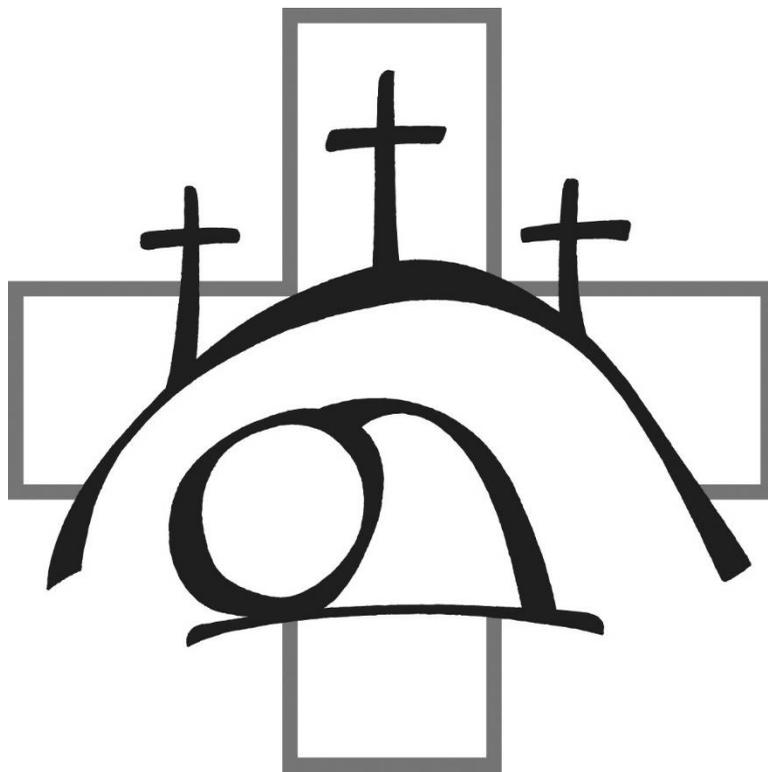


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

August 16, 2020



**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, we welcome you to St. Mark's. We especially welcome our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

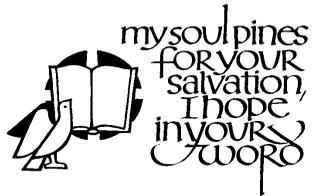
We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

We do have LARGE PRINT copies of the Bulletin, you will find them on the table with the Bulletins;

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. We ask that only WELS & ELS members partake of the Sacrament. Our Pastors are willing to speak to why this is the case, please contact one of them.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Does a life of hardship mean that God does not care or does not exist? Not at all. The way to endure a life of hardship, different for each one of us, is through God's care; which He provides through His Word, as well as through people He puts into our life. We have examples of this in our worship today. God remains compassionate. Marvel again how God can use hardship for something good.

PRELUDE

On Eagle's Wings

By Michael Joncas

GREETING

OPENING HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Christian Worship # 255

**Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!**

**Gracious God, I come before thee; Come thou also unto me.
Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, oh, enter thou; Let it be thy temple now!**

**Here thy praise is gladly chanted; Here thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.**

**Thou my faith increase and quicken; Let me keep thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken; May thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life, As my comfort in all strife.**

**Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near thee While thou dost thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: 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.**

ABSOLUTION

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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory

C: **through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 41:41-49

A reminder to not dismiss God amidst life's hardships, but to persevere.

⁴¹ So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I hereby put you in charge of the whole land of Egypt." ⁴² Then Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph's finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command, and people shouted before him, "Make way!" Thus he put him in charge of the whole land of Egypt. ⁴⁴ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, "I am Pharaoh, but without your word no one will lift hand or foot in all Egypt." ⁴⁵ Pharaoh gave Joseph the name Zaphenath-Paneah and gave him Asenath daughter of Potiphara, priest of On, to be his wife. And Joseph went throughout the land of Egypt. ⁴⁶ Joseph was thirty years old when he entered the service of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from Pharaoh's presence and traveled throughout Egypt. ⁴⁷ During the seven years of abundance the land produced plentifully. ⁴⁸ Joseph collected

all the food produced in those seven years of abundance in Egypt and stored it in the cities. In each city he put the food grown in the fields surrounding it. ⁴⁹ Joseph stored up huge quantities of grain, like the sand of the sea; it was so much that he stopped keeping records because it was beyond measure.

HYMN

When Peace Like a River
Christian Worship Supplement # 760

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll—
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Refrain

*It is well (It is well) with my soul (with my soul).
It is well, it is well with my soul.*

**My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought—
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more:
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain***

**And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul. *Refrain***

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 4:4-5

If an action is God-pleasing, though it may not be to our liking, it is not to be automatically rejected.

⁴For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119

M: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

C: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

M: Direct me in the path of your commands, for there I find delight.

C: Turn my heart toward your statutes and not toward selfish gain.

M: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

C: **Preserve my life according to your word.**

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

Without fanfare Jesus performs another miracle as He shows compassion toward people.

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Christian Worship # 349

**Jesus, priceless treasure, Fount of purest pleasure, Truest friend to me.
Ah, how long in anguish Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide thee, Naught I ask beside thee.**

**In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking, Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.**

**Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee; Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.**

**Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure; Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory! Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.**

**Pain or loss Or shame or cross
Shall not from my Savior move me Since he deigns to love me.**

**Hence, all fear and sadness! For the Lord of gladness, Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father, Though the storms may gather, Still have peace within.
Yea, whate'er I here must bear, Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!**

SERMON

Based on Genesis 41:41-49

“Marvel Again At What God Can Do”

NICENE CREED

M: We believe in one God,

C: the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried.

C: On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

M: He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

C: He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

M: We believe in the Holy Spirit,

C: the Lord, the giver of life,

M: who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

C: who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

M: We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

C: We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

M: We look for the resurrection of the dead
C: and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be placed in the basket on the Table, or you can mail your thank offering to the church, or give online through our website under the “Resources” tab. The QR Code to the giving link is at the end of the bulletin.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 7

M: O righteous God, who searches minds and hearts,
C: bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure.

M: My shield is God Most High, who saves the upright in heart.
C: God is a righteous judge, a God who expresses his wrath every day.

M: I will give thanks to the LORD because of his righteousness
C: and will sing praise to the name of the LORD Most High.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son’s body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good

institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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.

For online worship, continue with the Blessing and the Closing Hymn

HYMN

Quartet sings verses 1 & 3

Congregation sings verse 2

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit

Christian Worship # 545

Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit On your servants now, we pray;
Let them all be faithful shepherds That no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim, To adore your holy name,
And to feed your lambs, dear Savior, Make their aim and sole endeavor.

**You, O Lord, yourself have called them For your precious lambs to care;
But to prosper in their calling, They the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant them wisdom from above; Fill their hearts with holy love.
In their weakness, Lord, be near them; In their prayers, Good Shepherd, hear them.**

Help, Lord Jesus, help them nourish Our dear children with your Word,
That in constant love they serve you Till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow On your servants' work below
Till by grace to them is given Their reward, the crown of heaven.

INSTALLATION OF OUR NEW TEACHER

Ms. Hannah Stegman
Homeroom Grades 3 to 5

SONG

Go in the Grace of the Lord

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*Go in the grace of the Lord.
Walk in the way of His Word.
Stand in the strength of His promises,
and believe in your heart they are true.*

*Sit at the feet of the Savior.
Pray in the power of the Spirit.
Rise and run the race with patience,
and go in the grace of the Lord.*

*Go in hope, God's hope.
Go in peace, God's peace.
Go in joy, everlasting joy!
As you live in the fullness of His love.*

Go in the grace of the Lord.

THE SACRAMENT

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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: **Amen.**

Explanation regarding the Distribution of the Lord’s Supper

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Soloist

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Christian Worship Supplement # 744

Following Distribution and the Communion Blessing

PRAYER

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: **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: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

On Eagles’ Wings

Christian Worship # 440

- 1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”**

Refrain:

*And he will raise you up on eagles' wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.*

**2. Snares of the fowler will never capture you,
And famine will bring you no fear;
Under his wings your refuge,
His faithfulness your shield. *Refrain***

**3. For to his angels he's given a command
To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up,
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

By Paul Manz

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Vocals: Jenny Kolander, Greg Meyer, Greg Thiesfeldt

Children's Sunday School—9:15 a.m.

Today, we will study “Fiery Directions.” Miraculously rescued through the waters of the Nile by Pharaoh's daughter, Moses escapes the condemnation pronounced on the other Hebrew boys. Leaving behind his life of privilege, Moses flees to Midian, where he encounters the living God in a burning bush. Through the encounter, God directs and equips Moses to rescue His chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. *Discuss how we are saved through the waters of Baptism.*

Adult & Teen Bible Studies

- **The Book of Matthew:** Led by Pastor Kolander.
- **Teen Class:** Led by Pastor Groth via Zoom at 11:00am.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today	9:30 a.m.	Installation of our New Teacher, Hannah Stegman No Voter's/Congregation Meeting (moved to September)
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Back to School Open House
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Back to School Open House
Sunday		School officially starts Monday 8.24.2020 (online PM worship & info sharing)

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Bruce Carder	<i>Aug 16</i>	
Joshua Faljean	<i>Aug 17</i>	
Weston Sigman		
Chad Stites		
Lisa Dushane	<i>Aug 18</i>	
Igor Sedykh		
Robert Snyder	<i>Aug 19</i>	
Jeff Jones	<i>Aug 21</i>	
Martha Kohler	<i>Aug 22</i>	
Michael Manthei		



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Children's Sunday School from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Adult & Teen Sunday Bible Classes from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:30 a.m.

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