



St. Mark Lutheran Church
3307 State Street
Eau Claire, WI 54701



May 2022

I was glad when they said to me:
“Let us go to the house
of the Lord.” – Psalm 122:1

May worship opportunities...

Sundays @ 8:00 a.m. (Livestream via Face-
book or at www.stmark-wels.org, under “Watch
Sermons Online.”)
Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Mondays @ 6:30 p.m.

Ascension/8th Grade Graduation
May 26th @6:30 pm

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May 2022
AT A GLANCE

- 1st - Confirmation
- 2nd - Pastor’s Joint
Conference @Medford
- 3rd - Board Meetings
- 7th - KICK
- 10th - Morning Moms
- Council
- 13th - Power Hour
- 17th - Morning Moms
- 24th - Morning Moms
- 26th - Ascension
-8th Grade Graduation
- 27th - Closing Service
-Last Day of School
- 30th - Memorial Day
(worship moved to Tuesday)
- 31st - Morning Moms
-Worship

THE ATHANASIAN CREED

The Father is eternal, the Son eternal, the Holy Spirit eternal; yet they are not three who are eter-
nal, but there is one who is eternal, just as they are not three who are uncreated, nor three who are
infinite, but there is one who is uncreated and one who is infinite.

In the same way the Father is almighty, the Son is almighty, the Holy Spirit is almighty; yet they
are not three who are almighty, but there is one who is almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; yet they are not three Gods, but one
God. So the Father is Lord, the Son is Lord, the Holy Spirit is Lord; yet they are not three Lords,
but one Lord.

For just as Christian truth compels us to confess each person individually to be God and Lord, so
the true Christian faith forbids us to speak of three Gods or three Lords.

— The Athanasian Creed: 10-19.

This devotion is part of a continuing series on the three ecumenical creeds.

Agree or disagree: the Son of God created the world. Agree or disagree: God the Holy Spirit re-
deemed us. Agree or disagree: God the Father sanctifies us. Believe it or not (although this is a devo-
tion on the creeds, so believe it), all three of these statements are *true*; you can agree with them. But
Pastor, what about what we learned in Luther’s Small Catechism that the Father is the Creator, the
Son the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier? Well, what you learned from studying the
Apostles’ Creed is true as well.

What we have here is part of the mystery of the Trinity, that God reveals his divine nature to us as
existing as three persons in one God. There is one God, one Lord, one divine essence or Being, and
yet God is three distinct persons. Yet these three are indivisible. So we don’t divide the Godhead into
three parts, but God is three persons, each one fully and substantially God. And so what we can at-
tribute to one person we can most often attribute to the other persons of the Trinity, at least in the
external works of God. We confess that the external works of God are not divided. The Godhead par-
ticipates in all his external works, for example, the works of creation, redemption, and sanctification.

While we like to neatly attribute these works specifically to one person of the Trinity or another
(more because it helps us grasp it better), the triune God participated wholly in these. We often call
God the Father the Creator of heaven and earth. That is true, but in Genesis 1 we see the persons of
the Trinity all active in creation. The Father is God who creates; the Holy Spirit was hovering over the
waters (Gen. 1:3), and the Son is present as the eternal, spoken Word of God, “And God said, ‘Let

Meet Our Newest Members ...



A job promotion to the local Menards corporate office and an opportunity to be closer to family in Burlington and New Ulm brought the Brett Peterson family to the Eau Claire area and to St. Mark. They said they are pleased to be a part of a church with so many young families. They come from Dickinson, North Dakota, which is a daughter mission church of Redeemer Lutheran in Mandan, ND. The five families of that area were recently granted the blessing to have a missionary pastor. Brett served the Lord on the outreach board.

Brett is a fan of WI sport teams. He enjoys playing softball, golfing, grilling, and smoking meat. His wife, Abbey turned her skill of crafting into a full time business. She adds screen printing on baby socks and onesies. In addition, she is into cooking using her food science degree. While in high school she did competitive ice skating. Daughter Cora will soon be four and will attend St. Mark preschool in the fall. Two year old Lincoln will hang out with mom. The family will worship at late service. Please look for them and welcome them to the St. Mark family.

UPCOMING

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YOUTH CONFIRMATION We will welcome 12 of our youth as communicant members through the Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, May 1st. They gave witness to their knowledge of and trust in God's Word in the Examination Service on Wednesday, April 20th at 6:30. They are: Aiden Bounk, Natalie Dorn, Lillian Duquaine, Aidan Fictum, Dylan Gross, Owen Kellen, Hannah Nixdorf, Madilyn Raith, Grayson Schwartz, Reese Staebell, Madyson Thraen-Seehafer and Jason Vincent.

ASCENSION DAY We will join in worship of our risen and ascended Lord Jesus on Thursday, May 26th at 6:30.

ST MARK SCHOOL GRADUATION will be part of the Ascension Day worship at 6:30. The six graduates are: Lily Duquaine, Hannah Nixdorf, Madilyn Raith, Reese Staebell, Madyson Thraen-Seehafer and Jason Vincent.



YOUTH RALLY GARAGE SALE The youth group is organizing a garage sale for June 3rd and 4th to help offset expenses for the 2022 Youth Rally. If you have anything to donate, you can bring it to the gym, starting May 27th through June 2nd.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be held 9:30 –11:30, Monday through Friday, June 13-17 for age 3 through 5th grade. The theme is "Soaring High!" Your kids will enjoy Bible truths, skits, activities, games, snacks, crafts, songs and friends. All are welcome. For more information please contact Peter Micheel at 715-834-5782 or peter@smwels.org

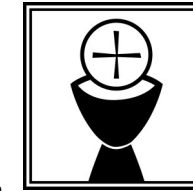
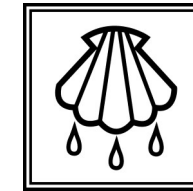
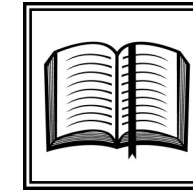
St. Mark Ministry Highlights

Public Use of the Means of Grace:

Worship: We averaged 252 worshipers per weekend in March. The Lord's Supper was administered to 315 in March. Membership stands at 810 souls and 591 communicants.

Other Official Acts:

Membership Actions: We welcome Brady Hetke who transferred from St. Paul's, Bloomer



NEW BOARD MEMBERS

At our April quarterly voters meeting, the following men were elected to these new board positions:

- **Trustee/President:** Mark Roekle
- **Board of Elders:** Jake Spiess, Mark Fictum, Steven Buss
- **Board of Education:** Adam Chauklin
- **Board of Stewardship:** Kyle Staebell, Jacob Fuhrman
- **Building and Grounds:** Zach Jastrow, Kevin Fuhrman
- **Board of Technology:** Matt Smith
- **Board of Finance:** Levi Mikl

We pray that God bless these men in their service in our congregation.

USHERS NEEDED: The St Mark Elders are looking for additional confirmed male members to serve on usher teams for either the early service or the late services.

What are main responsibilities of the ushers:

- Greet people as they enter church for the service and hand them a service folder.
- Assist people in finding a place to sit when the pews in the Sanctuary fill up.
- Assist in collecting the offering.
- Assist in ushering people up for Communion.
- Assist in ushering people out at the end of the service.
- Straightening up the Sanctuary after the service.

If you are not currently serving on an usher team, please consider volunteering to be assigned to an usher team for either the early service or the late service. To volunteer to serve on an usher team or if you have questions on ushering, please contact Elder Tom Kuzenski at 715-877-3487 or email at kuzenski@centurytel.net

The Elders would also like to thank those who are currently serving on an usher team. Thank you for your service to the Lord and St Mark to make our services run smoothly.

there be light.'" (Gen. 1:4, cp. John 1:1-3). In the same way, we attribute the work of redemption not only to Christ but also to the Father and the Holy Spirit. After all, it was God the Father who sent his beloved Son into the world not to condemn the world but to save the world through him (John 3:17). It is the Holy Spirit who caused the Son to be conceived in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary and who descended on him with unlimited power at his baptism to equip him for his work of redemption. Likewise, we often attribute the work of sanctification to the Holy Spirit, yet the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and was sent by God the Son as another Comforter.

What this all tells us is that the one true triune God is the God of your salvation. We cannot act as though God the Father is the angry judge who condemns sinners and wants to destroy us and God the Son as the one standing in his way to keep him from destroying us. That would be an incomplete understanding of God. You can view God the Father as the loving and gracious God who so desired your salvation that he gave his only begotten Son to redeem you. You can also witness Jesus anger, disappointment, sharp rebukes, and woes against sinners and their sins quite often in the Gospels. Each person of the Trinity shares in carrying out the work of salvation, who created you, redeemed you, and continues to sanctify and keep you unto eternal life.

Agree or disagree: God the Father died on the cross. Here we must disagree. Though God the Father played his part in redemption, the Father did not assume our human nature, nor did he suffer and die. God the Son assumed our humanity, suffered, died, and rose from the dead on the third day for us. Next time we will get into the internal works of God which are divided, how the Son is begotten of the Father, and how the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

For now we rejoice to confess back to God what he plainly reveals to us: he is one God in three persons and three persons in in one God. In this and many doxologies we praise the God of our salvation! - Pastor Naumann