



November 4, 2018
First Sunday of End Time
Reformation Sunday

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Welcome to God's House of Worship!

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you today! 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.

Preach the Gospel

The Word of God is eternal; the Gospel is eternal. It stands forever. It is untouchable, unassailable, and incorruptible. That message, of all that God has done for you, has been given to you. This is our calling and purpose in life as believers - preach the Gospel, it is your great heritage! Happy Reformation!

Meditation Before Worship

Increase my faith, dear Savior, for Satan seeks by night and day to rob me of this treasure and take my hope of bliss away. But, Lord, with you beside me I shall be undismayed; and led by your good Spirit, I shall be unafraid. Abide with me, O Savior, a firmer faith bestow. Then I shall bid defiance to every evil foe. (CW 403:2)



Personal preparation for Holy Communion can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 156.

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

Service of Word and Sacrament

Today, in celebration of the Reformation, we will use a festival setting of the "Service of Word and Sacrament." The brass and choir will join the congregation in parts of the liturgy. But do not fear, your part has not changed! Sing confidently! As usual, 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

(8:00) OPENING HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Christian Worship 200

Pastor will sing verse 3 in German:

Und wenn die Welt voll Teufel wär'
und wollt' uns gar verschlingen,
so fürchten wir uns nicht so sehr,
es soll uns doch gelingen.
Der Fürst dieser Welt,
wie sau'r er sich stellt,
tut er uns doch nicht;
das macht, er ist gericht't;
ein Wörtlein kann ihn fällen.

(10:30) CHORAL ANTHEM

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

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*)

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 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

M: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; 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

Daniel 3:16-28 (NIV)

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are

thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty's hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?"

They replied, "Certainly, Your Majesty."

²⁵He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods."

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!"

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, "Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king's command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God."

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 46

Page 84 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6,7 (NIV)

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:31,32 cf. (RSV)

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. 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

Mark 13:5-11 (NIV)

⁵Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹“You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do

not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

M: This is the gospel of the Lord.

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

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

If God Had Not Been on Our Side

Christian Worship 202

SERMON

Text: Daniel 3:16-28

Theme: Here We Stand

Please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

**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.

Be seated

We Respond to God's Word with Thanks

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 FOR REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

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

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boast-

ing of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. Amen.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

At St. Mark's we practice the custom of Close Communion, inviting to our altar only confirmed members of our church body, the WELS, and of those in fellowship with us. We do this because Communion is also a sign of Christian unity, based upon agreement on the doctrines of the Bible. This is not an insult to our Christian brethren in other denominations, but a recognition of differing church teachings. We, with all Christians, look forward to the day when we will all sit together in peace at the marriage feast of the Lamb. (See 1 Corinthians 10:17 and 1 Corinthians 11:27-29)

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

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. He protects and preserves his Church in every age and gives us confidence to lift up our heads and watch for Jesus with joy. 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."

M: 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 HYMNS

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Christian Worship 203

(Followed by 204 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 renews 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.**

(8:00) **CHORAL ANTHEM**

My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

(10:30) **CLOSING HYMN**

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Christian Worship 200

Pastor will sing verse 3 in German:

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und wollt' uns gar verschlingen,
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das macht, er ist gericht't;
ein Wörtlein kann ihn fällen.

Following the choral anthem or final hymn the bell will toll concluding our worship hour.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

We are pleased to welcome two new families to St. Mark's!

Jeremy and Beth Buck, along with their children Kaleigh, Riley, Emma, and Dallas, have transferred from St. Paul's in Wisconsin Rapids.

Amanda Monroe has joined by profession of faith after completing the BIC class. Her daughter Madysen attends St. Mark's school.



*May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Corinthians 13:14)*

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As a Christian, you know the joy, peace, and hope of being sure your sins are forgiven and eternal life is yours. You want others to know this as well. But, perhaps—like many Christians—telling others about Jesus is daunting. What do I say? How do I say it? What if I don't have answers to people's questions?

Join us for our next Interactive Faith Bible study as we discuss these very questions and concerns. Pastor Eric Roecker, director of the WELS Commission on Evangelism, will use video vignettes from the new movie *To the Ends of the Earth* to guide our discussion. Our prayer is that these lessons will make you more confident in your conversations with those who do not yet know their Savior.

Join us online on **November 7, 14, and 28 (6 & 8 p.m. CST)**. Lord willing, through the Word and our time together, the Spirit will embolden you to take the gospel to the ends of the earth, beginning in your backyard.

www.wels.net/interactivefaith

Announcements

TODAY – BIBLE CLASS

Today in Bible class we'll be taking a break from our study in Colossians. Since it's Reformation Sunday, it's fitting that we take a look at how the ideas behind the Reformation 501 years ago are still relevant today. Join us!

TODAY – REFORMATION POTLUCK

Please join us for a German-themed potluck after the second service today. All are welcome!

LADIES GUILD

The Ladies Guild will meet this week Thursday, November 8th. All women of the congregation are encouraged to come for a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. followed by the business meeting at 7:00 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

The Children's Christmas Service will be held Sunday, December 23rd at 9 a.m. Practices will be held on Saturday mornings December 1, 8, 15, and 22 at 9 a.m. If your child will be unable to participate, please let their teacher or Donna Schroeder know as soon as possible (this week if you can). The teachers will be meeting next Sunday to assign parts for the children.

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Please take note of a special voters meeting to be held Thursday, November 15th at 7 p.m. Discussion will focus on the state of fundraising for the upcoming expansion project.

THANK YOU!!

Our fall submission to the label programs will bring in \$237.20 for the School Special Project Fund. Thank you for your participation! Keep clipping those labels! (Boxtops, Our Family UPCs, Tyson Project A+, and Loaves 4 Learning)

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

November 18th we will celebrate Saints Triumphant Sunday. Please submit names of loved ones (no matter how long ago) who have died in the Christian faith. On Saints Triumphant Sunday, as part of the worship service, their names will be read and recognized as believers who have gone before us and are already now enjoying the Marriage Feast of the Lamb. Please submit the names to Pastor Zamzow.

THANKSGIVING MEAL

St. Mark's annual Thanksgiving meal will take place after the second service on Sunday, November 18th. Please plan to come and bring friends or family members. We will have an opportunity to share our blessings with those in need through a freewill offering for WELS Christian Aid and Relief. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those who are able to bring food. If you have any questions, please ask Pat Berget 759-1321 or Deb Newell 586-2956.

"TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH"

The new DVD movie "To the Ends of the Earth" is now available on the counter in the narthex. You are welcome to take one for your family or to share with someone you know! This movie is based on Acts 16 and follows Paul's visit to Philippi as he connects with people from all walks of life, demonstrating that the good news of Jesus is indeed for all people—to the very ends of the earth.

A Prayer for Youth Ministry

Lord Jesus, you encourage us to have child-like faith. Through your Holy Spirit and the gospel encouragement of parents and others in the church, we ask you to keep our young people strong in their Christian faith as they confront many spiritual struggles growing up. May young and old alike turn to your Word for direction and faithfully approach you in our prayer for strength in all circumstances. Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 4 (Sun).....	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Nov 6 (Tues).....	11:45 a.m.	German-themed potluck
	7:45 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
	6:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Nov 7 (Wed).....	7:00 p.m.	Bible Information Class (BIC)
	10:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Nov 8 (Thurs).....	6 & 8 p.m.	Interactive Faith Bible study (online)
	6:30 p.m.	Ladies Guild Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Ladies Guild meeting
Nov 9 (Fri).....		<i>No School</i>
Nov 11 (Sun).....	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship
	10:30 am.	Sunday School teachers meeting

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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)