

October 11, 2026



RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING HYMN: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (LSB 425)

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Beloved in Christ, as we here again the story of our Lord's suffering and death, let us confess the sin that separate us from God and from one another

VERSE: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435 vs 1)

C Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned and turned away from Your will and sought our own way. We resist the cross seeking comfort without sacrifice, forgiveness without repentance and faith without obedience. Yet Your Son, Jesus, bore our sin upon the cross. He was despised, wounded and crucified for us. Have mercy upon us. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

VERSE: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435 vs 2)

P Almighty God, have mercy on us. Through Jesus Christ crucified and risen. We are reconciled to God and called to live in His grace only He can give. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

KYRIE

VERSE: "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" (LSB 435 vs 4)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

"Where Charity and Love Prevail"
~ Celebration Choir, flute – Alyssa Bender ~

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 53:4-12

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL: Mark 15:21-39

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 15th chapter.

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

And they compelled a passerby, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to carry his cross. And they brought him to the place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he did not take it. And they crucified him and divided his garments among them, casting lots for them, to decide what each should take. And it was the third hour when they crucified him. And the inscription of the charge against him read, “The King of the Jews.” And with him they crucified two robbers, one on his right and one on his left. And those who passed by derided him, wagging their heads and saying, “Aha! You who would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!” So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him to one another, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, come down now from the cross that we may see and believe.” Those who were crucified with him also reviled him.

And when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?” which means, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” And some of the bystanders hearing it said, “Behold, he is calling Elijah.” And someone ran and filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a reed and gave it to him to drink, saying, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.” And Jesus uttered a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

CATECHESIS

SERMON HYMN: “The Old Rugged Cross”

SERMON

“Lord, Here Am I” ~ Celebration Choir

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.](#))

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” (LSB 461 vs 1 & 8)

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet was given by Ken & Sue Berndt for their 46th wedding anniversary.

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!

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, Irene Lamont who is recovering from a fall, Helen Prochnow for hip replacement recovery, Sharon Shackleton, Helen Prochnow's sister, for health improvement, Kevin Prochnow, recovery for stomach surgery, Melissa Shewmake who is recovery from ankle surgery, Mike Kraft, brother of Kevin Kraft, recovery from a bike accident.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Bartelt, 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, Linda Jablonski, Dave Ramthun, Maxine Frahm, sister of Rose Graf.

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

Congratulations to John & McKenna Wilkerson on the birth of the daughter, Clara Renee.

Son-Shine Bible Study

We are continuing our new study, Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma. Join us as we discuss Session 2 – My Cup: Poured Out (In the Daily Grind), which focuses on how draining life can be. Scripture, however, reminds us to “Seek the Lord and His strength: seek His presence continually” (1 Chronicles 16:11). Study Guides are available in class. We meet on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring another favorite cup if you'd like!

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.



The Gathering- Bread Making Demonstration

On Tuesday, October 27th at 12:30, gather with us for an afternoon of learning, and good food in the Fellowship Hall. We're pleased to welcome **Erin Hoogendyk from Grebe's Cooking Center** for a special Bread Making demonstration. Erin will share recipes and techniques for **overnight focaccia, whole wheat bread, cinnamon raisin bread, and the easiest Artisan bread**. We'll have opportunities to taste each of the breads, along with **delicious dipping sauces and jams** from Grebe's. Whether you love to bake or simply enjoy good bread and good company, **all are welcome!** Bring a friend and join us around the table as we learn, share, and enjoy one another's company. A free will offering will be collected to help offset the cost of the event. If you have questions, please contact Lynn Schroeder 715-432-3893. Hope to see you there!



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@stmarklcms.org.

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.



PUMPKINS + PARABLES

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 CARVE OR PAINT A PUMPKIN
 LIGHT COOKOUT PROVIDED

SEE GROUPME EVENT FOR IMPORTANT DETAILS • CHILDCARE PROVIDED

Young Adults Upcoming Events

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



PLEDGING for 2027

To plan next year's budget, we will once again use pledge cards to help with this effort. Attached is a form you can simply fill out, put in an envelope labeled "CONFIDENTIAL," and return to Kurt Haebig in the Financial Office. We would like these collected by **October 19, 2026**, to process the numbers in time for the Voter's Meeting on **November 8th**. We will also have the pledge cards available on the credenza in the Narthex.

----- (Clip below and return to Kurt Haebig in an envelope) -----

GIVE BACK TO THE LORD WHO HAS PROVIDED YOU WITH EVERYTHING

After prayerfully considering the question "what amount of my yearly income will I dedicate to the Lord," I have decided: My offering for the work of the Lord at St. Mark's for 2027 will be:

General Operation \$ _____

Other \$ _____

Built In Love \$ _____

\$ _____ per week

\$ _____ per month

\$ _____ yearly

This represents an increase over last year ☐

Please return by **October 19th**

Name: _____

October 11 - 18, 2026

Sun, Oct 11

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Polka Worship
11:45 Polka potluck luncheon

Mon, Oct 12

8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
6:00 Dartball
7:00 Band of Brothers
~ Preschool to the Pumpkin Patch ~

Tues, Oct 13

6:30 MIA Bible study
9:00 Quilting
~ Preschool to the Pumpkin Patch ~

Wed, Oct 14

1:00 Son Shine Bible study
6:00 Worship
6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation

Thurs, Oct 15

9:00 Adult Bible Study
5:00 PEW Sisters
5:45 New Member Class

Fri, Oct 16

5:30 Young Adult Event
Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day

Sat, Oct 17

Sun, Oct 18

8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Worship



St. Mark's Women's "Meet Me at the Well" Upcoming Events:

Meet Me at the Well Monday



****For our October event, please bring along canned food items for donating to the Neighbor's Place.**

Women of St. Mark's, you are invited to join our second **Meet Me at the Well** event at St. Mark's on **Monday, October 19th**, from **7:00pm to 8:30 pm**. Thank you to those of you who joined us at our first meeting in September.

We will have our second bible study lesson with Lisa Harper's "Lyrics of Life" focusing on the book of Psalms. It is not necessary to have attended the first session to be a part of this study. We will also have an activity to get to know each other, a chance for prayer requests, and a canned food collection for The Neighbor's Place.

Just like the woman at the well encountered Jesus and found new life, *Meet Me at the Well* is an invitation for women to come together, learn more about Jesus, help our community and find strength in one another. If you have any questions, please call Kristen @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome to come along.

Future dates: Monday, November 16th 7:00-8:30
and Saturday, March 13th, 2027 - All day Woman's event

"Meet Me At the Well Saturday" Event Planning Committee

It is time to start planning our 4th annual all day woman's event being held at St. Mark's on **Saturday, March 13th, 2027**. It takes a great amount of energy, creativity, and effort to have close to 100 women spend the day together growing closer to Jesus and learning more about living our lives in His image.

We have a great committee that started a lot of planning already for this year but are always looking for new people and new ideas to continue to grow this event.

We will meet on **Monday, November 2nd at 6:30-7:15** in the youth room. **Future meeting dates include Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st, and March 1st (same time and place)**

For information on ALL *St Mark's* ministry opportunities, visit

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog



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