St Mark's Lutheran Church and Preschool

Reaching the Lost and Strengthening the Saved.

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November 8, 2026
Patriotic Service



RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME TO WORSHIP ~ GREETING

OPENING SENTENCES

P This is the day the Lord has made.
C We will rejoice and be glad in it.
P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
C O let the nations be glad and sing for joy.

NATIONAL PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C I pledge Allegiance to the flag, of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

SONG: *"The Star - Spangled Banner" - The National Anthem*

CHRISTIAN PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C I pledge Allegiance to the cross of Jesus Christ my Lord, and to the faith for which it stands, one Savior, who is God, Eternal, with grace and mercy for all.

HYMN: *"Holy, Holy, Holy" (LSB 507)*

INVOCATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
~ Julia Hauan ~

HYMN: "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" (LSB 717)

OLD TESTAMENT: Genesis 4:1-10

Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."

Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Hebrews 1:1-4

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 12:41-44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 12th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

APOSTLE'S CREED

SERMON HYMN: *"Take My Life and Let It Be" (LSB 783)*

SERMON

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.****)*

VIDEO

RECOGNITION OF OUR VETERANS

~ MILITARY TAPS ~

THE PREPARATION

P Dear Friends, in his goodness and mercy God has granted us to live in the land of the free and the home of the brave. But dark clouds shadow our land, clouds of crime and violence, clouds of prejudice and hate. It is a time when more and more of our citizens have turned away from God, His Word, and His will. Nevertheless, God is still with us. He speaks to us in His Word and comes to us in the Sacrament. In Christ, He forgives all our sins and strengthens us to lead a Godly life. Having heard His Word, let us now prepare ourselves to receive the Sacrament in which our Lord Jesus Christ gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. Thereby He assures us that He forgives us all our faults and failings and continues to lead.

C Dear Father in heaven, I thank you for permitting me to live in this land with all of its freedoms and opportunities. I have often failed and sinned against you. Have mercy on me. Forgive all my sins. Strengthen me with this Sacrament and bless me. Stay with me and help me. Grant me your unfailing help in all my troubles and keep me close to you forever. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

P As an ordained servant of the Word and by the authority of Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May our gracious heavenly Father hear and grant our prayer. May He grant you His help and care in all the storms of life; and may He richly bless you in this holy Supper which was given to us with these words:

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 HYMNS

"As The Deer"
"Jerusalem the Golden" (LSB 672)
"God Bless Our Native Land" (LSB 965)

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*
(LSB 662 vs 1 & 4)

DISMISSAL

BRASS

Michael Grosnick, Alex Jones, Chad Premeau, Frank Slembarski

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS

8am
Reader – Katelyn Pulham
Ushers/Offering – Elizabeth Pulham, Abby Clawson
Greeters/Offering – Cal Hauan, Hazel Hauan

10:30am
Readers – Connor Kraft, Gabe Welch
Ushers/Offering – Ayden Hickman, Alex Holzem
Greeters/Offering – Lucas Hickman, Eli Welch

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.

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 & friends of Lorraine Wilde & Jack Pettit who recently passed away.

From the Sewing Room

We will be sewing backpacks, and pillowcase dresses and shorts November 10th and 17th 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.

Son-Shine Bible Study

As we continue Deb Burma's study, Sip, Savor, and Drink Deeply, we will discuss Session 6– My Portion and My Cup: Specialty Blend (Opportunities). This study is based on 2 Corinthians 9:8, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work." As Deb states, "God creates in us the perfect marbleized mixture of personality traits, abilities, and talents for the opportunities He has in store to fulfill His purpose in our lives for the benefit of others."

Join us on Wednesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. Bring your favorite cup, too!

St. Mark's Scoop

November 8 - 17, 2026

Sun, Nov 8
PATRIOTIC SERVICE
8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible Study / Youth Programs
10:30 Worship
12:00 Voters' Meeting

Mon, Nov 9
8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
~ Lorraine Wilde funeral ~
9:00 Visitation | 11:00 Service
6:00 Dartball
7:00 Band of Brothers

Tues, Nov 10
6:30 MIA
8:00 Trustees
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses / Shorts
12:30 The Gathering

Wed, Nov 11
1:00 Son Shine Bible study
6:00 Worship
6:45 Midweek / HS Youth / Confirmation

Thurs, Nov 12
4:00 – 6:00 Feed My Starving Children
No Preschool

Fri, Nov 13
Pastors' & Blaine's Family Day
OFFICE CLOSED
5:30 Young Adult Ministry Thanksgiving Potluck
No Preschool

Sat, Nov 14
~ Bob Lamont Funeral ~
10:00 Visitation | 11:00 Service | 12:00 Luncheon

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

Tues, Nov 17
6:30 MIA
9:00 Pillowcase Dresses / Shorts
5:00 Edward Jones in F.H.

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! ~



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

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.

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 715-9210404 or danpage671@yahoo.com.

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.

"I SHOULDA, COULDA, or WOULDA… BUT I DIDN'T"

Gently Caring for the "What Ifs" After Loss

In-person: Tuesday, November 17 ~ 3:30-4:30pm

Virtual: Thursday, November 19 ~ via Zoom 6:00-7:00pm

After someone we love dies, it is natural for our minds to return to moments we wish had been different. Thoughts such as "If only I had…" or "I wish I would have…" can bring sadness, guilt, or regret, even when we were doing the best we could at the time. This gentle, supportive session offers a safe place to understand these common feelings without judgment. Together, we will explore ways to soften self-blame, practice self-compassion, make peace with what cannot be changed, and remember the love, care, and meaningful choices that were present along the way.

3 ways to Register: Online www.wingsgrief.org |

Email: nanwings1@gmail.com | Phone: 715-845-4159

Join us for a festive

Thanksgiving Eve Service!



Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 25 at 6:00pm



VETERAN'S DAY PRESENTATION by St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool Students and Retired Army Master Sergeant, Carrie Milkowski, will take place on Tuesday, November 10 and Wednesday, November 11 at 9:30 a.m. in the church. **ALL VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO ATTEND** one or both days. Please call the church office to RSVP. Photos of Veterans can be submitted for a special slideshow - please include the branch, rank, and years served. Email photos to Carrie at carrie.a.milkowski@gmail.com. Contact Cathy Page with questions.





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