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RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *“The Lion And The Lamb”*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(10:30) SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Daniel 7:13-14

“I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 14:8-14

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

NICENE CREED

SERMON SONG: “Forever Reign”

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

“Lord I Need You”

“Trust In God”

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Battle Belongs”

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet was given by Jae and Gwen Loiz in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary on October 18 and in loving memory of Wally Gwidt, who passed away on October 19.

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, Ruth Tritten.

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, 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.

Celebration: Jae and Gwen Loiz & Roger and Donna Block celebrating 40 years of marriage.

Grieving: family of Leonard Holz, Jr. father of Deb Block.

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 on the credenza in the Narthex has blank stars. 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 - 2027

Please join us on **Tuesday, November 10, 2026**, for a brainstorming session, as we plan our activities for 2027. We will meet at 12:30 pm in the conference room. Bring ideas!

Mark your calendar! The Gathering Christmas Celebration will be on December 8th in the fellowship hall at 12:30 pm. Watch the bulletin for more information.



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!

Son-Shine Bible Study

We are continuing our new study, Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply by Deb Burma. Join us as we discuss Session 3 – My Cup: Dumped Out (Spilling the Beans), which focuses on spilling out the stuff that fills our cup but shouldn't. Scripture reminds us "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:19). 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!

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!

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 GIVEN YOU 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: _____

WORSHIP NOTES

As we gather for worship, we are reminded that the church is more than a building – it is a community of believers growing together in faith. Each worship service gives us an opportunity to praise God, hear His Word, pray together, and encourage one another. **“Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.” — Psalm 95:6.**

- **October 25:** NEW MEMBER SUNDAY! ~ Come and make them feel a part of our family.
- **November 1:** Celebrating the Reformation and All Saint’s Day! A powerful worship experience featuring brass, strings, choir and the Praise Band ~ remembering the Lutheran Church’s great heritage and our members who have passed away in the last year.
- **November 8:** Patriotic Service honoring Veterans past and present. Invite a friend ~ special musical selections and brass band ~ wear your red, white and blue!

St. Mark’s Scoop

October 18 - 25, 2026

Sun, Oct 18	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship (Sunday School Sings)
Mon, Oct 19	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists 5:30 Governance Team meeting 7:00 Meet Me At the Well
Tues, Oct 20	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting
Wed, Oct 21	1:00 Son Shine Bible study 6:00 Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Oct 22	9:00 Adult Bible Study 5:00 Elder Meeting 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, Oct 23	Pastors’ & Blaine’s Family Day
Sat, Oct 24	9:00 – 12:00 Preschool Family Fest
Sun, Oct 25	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship

Hope Life Center Operation Baby Bottle Fundraiser

Once again will be having the baby bottles out in the narthex to collect money for Hope Life Center. We are asking for them to be **returned by October 29th**. You can also donate through the QR code.



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 cpage@stmarklcms.org or 715-848-5511.

Young Adults Upcoming Events



***November 1 at 6:00pm**

~ ST. MARK’S TRIVIA NIGHT - Hosted by Blaine for the whole congregation.

See the GroupMe for details



November 5 from 5:30pm-6:30pm

~ BIBLE STUDY - Hot Topics: Communication at St. Mark’s.



*** November 13 at 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

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GroupMe

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

stmarkswausau.org

or scan this code for our ministry catalog



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 taking place **TOMORROW, October 19th**, from **7:00 PM 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 from 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 January 4th, February 1st, and March 1st (same time and place)

Thanks for your consideration. If you have further questions, please call Kristen at 715-966-4172.



Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 21st – Markings Deadline

October 24th – Preschool Family Fest

October 30th – **Office Closed**

November 7th – Service Saturday

November 12th – Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack

November 18th – Hunter's Service & Fellowship

November 26th – Happy Thanksgiving!

November 27th – **Office Closed**



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