

# Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Focus of Today's Service:** Nothing can stop our God from preserving his church. The gates of hell and the power of Satan might come at us with full force, but God's church will not be overcome. Why? Because God builds his church on the rock-solid testimony of Christ crucified. The Son of the living God has forgiven our sins, and God's church is equipped with that message of forgiveness. God in his grace, with his power, and through his Word will preserve his people.

## PRELUDE

**O Church, Arise**  
*James Koerts*  
**To God Be the Glory**  
*Melody Bober*

## OPENING HYMN

**To God Be the Glory**  
*Christian Worship #399*

1. **To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain:*

**Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

2. **Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

*Refrain*

3. **Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.**

*Refrain*

## INVOCATION

Minister In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

## ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN

## Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

*Christian Worship #377  
verses 1, 4, & 7*

1. **Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!**
  
4. **But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.**
  
7. **To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me—I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.**

## THE WORD

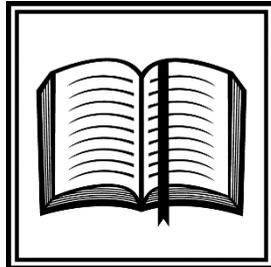
**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



## FIRST LESSON

Joshua 4:1-9

*God provided rock-solid testimony of his deliverance for the generations of Israelites to come much in the same way he does for us in his Son.*

<sup>1</sup> When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua,  
<sup>2</sup> “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, <sup>3</sup> and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.”

<sup>4</sup> So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, <sup>5</sup> and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, <sup>6</sup> to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ <sup>7</sup> tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

<sup>8</sup> So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. <sup>9</sup> Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 34

### Refrain



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

### Psalm tone



Taste and see that the LORD is good;\*  
blessed are they who take refuge in him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous\*  
and his ears are attentive to their cry.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,\*  
and he delivers them.

*continued...*

*Refrain*



Hap-py the peo-ple the Lord has cho-sen to be his own.

*Psalm tone* \*



The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them;\*  
 he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted\*  
 and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems his servants;\*  
 no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy Spirit,  
 as it was in the beginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

## Revelations 7:1-8

*God will ensure that his church can stand tall on Judgment Day, protected by his grace.*

<sup>1</sup> After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. <sup>2</sup> Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: <sup>3</sup> “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” <sup>4</sup> Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel.

<sup>5</sup> From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, <sup>6</sup> from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, <sup>7</sup> from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, <sup>8</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:13-20**

*Who is Jesus? The answer to that question and its testimony are what build and preserve the church.*

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

<sup>14</sup> They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

<sup>15</sup> “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

<sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head**

*Christian Worship #536*

- 1. Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s head, You are her one foundation.  
In you she trusts, before you bows, And waits for your salvation.  
Built on this rock secure, Your Church shall endure  
Though all the world decay And all things pass away.  
Oh, hear, oh, hear us, Jesus!**
- 2. O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word  
To us e’er pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.**
- 3. Help us to serve you evermore With hearts both pure and lowly.  
And may your Word, that light divine, Shine on in splendor holy  
That we repentance show, In faith ever grow.  
The pow’r of sin destroy And evils that annoy.  
Oh, make us faithful Christians.**
- 4. And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure.  
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.  
Lord, for your mercy’s sake, Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and glory.**

**Signed, Sealed, Delivered. You're His.**

**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.**

**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. 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 #538 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 to the Lord.**

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

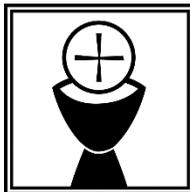
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

C: **By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: **Amen.**



## 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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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

### HYMN

### The Church's One Foundation

*Christian Worship #538*

- 1. The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation By water and the Word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her To be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.**
- 2. Elect from ev'ry nation, Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation: One Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name she blesses, Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, With ev'ry grace endued.**
- 3. The Church shall never perish. Her dear Lord, to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her And strive to see her fail,  
Against both foe and traitor She ever shall prevail.**
- 4. Though with a scornful wonder The world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping; Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping Shall be the morn of song.**
- 5. Mid toil and tribulation And tumult of her war  
She waits the consummation Of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious Her longing eyes are blest  
And the great Church victorious Shall be the Church at rest.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## O Savior, Precious Savior

*Christian Worship #368*

1. O Savior, precious Savior, Whom, yet unseen, we love,  
O name of might and favor, All other names above,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our holy Lord and King.
2. O Bringer of salvation, Who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation Of love beyond our thought,  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our gracious Lord and King.
3. In thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow'r divine;  
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is thine.  
We worship thee; we bless thee; To thee, O Christ, we sing;  
We praise thee and confess thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
4. Oh, grant the consummation Of this our song above  
In endless adoration And everlasting love!  
Then shall we praise and bless thee Where perfect praises ring  
And evermore confess thee, Our Savior and our King.

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## SONG OF SIMEON

*(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)*

1. O Lord, now let your servant  
Depart in peace, assured:  
For I have seen your promised  
incarnate, saving Word—  
A Light that will enlighten  
All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
The brilliant, crowning glory  
Of those in Israel!
2. All glory to the Father,  
All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit,  
Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning,  
Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding  
Through all eternity.

## **PRAYER**

M: We give you thanks, O living God, for the knowledge and understanding you give through your Word. Through your gospel you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

M: 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**

### **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

*Christian Worship #382*

1. **My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain:*

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.**

2. **When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil.**

*Refrain*

3. **His oath, his covenant and blood Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.**

*Refrain*

4. **When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,  
Clothed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before his throne.**

*Refrain*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE

### My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Valerie A. Floeter

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## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

### Children's Sunday School—*Materials Available Online*

“The Land at Last” is the title for today’s lesson. For forty years, the Israelites wandered on sandals that didn’t wear out and ate daily doses of manna. Following Moses’ death, Joshua prepares to lead a new generation into the Promised Land. This time, the floodwaters of the Jordan River stand in the way; but hearkening back to the Red Sea crossing, the people pass through on dry land as they gather twelve stones for a memorial to God’s faithful care for His people. *As a family, discuss how God leads us today.*

### 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		Mission Box Offering
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Child Discipleship
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Teen Hike at Lake Clementine Trail

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Kai Patrick	<i>Sept 6</i>	
Stella Egle	<i>Sept 8</i>	
Betty Martin		
Homer Carson	<i>Sept 9</i>	
Avery Clark		
Joan Perlberg		
Andrea Loughlean	<i>Sept 10</i>	
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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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