



# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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 through Jesus.

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- ❖ **PARTICIPATION IN THE LORD'S SUPPER:** St. Mark's celebrates the Lord's Supper on the first, third, and fifth Sundays of the month. The Bible teaches us that the Lord's Supper is a statement of God's grace and forgiveness to us, *and* a statement of our "oneness" or complete unity of faith with one another (1 Corinthians 10:16-17). *For this reason, we invite to the Lord's Supper those who have previously expressed their oneness with us through membership at St. Mark's or membership in another congregation in our church body, the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS).* If you haven't had the opportunity to fully learn what we believe and teach at St. Mark's but you would like to join us for the Lord's Supper in the future, please speak to one of the pastors after today's service or at another time. They would be happy to meet with you and to work toward a common confession of faith with you so that you can join us for the Lord's Supper in the near future.



# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** It's difficult to do, but it's an honor and privilege from God: admonishing our brothers and sisters in the faith. Our gracious God has given us the blessed task of helping keep each other on the path that leads to heaven. Thankfully he tells us we're not alone, and he equips us for the task by giving us his law and his gospel. All of it, every step of the way, reveals our God's love for sinners, and God be praised that today we get to celebrate how we get to imitate that love!

## PRELUDE

## Meditation on Schmucke Dich

*Arr. Sandra Gay*

## OPENING HYMN

## In Christ Alone

*Christian Worship Supplement #752*

1. **In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings  
cease! My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.**
2. **In Christ alone—who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross, as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.**
3. **There in the ground his body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am his and he is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**
4. **No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home, Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

## INVOCATION

**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 AND PRAISE

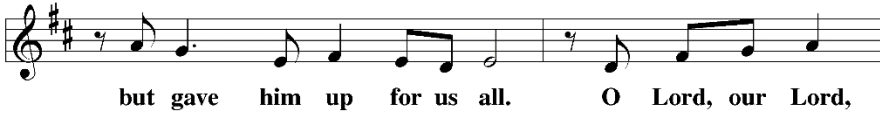
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**O LORD, OUR LORD** (*no musical introduction*)

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,  
you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;  
you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;



you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the



King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

*God gives Ezekiel a message of law and gospel to share with his fellow Israelites and impresses upon Ezekiel how serious he is about sharing it.*

<sup>7</sup>“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup>When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. <sup>9</sup>But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved.

<sup>10</sup>“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’

<sup>11</sup>Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’”

## HYMN

### **I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus**

*Christian Worship #446*

- 1. I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,  
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.**
- 2. I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,  
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.**
- 3. I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood,  
Trusting you who made me holy By your blood.**
- 4. I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,  
Ev’ry day and hour supplying All my need.**
- 5. I am trusting you for power; You can never fail.  
Words which you yourself shall give me Must prevail.**
- 6. I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; Never let me fall.  
I am trusting you forever And for all.**

## SECOND LESSON

## Galatians 2:11-21

*Here we see an example of Paul lovingly, but sternly, confronting the apostle Peter's sin for the sake of the gospel and for Peter's faith and life.*

<sup>11</sup> When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup> For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. <sup>13</sup> The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.

<sup>14</sup> When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs?"

<sup>15</sup> "We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles <sup>16</sup> know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified.

<sup>17</sup> "But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn't that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! <sup>18</sup> If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker.

<sup>19</sup> "For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

## GOSPEL

## Matthew 18:15-20

*Jesus implores us to admonish our brother or sister in the faith and gives us great promises as we do so on his behalf.*

<sup>15</sup> "If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. <sup>16</sup> But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' <sup>17</sup> If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

<sup>18</sup> "Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

<sup>19</sup> "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jesus Sinners Does Receive

*Christian Worship #304  
verses 1-4, 7*

1. **Jesus sinners does receive; Oh, may all this saying ponder  
Who in sin's delusions live And from God and heaven wander.  
Here is hope for all who grieve—Jesus sinners does receive.**
2. **We deserve but grief and shame, Yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
Pardon, peace, and life proclaim; Here their ills have perfect healing  
Who with humble hearts believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**
3. **Sheep that from the fold did stray Are not by the Lord forsaken;  
Weary souls who lost their way Are by Christ, the shepherd, taken  
In his arms that they may live—Jesus sinners does receive.**
4. **Come, O sinners, one and all, Come, accept his invitation.  
Come, obey his gracious call; Come and take his free salvation!  
Firmly in these words believe—Jesus sinners does receive.**
7. **Jesus sinners does receive. Even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave, I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave—Jesus sinners does receive.**

## SERMON

Based on Matthew 18:15-20

### Go, Bind and Loose in the Love of Christ

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**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.**

*continued...*



**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
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.*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church on behalf of the congregation.)*

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

*(Online worship continues with hymn #539 on page 11.)*

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

### Take and Eat

*Christian Worship Supplement #741*

*Refrain*

**Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.**

**Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.**

1. **I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above; I am the vine that fills your cup with  
joy.**

*Refrain*

2. **I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead; I am your peace, true peace my gift to you.**

*Refrain*

**Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.**

**Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.**

- 3. I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day. You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice; You are my own: your ransom is my blood.**

*Refrain*

- 4. I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes. You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest Like living stones, a temple for God's praise.**

*Refrain*

- 5. I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide; I am the Morning Star that never sets. Lift up your face; in you my light will shine.**

*Refrain*

- 6. I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live; I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song. You are my bride; come to the marriage feast.**

*Refrain*

**HYMN**

**In Christ There Is No East or West**

*Christian Worship #539*

- 1. In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,  
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**
- 2. With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.  
He loves us as his children through Our faith in his dear Son.**
- 3. So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free  
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!**
- 4. Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;  
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.**
- 5. In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.  
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

## THANK THE LORD *(musical introduction)*



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with your gospel. We pray that you will continue to strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

## Love in Christ Is Strong and Living

*Christian Worship #490*

1. **Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one;  
Love in Christ is true and giving—  
May his will in us be done!**
2. **Love is patient and forbearing,  
Clothed in Christ's humility,  
Gentle, selfless, kind, and caring,  
Reaching out in charity.**
3. **Love in Christ abides forever,  
Fainting not when ills attend;  
Love, forgiving and forgiven,  
Shall endure until life's end.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

## We Gather Together

*arr., Phillip Keveren*

*As I have  
Loved You,  
so you must  
love one another*



# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke

Percussion: Don Black

Altar Flowers: Flowers beautifying the altar have been placed by the Beiderbecke's, in celebration of Janette's Birthday! Happy Birthday Janette!

## Children's Sunday School—Materials Available Online

“A Prophet Serves” is the title for this week’s lesson. Having been raised in the tabernacle from the time he was a young child, Samuel continues to serve Eli the priest. One night, Samuel runs to Eli, thinking Eli is calling his name. Eli sends Samuel back to bed, assuring him he had not called. As the pattern repeats, Eli tells Samuel to lie down once again but then next time respond, “Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears” (1 Samuel 3:9). When the Lord calls once again, He gives Samuel a vision of how Samuel will succeed Eli rather than Eli’s “worthless” sons. *Discuss how God used the prophet Samuel to do His work.*

## Adult & Teen Bible Studies

- **Personalizing Salvation - Law & Gospel:** 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		Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Outdoor Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy – Live on Facebook
	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Video Message Online
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Quilters
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Ignite Teen Group Hike
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Outdoor Service

<i>Birthdays</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Anniversaries</i>
Janette Beiderbecke	<i>Sept 18</i>	
Janet Puckett	<i>Sept 20</i>	Jason & Skye Sigman
Judy Lawson	<i>Sept 21</i>	
Virginia Richardson	<i>Sept 22</i>	Shannon & Louisa Burke
Todd Robson		
Cathy Flowers	<i>Sept 23</i>	
Teresa Milam	<i>Sept 25</i>	
Alexander Wiegel		
Laura Turner	<i>Sept 26</i>	



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Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.  
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.

Jonathan Kolander	Pastor
Brock Groth	Pastor
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 6-8
Hannah Stegman	Grades 3-5
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Judy Thrans	Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Lisa Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

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