

**Lifelong Faith Formation  
Northern Great Lakes Synod  
Fall 2023 Online Class**

**The Gospel of Mark: *Its Story and Message***

**Instructor**

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**Class Dates:**

Every Tuesday starting September 19 – October 24, 2023

**Class Time:**

6-7:15PM Central Time

**Class Description**

This highly interactive, 6-week class will enjoy reading Mark as a story. It will explore Mark's narrative qualities such as characters, settings, and plot. Throughout, the class will consider the unique meanings and message of mark that a narrative reading generates as well as its applications for following Jesus today. At the end of this class, students will be equipped to better apply narrative reading techniques to biblical stories and experience a deeper joy and appreciation for biblical storytelling.

**Materials Required**

A Bible. (The NRSV version will be used by the instructor. Other translations are welcome.)

**Class Syllabus**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Required Reading prior to Class</b>	<b>Class Topic</b>
<b>Tuesday, September 19</b>	All of Mark in one sitting.	How shall we read?
<b>Tuesday, September 26</b>	Mark 1:1-15	Scene 1 – Creating Expectations
<b>Tuesday, October 3</b>	Mark 9:2-13	Scene 2 – Established Expectations
<b>Tuesday, October 10</b>	Mark 14:26-52	Scene 3 – Unfulfilled Expectations
<b>Tuesday, October 17</b>	Mark 15:21-41	Scene 4 – Dissolved Expectations
<b>Tuesday, October 24</b>	Mark 16:1-8	Scene 5 - Unsettling