

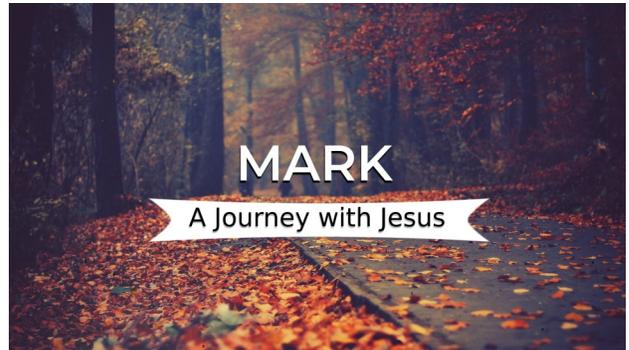


November 15, 2020

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARK—A JOURNEY WITH JESUS
“WHY SOME PEOPLE NEVER GET IT”
MARK 4:1-20

“MARK... A JOURNEY WITH JESUS”

Jesus once told the story of a farmer who planted seeds. In this parable, the seeds represent the Word of God (the good news of Jesus himself). The soil represents the condition of our hearts. Some dirt is hard (unresponsive). Some dirt is rocky (impulsive, shallow and swayed by circumstances). Some dirt is thorny (dominated by concerns of wealth, status, and comfort). And some dirt is good soil that faithfully hears and applies God’s Word and bears abundant fruit.



The “Parable of the Sower” exposes the many sinful ways we respond to Jesus and our need for honest repentance. The only way we can ever hope to be fruit-bearing good soil is by Jesus’ grace and power alone. What a blessing it is to hear and hold fast to God’s Word!

Pastor Keith

Sunday, November 15

Blended Worship 8:00 & 9:00 am
KidZone—RM 100 9:00 am
Youth Bible Study—Youth Center 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study—Gathering RM 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship 10:15 am
Ignite—Youth Center 4:00 pm

Tuesday, November 17

Staff Meeting—Zoom 1:00 pm
Lay Ministry—Youth Center 6:30 pm
Finance Team—Conference RM 6:30 pm

Wednesday, November 18

CrossTraining 7:15 pm
6th Grade—Worship Center
7th Grade—Gathering RM
8th Grade—RM 100
Power House—Youth Center 7:15 pm

Thursday, November 19

Stephen Ministry—Conference RM 6:30 pm
Grimm Life Group—Gathering RM 7:00 pm

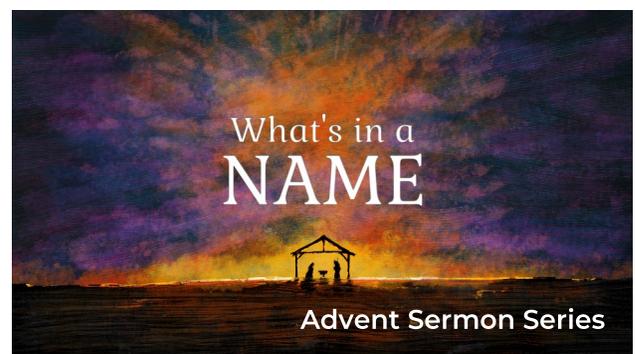
Saturday, November 21

Resolute Men's Study—Youth Center 8:30 am
Contemporary Music Practice 9:00 am

Sunday, November 22

Blended Worship 8:00 & 9:00 am
KidZone—RM 100 9:00 am
Youth Bible Study—Youth Center 9:00 am
Adult Bible Study—Gathering RM 9:00 am
Contemporary Worship 10:15 am

Join Us For
Onsite Advent Services Beginning
Wednesday, December 2nd at 6:30 pm





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Meet Jesus
Make Friends
Make a Difference

WE'RE HIRING

Family of Christ has an opening for a daytime Facilities Manager working up to 20 hours per week. The Facilities Manager will oversee the maintenance and care of the building and grounds. If you're interested or need further details please email our Business Manager, Theresa Schommer, at tschommer@foclutheran.org.

JOHNSVILLE ELEMENTARY

A HUGE thank you to all who donated to Johnsville Elementary School! We received: 15 gift cards, 41 hats, and 33 gloves. What a blessing this will be to the kids and families at Johnsville Elementary!

Please help donate books for the Johnsville Library. These will help replace books that were never returned at the end of the year. Please stop by the table to see what books are needed. Thank you for your donations. Contact Anissa Dickerson 612-240-1463 or Amy Carmichael 763-245-0900

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GIVING TREE

This is a special program through Anoka County for people of all ages that may not otherwise receive Christmas gifts. Due to COVID-19 the Case Workers of Anoka County are not able to meet face-to-face with their clients, so we are giving Gift Cards rather than packages. The Case Workers will mail the gift cards to their clients rather than giving them to them personally. Sign out a name beginning Wednesday, Nov. 18th. Each referral slip has a gift tag printed on it. Please attach the gift tag to the Gift Card and place it into an envelope (you can include a Christmas card if you'd like), please DO NOT SEAL the envelope. If you are worshipping virtually, but would still like to participate in the Giving Tree, please call or email Sandy, she has some names reserved until Monday November 30th, after that they will be placed on the tree. Gift Cards are due Wednesday, December 9th. Contact Nathan or Sandy Romsdahl 763-238-0348 or romsdahls@yahoo.com with any questions. *"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."* 1 Peter 4:10

LORD'S SUPPER BELIEFS AND PRACTICES

When Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, He gave us a precious gift of God in which Christ gives us His true body and blood (in a miraculous way), together with the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith.

The Apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 11:28, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats and drinks of the cup."

Before attending the Lord's Supper, ask yourself the following questions:

- Do I believe I am a sinner and am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus, by His death offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
- Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (They are not merely symbolically present)
- Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?
- If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper.

For precautionary reasons during this COVID season, Lay Ministers will be distributing communion sets as you enter the worship service. Please do not open these sets until directed by the pastors. Nonalcoholic wine and gluten-free wafers are also available at your request.

PRAYER

- Father, thank you for answering my prayers. – *Psalms 118:21*
- Jesus, thank you for saving me from death. – *Jonah 2:2*
- Lord, thank you for always being near. – *Joshua 1:9*
- Almighty God, we thank you for all of the freedoms we possess. – *2 Corinthians 3:17*

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 Contact Ginny Jorgenson
 763-433-9259

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