with sour wine, and put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many. When the centurion and those who were with him, keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were filled with awe and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON SONG: *"Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)"*

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

"Holy Spirit"

"O Come To The Altar"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Open The Eyes Of My Heart"

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet was given by Jamie Tackes for the Lord'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, 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, Ken Burton, father of Kiersten Fricke.

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

Grieving: family of Brian Schmidt, father of Alyssa Tackes.

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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. ~**



Afterwards, come and enjoy a delicious (free-will) chicken & ham dinner in the Fellowship Hall. If you want to help decorate tables, serve or cleanup. Get in touch with Dan Page at 715-921-0404.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Our group continues this week with Praying the Names of God, by studying 'Christ, Messiah', through various verses of Acts 2. Like Messiah, Christ means the 'anointed one', someone set apart for a special mission. When we pray to Christ, we are praying to the Messiah, the Anointed One, whose mission involves calling the world back to God through the power of His love. We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

The Gathering- Bread Making Demonstration

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 27th**, as we will welcome an affiliate of the Grebe Cooking School to St. Mark's to demonstrate **different types of bread making**. We are asking for a free will offering to offset the cost of the supplies and to compensate the presenter. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall at 12:30 for this informative and tasty presentation. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Schroeder 715-432-3893. Hope to see you there!

All Saints Day ~ November 1, 2026

In honor of All Saints Day on November 1st, we will be hanging stars once again to remember the loved ones who have left us. They can be for anyone you wish and as many as you want. The basket with blank stars will be on the credenza in the Narthex on September 27th. Please fill out, instructions provided on basket and return to the basket marked "Completed Stars."

All stars must be returned by October 27th to give us time to hang them up. If you have any questions, please reach out to Kim Christensen (715-574-6759) or the office.

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 **



PRESCHOOL PRAYER WARRIOR: Will YOU be a “Preschool Prayer Warrior” this year? It’s easy! All you need to do is pray for one of our precious preschoolers throughout the school year. Yes, that’s it! Whether it’s a 30-second prayer or a few quiet minutes, your prayers will make a difference! These early years are crucial for building faith, their true identity as a child of God, and a sense of love and security. Names can be found on the table in the gathering area. Feel free to take a name and lift up that precious preschool child to our Lord throughout the year. Together, we can raise a generation rooted in love and faith – one prayer at a time.



FAMILY FALL FEST: St. Mark’s Lutheran Preschool is sponsoring a Family Fall Fest on Saturday, October 24th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. This event is geared for families with children ages 3-10 to come and enjoy fall-themed games, activities, and crafts. We are looking for volunteers who would like to help at the activity stations. To volunteer or to RSVP your family, please contact Cathy Page at 715-848-5511 or cpage@stmarkslcms.org.



The Women of Zion invite you to a **Fall Bazaar on Saturday, October 24, 2026!** The sale will be held from **9:00 AM to Noon**, in the **Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall**. Come enjoy the tastes of fall with a wonderful selection of homemade baked goods and canned goods. Similar to our popular Christmas Cookie Sale, the Fall Bazaar will offer an assortment of fall favorites. Just to name a few, you may find pies, breads, cookies, candies, jams and jellies, dilly beans, pickled beets, and more, along with handcrafted holiday and seasonal items. Come and see what special treats and treasures are waiting for you!

Young Adults Upcoming Events

Oct 1 / 5:30pm-6:30pm ~ BIBLE STUDY - Hot Topics: Relationships Part 2 of 2 at St. Mark’s.

Oct 16 / 5:30pm ~ PUMPKINS & PARABLES - Painting/Carving Pumpkins & Light Cookout at St. Mark’s. Cost is \$5

****See the GroupMe for important details****

Nov 1 / 6:00pm ~ ST. MARK’S TRIVIA NIGHT - Hosted by Blaine for the whole congregation. **See the GroupMe for details*

Nov 5 / 5:30pm-6:30pm ~ BIBLE STUDY - Hot Topics: Communication at St. Mark’s.

***Nov 13 / 5:30pm ~ THANKSGIVING POTLUCK at St. Mark’s -**

****See the GroupMe for important details****

**Not our typical day*

Facebook: St. Mark’s Young Adult Ministry

Instagram: @SM.Youngadults

GroupMe



September 27 – October 4, 2026

Sun, Sept 27	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Sept 28	8:00 OGT ~ Pastor Eric & Joe gone to Fall Pastor Conference until Sept. 30 ~
Tues, Sept 29	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Sept 30	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation ~ Pastor Eric & Joe back in afternoon ~
Thurs, Oct 1	9:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 PEW Sisters 5:45 New Member Class 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Oct 2	Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day 5:00 Cihlar / Fredricson wedding rehearsal / dinner
Sat, Oct 3	Cihlar / Fredricson wedding
Sun, Oct 4	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship

SERVE ON ST. MARK'S BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

St. Mark's is seeking two members to serve on the Board of Governance. This is an opportunity to prayerfully contribute your time, gifts, and perspective to help guide the ministry and future of our church. If you have a heart for serving, leadership, and supporting the mission of our congregation, we invite you to consider this opportunity. We are seeking to fill the positions of Vice President and Member At Large. Both positions are coming available beginning in 2027. To serve, one must be a current voting member and have been on the membership roster for at least two years. Candidates' names will be collected from now until October 11. Interested or have questions? Please speak with Leon Woller (President) - (715) 573-5384 or Blaine Welch - (715) 848-5511.

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