St Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool

Reaching the Lost and Strengthening the Saved.

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November 29, 2026
Inspired Advent with Micah"
Here Comes God!

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ~ GREETING

(10:30) BAPTISM
Paisley Jade Marie Zernicke
daughter of Marcus Zernicke and Morgan Lee
Morgan Lynn Lee
daughter of Jason Lee & Peggy Hull

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Micah 1:2-4 describes the Lord coming down from His holy temple to judge the earth. God sees all sin. Nothing is hidden from Him.

C Like Israel and Judah, we have sinned against God; We have not loved God above all things. We trust in worldly things rather than God's promises. We cannot excuse our sin or make ourselves righteous before Him. Lord, have mercy on us.

P God's judgement against sin points us to our need for a Savior. We are reconciled to God through His Son. Our hope rests not in our goodness, but in Christ's righteousness. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you. Your sins are forgiven in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN: *"O Lord, How Shall I Meet You" (LSB 334 vs 1, 5, 6)*

OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

Jerusalem—built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD. There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!" For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 13:11-14

Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

"Will We Know Him?" ~ Caleb Novitch, soloist

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

"But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

THEME VERSES: Micah 1:2-3

"Hear, you peoples, all of you; pay attention, O earth, and all that is in it, and let the Lord GOD be a witness against you, the Lord from his holy temple. For behold, the LORD is coming out of his place, and will come down and tread upon the high places of the earth."

ADVENT CATECHESIS

SERMON HYMN: *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (LSB 338)*

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.****)*

ADVENT PREFACE

P Lord Jesus, come to us in Your Holy Supper. Give us Your true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Come, Lord Jesus!

C I come to the Lord's Table not because I am worthy, but because Christ is merciful. I come for His forgiveness and rejoicing that my Savior comes to me.

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

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (LSB 621)
"Jesus Come, the Heavens Adoring" (LSB 353)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers" (LSB 515)*

DISMISSAL

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!

"Helping Hands" Group



Our church has a long-standing tradition of coming together to help those in need, and time and again, our congregation has shown how willing they are to lend a helping hand.

With today's technology, we would like to make it easier to connect those willing to help with the needs as they arise. If you would like to be included in an email and/or text group to receive notifications when help is needed, please contact Jean in the church office.

This will help us communicate more easily, coordinate our efforts, and make sure we can continue caring for one another when the need arises. Thank you for being part of a congregation with such generous and caring hearts!

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, 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, Pastor Gary for recovery from 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, 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.



Mark your calendars! We'll be decorating the church for Christmas on Tuesday, December 1st, at 3:30 pm. After we finish, we'll gather for a light meal of pizza. Your help will make the job much easier and more enjoyable for everyone. We can't wait to celebrate the season together!

Son-Shine Bible Study

As we enter the season of Advent, we will begin a four-session video Bible study:

The Marvel and Miracle of Advent by Christine Caine & Lisa Harper

We'll discover that Advent is not only a season for waiting and preparation, but it's also a season of action to share the hope of Jesus with everyone.

- December 2 – The Longing in the Silence
- December 9 – The Practice of Hopeful Waiting
- December 16 – Emmanuel: God With All of Us
- January 6 – This Is Just the Beginning

We will meet on Wednesday afternoons, 1:00-2:30 in the Sanctuary (note the location change due to the start of Advent suppers in the Fellowship Hall). You are welcome to join us as we **Recapture the Wonder of Jesus Living With Us.** Books will be available.

St. Mark's Scoop

November 29 – December 8, 2026

Sun, Nov 29	**Advent starts** 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship
Mon, Nov 30	8:00 OGT 6:00 Dartball
Tues, Dec 1	6:30 MIA 3:30 Christmas decorating
Wed, Dec 2	3:30 Traditional Worship 4:30 Advent Supper – Sloppy Joes 6:00 Contemporary Worship 6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation
Thurs, Dec 3	9:00 NW District Church Worker Gathering 5:00 PEW Sisters 6:00 Choir rehearsal
Fri, Dec 4	**OFFICE CLOSED** ~ Donna Schroeder funeral ~ 9:00 – Visitation / 11:00 Funeral
Sat, Dec 5	1:00 Wings Grief Presentation
Sun, Dec 6	8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs 10:30 Worship ~ HS Cinnamon Roll Sale ~
Mon, Dec 7	8:00 OGT 11:30 Noon Optimists
Tues, Dec 8	6:30 MIA 8:00 Trustees 12:30 The Gathering

Hagar House 2026 Annual Fundraiser Banquet @ Hilton Garden Inn

151401 County Rd NN Wausau

Thursday, December 3rd

- Theme: Make Room
- Doors open at 5:30 PM / Event begins at 6:30 PM
- Cost: $80 per person
- Tickets available by calling 715-298-9994

If you are attending the banquet and would like to sit at a table with other members from St. Mark's, please provide your name to Pam Fromm @ 715-409-8879.

The Gathering Christmas Celebration

Join us for a festive time of food, fellowship, and Christmas fun on **Tuesday, December 8th at 12:30** in the Fellowship Hall. We'll enjoy a delicious luncheon featuring Cousins Subs, complete with sides and a beverage. A donation of $7.00 is requested to help cover the cost of the meal.

We'll also share the joy of giving by filling Christmas socks to share with the families of our **St. Mark's Community Children's Giving Tree!** Please bring:

- One pair of Christmas socks (child or adult size)
- One bag of treats, such as candy canes, chocolate kisses, or other individually wrapped goodies, small toys, stickers, etc.

Together, we'll **fill the socks with Christmas cheer** for children in our community!

And to add a little more holiday fun, we'll be making **seed pinecone bird feeders** to take home and hang outdoors for the birds to enjoy.

Come ready for good food, great fellowship, and a little Christmas creativity! We look forward to celebrating the season with you. **Everyone is welcome!**



Join the Celebration Choir for Christmas

It's that wonderful time of the year again! Whether you are a seasoned singer or simply love to make a joyful noise, everyone is welcome to join us. **Rehearsals are Thursday, December 3rd, 10th & 17th in the sanctuary from 6:00-6:30pm.** We will sing on Sunday, December 20th at the Christmas Musical Festival. Come share your voice, spirit and joy this Christmas season. For more information, contact Dan Page, Choral Director, at 715-921-0404. (call or text)

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

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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.