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7th Sunday after the Epiphany

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Welcome to God's House of Worship!

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you this morning! If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

A few notes:

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the foyer.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.
- Our service lasts about 65 minutes.

The Presence of Jesus: Love Your Enemies!

Someone cuts you off in traffic. Someone else cuts in line at the grocery store. A co-worker makes your work life miserable. How do you react? How do you respond to those who mistreat you? The presence of Jesus in our lives moves us to respond NOT like our natural self would like to respond. Instead of hate and vengeance we love our neighbor modeled after the love Jesus has for the world. How is that possible? It happens truly, genuinely, sincerely with Christ filling us with His love for His enemies, which used to be us!

Prayer Before Worship

Heavenly Father, as I come to worship you this morning I am reminded of all the times I've failed to love like you want me to. I've sought vengeance against those who hurt me. But your forgiveness for me is so great and incredible that it moves me to forgive as I have been forgiven. Help me to sing your praises this morning! Amen.

Preservice music will be used to help in quiet preparation for worship.

Service of Word and Sacrament

The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church. If you would like to follow along with the music for this liturgy, it begins on page 26 in the front of the hymnal.

We Enter God's Presence

OPENING HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Christian Worship 234

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: *(spoken)* **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)¹

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (*sung*) **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (*sung*) **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD (*music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 28*)

C: (*sung*) **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your**

1 *Kyrie* is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY ²

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Father, keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that we may lean on the hope of your promises and be strong in the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

Be seated

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST LESSON

1 Samuel 26:(1-6) 7-25 (NIV2011)

David trusted that his reward was with God, and so he had no need for vengeance.

The Ziphites went to Saul at Gibeah and said, "Is not David hiding on the hill of Hakilah, which faces Jeshimon?"

²So Saul went down to the Desert of Ziph, with his three thousand select Israelite troops, to search there for David. ³Saul made his camp beside the road on the hill of Hakilah facing Jeshimon, but David stayed in the wilderness. When he saw that Saul had followed him there, ⁴he sent out scouts and

2 The Prayer of the Day (also known as the "collect") is a concise expression of the desires of God's people. Many of these prayers come to us from the ninth century and before.

learned that Saul had definitely arrived.

⁵Then David set out and went to the place where Saul had camped. He saw where Saul and Abner son of Ner, the commander of the army, had lain down. Saul was lying inside the camp, with the army encamped around him.

⁶David then asked Ahimelek the Hittite and Abishai son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, "Who will go down into the camp with me to Saul?"

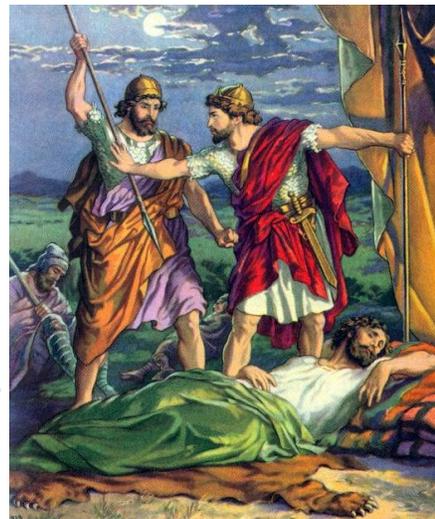
"I'll go with you," said Abishai.

⁷So David and Abishai went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the camp with his spear stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him.

⁸Abishai said to David, "Today God has delivered your enemy into your hands. Now let me pin him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I won't strike him twice."

⁹But David said to Abishai, "Don't destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? ¹⁰As surely as the LORD lives," he said, "the LORD himself will strike him, or his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. ¹¹But the LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. Now get the spear and water jug that are near his head, and let's go."

¹²So David took the spear and water jug near Saul's head, and they left. No one saw or knew about it, nor did anyone wake up. They were all sleeping, because the LORD had put them into a deep sleep.



¹³Then David crossed over to the other side and stood on top of the hill some distance away; there was a wide space between them. ¹⁴He called out to the army and to Abner son of Ner, "Aren't you going to answer me, Abner?"

Abner replied, "Who are you who calls to the king?"

¹⁵David said, "You're a man, aren't you? And who is like you in Israel?"

Why didn't you guard your lord the king? Someone came to destroy your lord the king. ¹⁶What you have done is not good. As surely as the LORD lives, you and your men must die, because you did not guard your master, the LORD's anointed. Look around you. Where are the king's spear and water jug that were near his head?"

¹⁷Saul recognized David's voice and said, "Is that your voice, David my son?"

David replied, "Yes it is, my lord the king." ¹⁸And he added, "Why is my lord pursuing his servant? What have I done, and what wrong am I guilty of? ¹⁹Now let my lord the king listen to his servant's words. If the LORD has incited you against me, then may he accept an offering. If, however, people have done it, may they be cursed before the LORD! They have driven me today from my share in the LORD's inheritance and have said, 'Go, serve other gods.' ²⁰Now do not let my blood fall to the ground far from the presence of the LORD. The king of Israel has come out to look for a flea—as one hunts a partridge in the mountains."

²¹Then Saul said, "I have sinned. Come back, David my son. Because you considered my life precious today, I will not try to harm you again. Surely I have acted like a fool and have been terribly wrong."

²²"Here is the king's spear," David answered. "Let one of your young men come over and get it. ²³The LORD rewards everyone for their righteousness and faithfulness. The LORD delivered you into my hands today, but I would not lay a hand on the LORD's anointed. ²⁴As surely as I valued your life today, so may the LORD value my life and deliver me from all trouble."

²⁵Then Saul said to David, "May you be blessed, David my son; you will do great things and surely triumph."

So David went on his way, and Saul returned home.

PSALM OF THE DAY ³

Psalm 103

Page 105 in the front of the hymnal

³ The book of Psalms was the "hymn-book" for the Old Testament believers.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 12:9-21 (NIV2011)

In this lesson we find practical examples of how spiritual acts of worship are offered to God through our love for our neighbor.

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸ If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹ Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.
In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 6:36 (NIV84)

M: Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia.

C: *(sung)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand for the highlight of the service: the Gospel.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:38-48 (NIV2011)

God calls us, His sons, to live like Jesus and love people as perfectly as the Father does.

³⁸ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.’

³⁹ But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also. ⁴⁰ And if anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt, hand over your coat as well. ⁴¹ If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles. ⁴² Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

⁴³ “You have heard that it was said, ‘Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’ ⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. ⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? ⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? ⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

M: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship 492

SERMON

Text: Matthew 5:38-48

Theme: “Love Your Enemies”

Please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED ⁴

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

4 Public confession is faith's response to God's saving Word. Christians composed the Nicene Creed in the fourth century to defend the Bible's teachings that both Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit are true God, equal to the Father in one eternal, undivided Trinity.

Be seated

We Respond to God's Word with Thanks

OFFERING ⁵ & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh

⁵ Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer Him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to Him.

confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

God wants us to regard the Lord's Supper as a precious gift from Him. Accordingly, He has given us some direction as to how this gift is to be properly administered. God instructs us to invite to the Lord's Supper:

- 1) Those who have been instructed in its truths (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) and*
- 2) Those who have had the chance to declare a unity of faith based on the Word (1 Corinthians 10:17)*

Because we trust God's judgment regarding these matters, at St. Mark's we practice "Close Communion." This means we ask that only members of St. Mark's—or the church body to which it belongs—partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. If you would like to know how to declare unity with St. Mark's, please speak to the Pastor—we're eager to share this precious gift of unity with you.



If you wish to follow along with the music for the communion liturgy, it begins on page 33 in the front of the hymnal.

PREFACE

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. In the past he spoke to us through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, who is the radiance of his glory. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Sanctus)*

C: *(sung)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD *(Agnus Dei)*

C: *(sung)* **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Christian Worship 310

(Followed by 311 and so on as time permits)

Please stand

THANK THE LORD *(music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 36)*

C: *(sung)* **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He re-**

news his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Christian Worship 494

Following the final hymn the church bell will be rung concluding our worship hour.

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Book of the Month:

BAPTIZED INTO GOD'S FAMILY **The Doctrine of Infant Baptism for Today**

By A. Andrew Das

Baptism is a gift from God. So why is it that Christians cannot agree on how and when it should be administered? Some think that baptism is not beneficial to a person until a person is old enough to believe. This makes sense to them since infants can't believe....or can they? Where does our faith come from? Our efforts from listening to and reading God's Word or is it a gift from God also? Is immersion the only way to be baptized? Wasn't Jesus immersed when he was baptized by John? What does God say in his Word? Who is it that works faith in one's heart, the Holy Spirit or oneself? When does the Holy Spirit start working faith?

These and many more questions are answered in Dr. Das' journey through God's Word to see what God's will is for baptism and for little ones. Little ones are important to God too. In Mark 10 :14,15, Jesus told his Disciples not to hinder the children but to let them come to him for to such belongs the kingdom of God, and, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it. This and many more bible verses are discussed in detail to help one understand: why baptism is important for all regardless of age, when to baptize, and why only one baptism is needed.

When discussing baptism with others it must be done out of love and not with the sledgehammer effect of the law. "People convinced against their will are of the same opinion still." The Lord needs to prepare a person's heart to hear his will. It is not for us to question the harvest, but only plant the seed and pray it be fruitful. God works in mysterious ways and according to his time. We need to keep growing in his Word and go with the Word to others trusting God's perfect will be done.

Full book review on the web: www.stmarksbemidji.org

WELCOME!

If this is your first time worshiping with St. Mark's, we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Nitz or one of the members. Materials are available in the entry; take as much as you'd like.



IN OUR PRAYERS

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)
Sally Carroll (with health concerns)
Ruth Willberg (with health concerns—cancer)
Robert Bitter (Nathan's father, with health concerns—cancer)
Mary Estabrooks (with health concerns—cancer)
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 52 Late: 83 Total: 135

YOUR GIFTS OF LOVE FOR JESUS

"Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Contributions last week \$3,751
Contributions needed each week \$5,122
Contributions year to date \$26,912
Budget year to date \$30,732
Amount borrowed from savings to meet expenses \$1,000

SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Jan Barckholtz, Julie Bengtson
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Ushers: D. Kranich, L. Baumann, D. Bentler, I. Bitter, J. Stewart, M. Webb, D. Merseth
Church cleaning for 2/25: Nitz*/ Schnackenberg/ Stewart/ Freyes/ Lee
(*Group Leader)

As Lent Approaches...

Cross & Nails — The Elders of St. Mark's are providing an additional way to prepare our hearts this Lenten season. Starting on Ash Wednesday each worshipper will be given a small nail. Additional nails will also be available for those who are not present on Ash Wednesday. During the 6 weeks of Lent you are encouraged to keep that nail with you as a reminder of the sufferings that our sins caused our Savior. May we continually repent of our sins, turn from them, and trust in the forgiveness Jesus came to win. Then, at our Tennebrae service on Good Friday, you will have opportunity to take your nail and place it into a special cross as a reminder that we have left our sins on the cross of Christ. The cross and nails will be removed for our glorious celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter.

Curtain Covering Back Window — The Old Testament worship facility (both the Tabernacle and the Temple) was set up to symbolize how sin separates people from God. There was a large curtain that separated the "Holy Place" from the "Most Holy Place." The only time that someone was allowed to enter the Most Holy Place was on the Great Day of Atonement and only after a sacrifice had been made. In other words, God was teaching his people that a sacrifice for sins was needed to enter God's presence. On Good Friday, when Jesus died on the cross, this massive curtain that separated the people from God in the temple was torn in two from top to bottom. Because of Jesus' sacrifice we can enter God's presence (see Hebrews 10:19-22). We've decided to try to picture this symbolism during Lent using our beautiful back window. Starting Ash Wednesday and for 6 weeks the window will be covered; then as part of the Good Friday service it will be torn apart so that on Easter Sunday we can once again enjoy the beauty of light streaming through the window that pictures our resurrected Lord.

Idea for Lent — Each day of the 40 days of Lent pick out one item from your home and set it aside to be given to a future garage sale that will be held to benefit a group in the church or the school. It could be a piece of clothing, cookware, artwork, blankets, books, whatever item you choose. Then when it's time for the garage sale you could bring these items. If you have any questions, please speak with Shelly Willison.

Announcements

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Join us for Wednesday night fellowship! The meal this week is a potluck beginning at 5:30 p.m. Singing and Bible study for all ages will follow.

PHOTO BOARD

It is time to update our photo board in the narthex! This is a great tool for getting to know one another, so if your family photo is a bit outdated, if you have had additions to your family, or if you don't have a photo on the board, we would love to take your picture! Carol Kranich will be available to take photos over the next few weeks.

BASEMENT STORAGE

Today after second service there will be a work meeting to organize the basement storage areas. We would love to have YOUR help in moving things around! If you are a member/leader of a group that has items stored in the basement, you are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend. We would like to get rid of things no longer in use. If you cannot attend but have strong feelings about anything currently stored in the basement, we encourage you to speak with TJ Holderbecker or Brent Matzke before the work day.

MIDWEEK LENTEN SCHEDULE

5:45—6:30 p.m. Meal served
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship

March 1 "Repent! Turn to Jesus and not to yourself"
March 8 "Repent! Turn to Jesus: Do not turn away"
March 15 "Repent! Turn to Jesus: He holds the key to heaven"
March 22 "Repent! Turn to Jesus: He longs to forgive you"
March 29 "Repent! Turn to Jesus: He changes your life"
April 5 "Repent! Turn to Jesus when you face temptations"



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 19 (Sun)...	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	11:30 a.m.	Clean out/organize basement storage
Feb 20 (Mon)...		NO SCHOOL
Feb 21 (Tues)...	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Feb 22 (Wed)...	9:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	5:30 p.m.	Fellowship meal (<i>Potluck</i>) & Bible study
Feb 23 (Thurs)...	4:00 p.m.	Campus Ministry
	5:00 p.m.	Our Promise at Your Baptism @ Lueken's north deli
Feb 24 (Fri)...	3:00 p.m.	Elders meeting
Feb 26 (Sun)...	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship

*If you would like to have St. Mark's online calendar synced with your Google calendar, you can choose "Add a friend's calendar" and put in: stmarkbemidji@gmail.com.

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St. Mark's Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Mark's, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)