St Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool

Reaching the Lost and Strengthening the Saved.

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November 15, 2026
Sermon Series: Firstfruits

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ~ GREETING

OPENING SONG: *"Alive In You"*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT: Leviticus 23:9-14

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land that I give you and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest to the priest, and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, so that you may be accepted. On the day after the Sabbath the priest shall wave it. And on the day when you wave the sheaf, you shall offer a male lamb a year old without blemish as a burnt offering to the LORD. And the grain offering with it shall be two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with oil, a food offering to the LORD with a pleasing aroma, and the drink offering with it shall be of wine, a fourth of a hin. And you shall eat neither bread nor grain parched or fresh until this same day, until you have brought the offering of your God: it is a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

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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 SONG

"So Will I (100 Billion X)"

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *"Reckless Love"*

DISMISSAL

PRAISE BAND

Julia Hauan, Dave Johnson, Caleb Novitch, Deb Rebman,
Dawn Schoch, Helaina Wills

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, 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, Adam Menebroeker for upcoming surgery, Cindy Komonosky, daughter of Judy Young, who is having surgery.

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, Linda Jablonski, Dave Ramthun, Maxine Frahm, sister of Rose Graf, Tom Woehlert, Chris Hartson, twin sister of Cathy Page.

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

Grieving: family and friends of Joseph Calmes, father of Duane Calmes.

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble!

Consider helping with St. Mark's Thanksgiving Day Meal! We need your help in donating your time. It is a blessing to be able to serve others. We have so much to be thankful for... Let's show His love and grace to others! A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex. A big help would be on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY morning. Any amount of time would be appreciated.

Questions: contact facilitators Dan & Cathy Page at danpage671@yahoo.com or 715-9210404 or



Join us for a festive Thanksgiving Eve Service!

Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00pm

St. Mark's Scoop

November 15 - 24, 2026

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

Mon, Nov 16
8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
5:30 Governance Team
6:00 Dartball
7:00 MMATW

For information on ALL St Mark's ministry opportunities, visit
stmarkswausau.org
or scan this code for our ministry catalog

Tues, Nov 17
6:30 MIA
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses / Shorts

Wed, Nov 18
1:00 Son Shine Bible study
6:00 Hunter's Worship & Fellowship
NO Midweek
6:45 Confirmation

Thurs, Nov 19
5:00 PEW Sisters

Fri, Nov 20
Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day
~ Markings Deadline~

Sat, Nov 21

Sun, Nov 22
8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study
NO Youth Programs / Nursery
10:30 Worship

Mon, Nov 23
8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists

Tues, Nov 24
6:30 MIA

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
November 25-27



From the Sewing Room

We will be getting together once more this fall to sew backpacks, and pillowcase dresses and shorts on Tuesday from 9:00-11:30, in the Fellowship Hall. We have jobs for everyone from cutting to ironing to sewing to putting cord into the casings. You are welcome to join us.



Call Dan Page at 715-921-0404 with questions about Community Thanksgiving dinner.



Call Nan Zastrow at 715.845.4159 with questions about Wings event.



Important Dates to Remember

Nov. 18 – Hunter's Service & Fellowship

Nov. 25-27 – Church office closed

Dec. 1 – Christmas decorating starting at 3:30 pm

Dec. 2, 9, 16 – Advent suppers at 4:30 pm

Dec. 11 – Young Adult Ministry Christmas Party

Dec. 16 & 17 – Preschool Christmas Celebration at 10:45 am

Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Mission of the Month:

Bridge Street Mission is located in Wausau. They center on equipping individuals who struggle with homelessness, addictions, hunger, and sustaining a stable life so they can become healthy contributors to society. **Bridge Street Mission** exists to meet people in crisis and move them toward success through the power of the Gospel. The facility located at 325 N 1st Avenue includes the Community Shelter, the Outreach Center, the Men's and Women's Recovery Center.

OUTREACH CENTER NEEDS: Please place items in the baskets in the Narthex

- Saltine crackers
- Lemonade, Kool Aid, Iced Tea Mix
- Tomato and V8 Juice
- Stocks or Broths (chicken, beef, vegetable)
- Dried Legumes (peas, beans, lentils)
- Canned Beans (black beans, chili beans, kidney beans)
- Any type of canned tomatoes
- Canned Soups (cream of mushroom, cream of chicken, cream of celery, tomato)

Thanksgiving Meal Ticket: Please return this ticket with payment to the offering plate or office.

Thanksgiving Meal Ticket

With caring compassion from: $_____

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To provide meals and Christian encouragement for people in need during this Thanksgiving season. If you receive more than needed for food, please use my gift for shelter, clothing and other care.

Next "Meet Me at the Well Monday"

November 16th@7:00-8:30

Women of St. Mark's you are invited to join our third Meet Me at the Well event at St. Mark's taking place on Monday, November 16th from 7:00-8:30pm. We will have our third bible study lesson with Lisa Harper's "Lyrics of Life" focusing on the book of Psalms. It is not necessary to have attended the other sessions 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 to bring along donations for a toy drive for Marshfield Clinic. Some items that would be helpful for teens include: sports hats, sweatshirts, teen art kits, and games. Some items that would be helpful for babies include rattles, teethers, and board books. Monetary donations are also welcome. All items must be new. Thank you for your consideration in making donations to this community organization. If you have any questions, please call Kristen @ 715-966-4172. We hope to see you there. Friends are always welcome to come along.



Hunters Service & Fellowship

~ Wednesday, November 18 ~ 6:00pm

~ Food & Fellowship following worship ~

~Sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish to pass ~

~ Guest speaker & door prizes! ~

Son-Shine Bible Study

As we complete Deb Burma's study, Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply, we will discuss Session 7– My Overflowing Cup! This study is based on Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope." Just as the Holy Spirit has produced faith in us, so the Spirit continues to fill us. We are truly blessed!

Join us this Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite cup, too! Please note, we will not meet the week of Thanksgiving, and we will begin our Advent study on December 2nd, The Marvel and Miracle of Advent. All are welcome.

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