



March 25, 2018
Confirmation Sunday

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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!

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

Confirmation Sunday

The word "confirmation" means "strengthening," and it refers to a long-standing custom in Christianity, the practice of teaching the young men and women thoroughly in the Word of God, then giving them opportunity to make a public profession of their faith. In doing so, they become members of the congregation on their own, no longer because their parents are members, but because they've studied the Scriptures for themselves and are convinced that this congregation is teaching those truths accurately, so they therefore desire to make St. Mark's their church home. Today we rejoice as two young women make that weighty confession of faith.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord Jesus, with joy I see You ride into Jerusalem, for You did so in order to save me! Forgive me for my lack of appreciation, lack of awe, lack of reverence for Your saving love. Bless my celebration of Palm Sunday, that I might look forward to the day when I will only sing Your praises forever. In Your name I pray. Amen.

We Enter God's Presence

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Everyone is invited to join in the procession with palm branches. Please gather in the entry area outside of the sanctuary doors.

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

Congregation: And also with you.

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Christian Worship 131

All sing: **(1) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, our King and blessed one.**

**(2) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels is praising you on high,
And we with all creation in chorus make reply.**

(continued...)

- (3) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.
- (4) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion they sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
- (5) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Creation knows her master, and God saw it was good.
If we did not give praises, the stones then surely would.
- (6) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
When Jesus raised up Laz'rus, the word was quickly spread.
We, too, await this glory— Our raising from the dead.

Please remain standing

THE ACCLAMATION (*With Confession & Absolution*)

M: Hosanna to the Son of David!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Hosanna to him who by his willing sacrifice, canceled the guilt of all our offenses!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David!

M: Hosanna to him who ascended on high as king, leading captivity captive!

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

C: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; His love endures forever.

M: Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem!

C: See, your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation.

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship Him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore let us turn to Him, 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 the perfect life and innocent death of my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Hosanna to the Son of David! Jesus came to Jerusalem, then willingly laid down His life to pay for our sins! Because Jesus died and rose, your sins are forgiven! You are at peace with God!

C: Hosanna to the Son of David! Hosanna in the highest!

M: Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.

C: God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

M: And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

C: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

*All sing: (7) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, our good and gracious King.*

(continued...)

**(8) All glory, laud, and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Like those who saw your power in miracles divine,
Let us proclaim your wonders. Eternal praise be thine!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(spoken)* **Amen.**

Be seated

**The 8:00 a.m. service continues below.
The 10:30 a.m. service continues on page 10.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Page 13 in the front of the hymnal

Theo Roman Quint—infant son of James and Deja Quint

After the baptism, all sing:

CW 294 (v.1, 4)

**Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
I claim a place, though weak and lowly, Among your saints, your chosen host,
Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.**

All that I am and love most dearly—Receive it all, O Lord, from me.
Let me confess my faith sincerely And help me your own child to be!
Let nothing that I am or own Serve any will but yours alone.

We Listen to the Word of God

REVIEW OF CHIEF PARTS OF LUTHER'S CATECHISM

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Christian Worship 133

SERMONETTE

Theme: "The Reason to Celebrate"

Text: Mark 11:1-10 (NIV2011)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly."

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go.

⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it.

⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

¹⁰"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

We Respond with Thanks

Please stand

CREATE IN ME (*music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 20*)

C: (*sung*) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

Be seated

OFFERING & 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

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.**

Be seated

HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Christian Worship 130

Please stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting 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: 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 SONG

On That Day When He Rode into Jerusalem

Sung by the adult choir

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

The 10:30 a.m. service continues below.

SCHOOL CHILDREN SING

Remember Me

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ADULT CHOIR SINGS

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
(Martin Luther)

CONFIRMATION EXAMINATION

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Christian Worship 133

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RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Paige Holderbecker — Joshua 1:9

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Delenna Kirk — Psalm 46:1

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Please stand

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

When the minister says “Lord, in your mercy,”

*The congregation responds “**Hear our prayer.**”*

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.

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CLOSING HYMN

Let Me Be Yours Forever
Christian Worship 596

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WELCOME!

If this is your first time worshipping with St. Mark®, 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)
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)
Milo Holderbecker (with health concerns)
Gene Wagner (Brenda® brother, with health concerns)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 57
Late: 83
Total: 140

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 \$5,462
Contributions needed each week \$5,264
Contributions year to date \$53,636
Budget year to date \$57,904
Amount borrowed from savings to meet expenses \$0

SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Marjorie Gildersleeve, Erin Riess
Greeters: Nathaniel & Rachelle B., James & Sheri E., Jim & Marjorie G.
Communion helpers (March): Kevin Peterson & Nate Barckholtz
Doug Kranich & Ken Grob
Ushers (March): J. Jason, M. Schnackenberg, D. Schnackenberg,
J. Konecne, TJ Holderbecker, Bob Coulter
Church cleaning for 3/31: Kuehn, Jason, Augustine, Nelson

Announcements

CONFIRMATION LUNCHEON

The congregation is invited to celebrate with Delenna and Paige at a luncheon following the 10:30 a.m. worship service today.



EASTER BREAKFAST

Easter breakfast will be served next Sunday between services from 8:15—9:45 a.m. The congregation is asked to bring pastries.

ATTENTION: SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

The Sunday School children will be singing at the end of the first church service and the beginning of the second service on April 8 for Pastor's last Sunday. Please have the kids at church by 8:30 a.m. on April 8 so we can practice the song before we sing. We will meet in Room 1 in the basement.

PASTOR'S FAREWELL

Pastor Nitz's last Sunday at St. Mark's will be April 8. Everyone is invited to a farewell dinner after the second service. Meat, potatoes, and buns will be provided. The congregation is asked to bring a side dish (vegetables, fruits, salads, etc.) or dessert. We are also looking for helpers to set up and cook on Saturday, April 7 beginning at noon. Contact Donna Schroeder with questions.

BI-MONTHLY GIVING PROJECT

The Stewardship Board is sponsoring a donation project during March and April to help reduce the cost of St. Mark's youth attending Camp Croix this summer. The donations received will be split equally among the youth attending Camp Croix. Many of our youth have attended in past years. Mark an envelope or on your check "Camp Croix."

GRANT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Board of Education is forming a sub-committee for the purpose of grant research. The committee is open to all communicant members of St. Mark's, and will search for grants that can be used for the playground and school facilities. Anyone who is interested in joining or helping this committee is asked to please talk to Mr. Bitter or a member of the Board of Education.

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

From now until April 15, the Youth Group will be selling promotional cards. These credit card sized coupons have deals from 15 area businesses that can be used daily from now until April 15, 2019. The St. Mark's logo is on the front of the card - so it is a great way to spread the word about our church as well as save some money and support our youth! The cost is \$20. The money will go towards future youth group activities, and to help offset the cost of any teens interested in attending the WELS Youth Rally. If you are interested in buying a card, please talk to a 6-12th grader or Joy Holderbecker.

TIME AND TALENT AUCTION

The Stewardship Board is again sponsoring our annual Time and Talent Auction on Sunday, April 15, 2018 after the 10:30 service. Mark your calendar for an afternoon of fun and fellowship. Please consider making a donation to the auction and let the Stewardship Board or Douglas Kranich know what you are donating. For your convenience a donation form has been placed in your mailbox.



REMINDER: SCRIP

SCRIP cards are available for members to purchase. We have some cards on hand for Home Depot, Menards, Target, Walgreens, and Walmart. If you wish to purchase cards from other businesses, there is a form on the counter in the narthex to use for ordering. Orders are sent on Monday mornings. St. Mark's share of profit is donated to the School Special Projects Fund. See Marjorie Gildersleeve or Nathan Bitter to place your order or if you have questions.

CUT HYMNS FEEDBACK

The WELS Hymnal Project **invites the public to offer reactions to its initial decision about which of our currently-published hymns will be kept and which will be cut** in our next hymnal. You may review the lists and offer your thoughts through an online survey available on the Hymnal Project's website: www.welshymnal.com **The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2018.** Vote to keep your favorite hymns from being cut!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 25 (Sun)...	8:00 a.m.	Worship (Palm Sunday)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class & Sunday School
	10:30 a.m.	Worship (Confirmation)
	11:45 a.m.	Confirmation luncheon for Paige and Delenna
Mar 26 (Mon)...	7:00 p.m.	Resilient Ministry
Mar 27 (Tues)...	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	6:00 p.m.	Starting Point #10
	6:00 p.m.	Financial Peace University (9 of 9)
Mar 28 (Wed)...	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation class
Mar 29 (Thurs)...	7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Worship with Communion
	8:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Mar 30 (Fri)...		<i>No School</i>
	7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Worship
Apr 1 (Sun)...	7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Worship
	8:15-9:45 a.m.	Easter breakfast served
	9:15 a.m.	Easter movie
	10:30 a.m.	Easter Day 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)