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LIFE.
Deuteronomy 30:19

Saturday Feb.11, 2023 (5:00pm)

Sunday Feb. 12, 2023 (9:00am)

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Our Vision for St. Mark's:

Our church is a vibrant family of Christians committed to growing the love of Christ by welcoming and inspiring ALL people, through worship, fellowship, service and outreach.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Please welcome guest Pastor Sue Gunderson

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Pastor: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN : "O Sing To The Lord" (Red #822)

Please sing verses 1, 2, 4, and 5 from the RED hymnal

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *“With A Song of Joy”*

With a song of joy the buds shall break
With a song of joy the seeds shall wake
May their song of joy be the song
That you sing in your heart
With a song of joy the sea shall roar
With a song of joy the sky shall pour
May their song of joy be the song
That you sing in your heart

Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song in my heart
Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song
Joy will be the song in my heart (REPEAT ALL)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC : *“Worthy is The Lamb”* Choir (Sun)

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

¹⁵{Moses said,} “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:1-8

¹Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD!

²**Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!**

³Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

⁴**You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

⁶**Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

⁸**I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

¹But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ²I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, ³for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? ⁴For when one says, "I follow Paul," and another, "I follow Apollos," are you not being merely human? ⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you believed, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. ⁹For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God"

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness
And all these things shall be added unto you
Alleluia, alleluia**

**Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Alleluia, alleluia**

**Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and you shall find
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you
Alleluia, alleluia**

GOSPEL : Matthew 5:21-37

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

People : Glory to You O God.

²¹{Jesus said,} “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ ²²But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny. ²⁷You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body go into hell. ³¹It was also said, ‘Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.’ ³²But I say to you that everyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of sexual immorality, makes her commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery. ³³Again you have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform to the Lord what you have sworn.’ ³⁴But I say to you, Do not take an oath at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, ³⁵or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. ³⁶And do not take an oath by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. ³⁷Let what you say be simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything more than this comes from evil.”

Pastor : The Gospel of the Lord.

People : Praise to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: “It Is Well With My Soul” (Red #785)

**When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
Thou has taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul**

CHORUS:

**It is well...with my soul
It is well...it is well with my soul**

**And Lord, haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul (CHORUS)**

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY HYMN : *"We Give Thee But Thine Own"*

**We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first fruits give**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor : The Lord be with you.

People : And also with you

Pastor : Lift up your hearts

People : We lift them to the Lord

Pastor : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People : It is right to give Him thanks and praise

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest, Blessed is he who comes
In the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation

COMMUNION HYMN: : *"We Believe"*

We believe in God the Father

We believe in Jesus Christ

We believe in the Holy Spirit

And He's given us new life

We believe in the Crucifixen

We believe that He conquered death

We believe in the Resurrection

And He's coming back again

WE BELIEVE (REPEAT ALL)

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People : **Amen**

Pastor : The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People : **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: *"They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"* (Blue #284)

**We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit
We are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity
May one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

**All praise to the Father
From whom all things come
And all praise to Christ Jesus
His only Son
And all praise to the Spirit
Who makes us one
And they'll know we are Christians
By our love, by our love
Yes they'll know we are Christians
By our love**

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Pastor : Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*******Announcements, Cares, Concerns*******

In Our Prayers This Week

Please continue to keep Judy Sterling, Glenn Niederwerfer, Darlene Carlson, Sue & Dennis Van Den Einde, Pat Dobbs, Sarah Ley, Leo Koebler, Don Parlow, Brenda Moura, Reggie Threat, Kris Curtis, Kathy Lehman, Ron & Elaine Kreklow, Beverly Kraus, in your prayers for healing and comfort.

Welcome!!

Please welcome Pastor Sue's husband, David, who is accompanying the music today with his bass guitar. We are pleased to have them both here this weekend and next as we worship together. David has played his guitar in Praise Bands and many other church services, etc.

Call Committee News!

Dear St. Mark's members,
We are pleased to announce that the call process is coming to a close. The final step for approval of Pastor Raiford is to hold a special congregational meeting. The call committee has set Sunday, February 26th as the date for the meeting. There will be no Saturday service that weekend. The meeting will be held immediately after the Sunday morning service in the sanctuary. The only order of business will be a vote to approve the call for Pastor Raiford. There must be approval of 2/3 of the members present at this meeting.

Because of the importance of this special meeting and your vote, please make arrangements to attend.

NO SERVICE ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 25TH. VOTE ON FEBRUARY 26 AFTER SERVICE.

Blessings,

The call committee

Thank You

Thank you to all those filled out the commitment sheets. The rosters will be available soon.

Contribution Statements

If you didn't receive your contribution statements through email, you can pick them up in the Narthex.

Small World Montessori Students Share God's Love

We are collecting canned goods during the month of February. Please drop them off during coffee hour at the back of church.

News flash!!

Buy some Kwik Trip scrip cards this month! KT has upped the return for all of their cards for the month of February. Gas and grocery cards return 10% up from the usual 5%. Grocery only cards will pay 20% up from 15%. It's an easy way, to earn a few \$ for St Mark's if you are shopping for grocery items or getting gas at Kwik Trip. Stock up on a few cards now. See Patty Heckart at church service or give a call to order some. I will get them to you. Call church office 920.674.2370 or Patty at 712.490.7394.

Fireside

We have reserved 20 seats at the Fireside for Wednesday, March 15th at 5:30 for their Christian concert and fish/chicken buffet beforehand. The Triumphant Quartet, a top awarded "Fan Favorite Quartet" will have the audience "laughing, encouraged, and uplifted". A \$45.00 check to Carroll Stevens is needed soon to insure your attendance. (Please sign up in the narthex or with Carroll, 674-5263.)

Apple Pie Filling

We still have some delicious frozen apple pie filling left. If you're wondering just how that works when making desserts, here is a recipe!

Mix together—

Apple Cake

1 yellow cake mix

eggs

1 pkg apples thawed

Pour into 9x13 sprayed pan

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Topping - Mix and add to the top

1/2 cup brown sugar

1T. flour

1 T. Butter

1T. cinnamon

1c nuts

Mix and sprinkle over cake bake at 350 for 35 to 40 minutes.

Mary Magdalene Circle

Mary Magdalene Circle is planning events and projects to celebrate the 100 anniversary celebration for St. Mark's this Fall. We decided to devote our time, talents, and funds to support this project. This means that we will put a hold on the college student/military CARE project this year. We are very grateful to our congregation members that have helped us or contributed to this project.

Staff/Administrative Team

Office Administrator	Erin Henry	920-674-2370
Council President	Dick Kassner	920-674-2577
Small World Director	Bonnie Scholl– Rhode	920-542-0841
Music Director/Organist	Carroll Stevens	920-674-5263
Custodian	Cindy Howard	920-650-6045

This Week’s Worship Helpers

	5:00pm	9:00 am
Readers	Jan Simmons	Patty Heckart
Usher	Marv Kuntz	Tim Gaugert
Communion Helper	Karen Jeske	Kathy Dorn

Amount Needed Amount Received

Wish List

Boiler	\$45,000	\$50.00
Bubblers	\$2,400	\$50.00
New Pastor Moving expenses	\$8,000	\$3,100.00

Last Weeks Offering

Saturday	\$1,543.00
Chili Supper	\$150.00
Pie	\$27.00
Sunday	\$1,922.00
Total	\$3,642.00

Upcoming events

Mon. Feb. 13	Manna Monday 5:30pm
Tues. Feb.14	Quilters -9am Men’s Bible Study 8am
Wed. Feb. 15	Choir Practice –6:30pm
Thurs. Feb. 16	Adult Bible Study– 9am
Fri. Feb. 17	
Sat. Feb. 18	Worship Service-5pm
Sun. Feb.19	Worship Service– 9 am Sunday School– 10:15am

Worship Service Attendance

Saturday Feb. 4	37
Sunday Feb. 5	51

