



October 18, 2020

FAMILY OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
MARK—A JOURNEY WITH JESUS
“WE NEED FORGIVENESS MORE THAN HEALING”
MARK 2:1-12

“MARK... A JOURNEY WITH JESUS”

What is the biggest problem you have? Most of us would probably mention a health issue, a relationship complexity, a financial burden or a difficult issue at work or school. But Jesus reminds us today in Mark chapter 2 that our biggest problem may not be what we think it is. Our biggest problem is our need for God's forgiveness.



When a paralytic was carried to Jesus, no doubt he hoped for physical healing. But he received an even greater blessing: absolution. He was set free from his sin and guilt. In the same way, our ultimate need isn't healing from God, but holiness before God.

Prayer: Jesus, precious Savior, strengthen and encourage me with Your Word that I am washed clean from all my sins. Amen

Pastor Keith

JOHNSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL,

One of our two HERE Missions has some opportunities for Family of Christ to step up and give in areas that they are in need of: new winter water resistant kids gloves in various sizes for ages kindergarten-5th Grade and \$25.00 Walmart gift cards (for families in need at Johnsville for food and necessities). Please drop gloves in buckets by the entryway doors and gift cards can be dropped off in the box on the table outside the church office or mailed to the church office by October 25th. Contact Amy Carmichael at 763-245-0900 or Anissa Dickerson at 612-240-1463.

Sunday, October 18

Blended Worship 8:00 & 9:00 am
No KidZone or Youth Bible Study
Adult Bible Study—Gathering RM 9:00 am
Voters' Meeting—Worship Center 9:50 am
Contemporary Worship—Worship Center 10:15 am

Tuesday, October 20th

Staff Meeting (Zoom) 1:00 pm
Blood Drive—Gathering RM 1:30-7:30 pm
Finance Meeting—Conference RM 6:30 pm
Lay Ministry—Youth Center 6:30 pm

Wednesday, October 21

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

Thursday, October 22

Properties Committee—Youth Center 6:30 pm
Stephen Ministry Training —Conference RM 6:30 pm

Saturday, October 24

Rite of Confirmation Celebration—Worship Center 9:00 - 12:00 pm
Resolute Men's Study—Youth Center 8:30 am

Sunday, October 25

Blended Worship—Worship Center 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—Worship Center 10:15 am
Rite of Confirmation Service—Worship Center 1:00 pm



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*Meet Jesus
 Make Friends
 Make a Difference*

**CALL UPDATE
 FOR PASTOR KEITH**

Pastor Keith has declined and returned the call to serve as Pastor of Emanuel Lutheran Church in Hamburg, Minnesota. Thank you for all of your prayers and support during this process.

**STEPPING STONE
 WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**

Stepping Stone, one of Family of Christ's HERE missions, is looking for donations of new or gently used winter gear for both men and women. This includes coats, gloves and stocking caps. Please bring them to church by Sunday, November 22. There will be a bin in the hallway where items can be placed. FOC will transfer the items to Stepping Stone in Anoka.

PORTALS OF PRAYER

There is a box located outside of the Preschool entrance. They are also available on Sunday mornings inside the building.

**SUPPORTING
 FAMILY OF CHRIST**
 Click [Online Giving](#)
 Or
 Mail Offerings to:
 Family of Christ
 16345 Polk St. NE
 Ham Lake, MN 55304

**VOTERS MEETING
 SUNDAY, OCT 18—9:50 AM**

There will be a special Voters' Meeting TODAY in the worship center immediately following the 9:00am worship service (9:50am). Listed are the two agenda items:

1. Extending a call for one of these three Directors of Christian Education to serve as our next "Director of Children's Ministry":
 Brittany Nagel – Bloomington MN
 Leah Welter – Winterhaven FL
 Ruth Woltmann – Hermantown MN
2. Voting on a proposed Bylaw change. Copies of this Bylaw change are available on the tables near the Worship Center exit doors.

**TRINITY FIRST WORKDAY
 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**

Join other Family of Christ members to work at Trinity First Lutheran School from 9am to 1pm. Lots of different projects for anyone willing to help--mowing, weeding, painting, minor repairs, etc.

Contact Pete Mumford
 763-229-9792
pmumf94@gmail.com

**MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT
 EVENT NOVEMBER 14**

Family of Christ is pleased to announce that we will be hosting the live event Marriage Date Night featuring Christian recording artist Jonny Diaz (More Beautiful You and Breathe) and Christian Comedians Amberly Neese and David Dean on November 14 (Rescheduled from March). Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased online at www.marriagedatenight.com. As host congregation for this event we will need several volunteers that will qualify for discounted tickets. For more information contact DCE Pete Hiller at 763-434-7337 ext. 15.

**CONFIDENTIAL PRAYER
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If you desire confidential prayers, email focpray4u@hotmail.com
 Contact Ginny Jorgenson
 763-433-9259

**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

- Holy Spirit, grant us wisdom as we call a "Director of Children's Ministry" today.
- Lord, empower us through daily repentance to cling to God's promises of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ.
- Gracious God, thank you for providing for the needs of Your church through generous tithes and offerings. We love because You first loved us!
- Holy Spirit, motivate all of us to share what we learn from God's Word with family and friends who don't have a relationship with Christ.