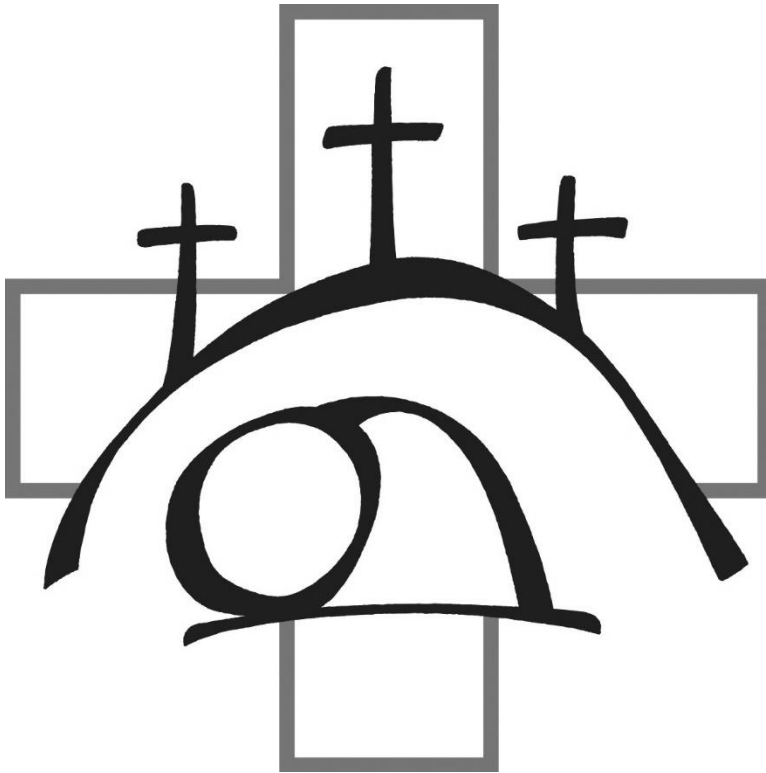


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

October 11, 2020



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

19th Sunday after Pentecost

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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).

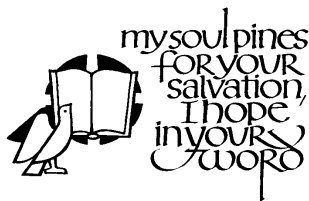
May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

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;

Personal hearing assistance devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

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.



Explore our website. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, and More.

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: If you were to receive a new heart, how would that change your life (lifestyle)? In order to receive a new heart what most likely had to happen first? God has made it possible for us to have a new heart. How are you living your life in light of this truth? Taking the time to worship is on the right track, keeping in mind worship is not so much about what we do for God; rather it is about God, and what He has done/is doing for us. Thanks for taking care of your heart.

PRELUDE

Meditation

Lloyd Larson

OPENING HYMN

The Lamb

Christian Worship Supplement # 714

**The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where's the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

*Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me his own!
The Lamb is reigning on his throne.*

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.**

Refrain

**The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, his will, On our behalf the law to fill.**

Refrain

**He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me his own righteousness.**

Refrain

**He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong 'Til ev'ry heart to him belong.**

Refrain

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.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Lamentations 3

M: ... this I call to mind

C: and therefore I have hope:

M: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

C: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

M: I say to myself,

C: "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him ... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,

C: so great is his unfailing love.

M: For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men

C: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

M: Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Let us worship Him.



COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Psalm 95

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

①

Come, oh, come, let us sing to the Lord,

②

let us shout with joy to our saving Rock;

③

come, enter in with our songs of praise,

Repeat for use with canon

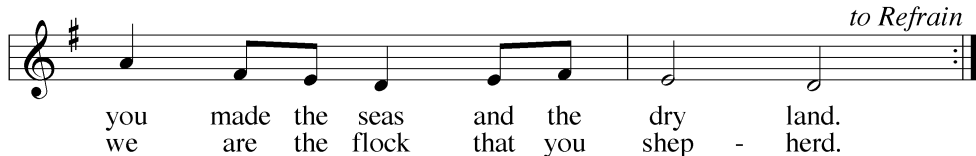
come, enter in with thanks-giving.

Verses

1. You are a great and a wondrous God,
2. Come, let us worship and, bowing low,

cupping in your hands all the depths of earth.
kneel before the One who has made us all.

You made the hills and the mountains high,
You are the God whom we call our own,



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you;

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

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Sin can come with lasting consequences, including eternal death. God offers a way to live.

The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: “‘The parents eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. ²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!

HYMN

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

Wondrous Are Your Ways, O God

Christian Worship # 307

**Wondrous are your ways, O God!
 No one can escape you!
 Farthest space nor greatest depth
 Cannot hide me from you!**

**Long before I came to birth,
Your eye saw and knew me.
Even in life's darkest hour
In your hand you hold me.**

**Search me, God, and know my heart,
Lord of truth and mercy.
From afar, O Lord, you know
All my thoughts, my secrets.
And if any wicked way
Should be found within me,
Cleanse, forgive me by your grace;
By your Spirit guide me.**

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 13:5-8

Do you have saving faith? How can you be sure?

⁵Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? ⁶And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. ⁷Now we pray to God that you will not do anything wrong—not so that people will see that we have stood the test but so that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. ⁸For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119

M: Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

C: Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

Be careful to not put more weight on your opinions than on God's truth.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’ ²⁹“‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind

and went. ³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go. ³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?” “The first,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

A CONFESSION OF FAITH

All: I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the Communion of Saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

M: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

M: This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lamb of God

Christian Worship Supplement # 748

**Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.**

Refrain

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

**Your gift of love they crucified. They laughed and scorned him as he died:
The humble King they named a fraud And sacrificed the Lamb of God.**

Refrain

**I was so lost; I should have died, But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod And to be called a lamb of God.**

Refrain

SERMON

Based on Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

“Give Thanks For Your New Heart”

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa-ther ho - ly, all cre - a-tion of - fers praise.

Verses



1. With the an - gels in heav - en,
2. Cre - a - tor of all things, **We praise you, we**
3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,



praise you! With the cher - u - bim and ser - a-phem,
O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, **We**
You be - came a man to set us free;



praise you, we praise you! With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,
 O Spir - it, most ho - ly, We
 You have ris - en to free us;

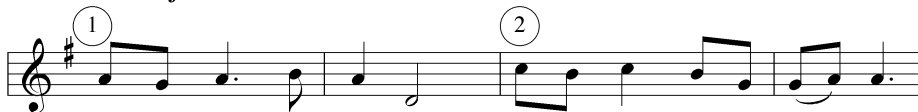


praise you, we praise you! With the mar - tirs and your
 To the Trin - i - ty most
 And with all your saints in



ho - ly Church,
 bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*
 glo - ry, *to Refrain*
to Final Refrain

Final Refrain



You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,



all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the basket on the Table, 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

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit. We worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord.

In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

HYMN

There Is a Redeemer

Christian Worship Supplement # 747

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**

Refrain

*Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain. *Refrain***

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place. *Refrain***

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.

M: Let us praise the Lord

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See

Christian Worship #219

**Lord, when your glory I shall see
And taste your kingdom's pleasure,
Your blood my royal robe shall be,
My joy beyond all measure!
When I appear before your throne,
Your righteousness shall be my crown;
With these I need not hide me.
And there, in garments richly wrought,
As your own bride I shall be brought
To stand in joy beside you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Serenade
Joseph Haydn

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For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

Guilt by association. What does that phrase mean or imply? How does it fit with the situation the Israelites found themselves in? How does it fit with us today? At the same time, what other truth does the Lord put before us in these words? Why would the Lord even care about people who have turned on Him? See 1 Timothy 2:1-4 & 2 Timothy 2:11-13

Can we change the truth of the Gospel? Can we cause people to not take it seriously? What is a solid prayer for us to keep in mind as we ponder these words? See Colossians 4:2-6

Which son did what was asked? How could have the situation been improved? How are we like these sons? Some people tend to rely on what in getting right with God, when they should be focused on what? Repentance includes what words/actions taking place? See 1 Peter 4

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kolander

Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke

Percussion: Don Black

Altar Committee: Barbara Lazaga | Joan Perlberg

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

Adult & Teen Bible Studies

- **Personalizing Salvation - Law & Gospel:** Led by Pastor Kolander.
- **Teen Class:** Led by Mike Rausch via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

To connect to the auto giving option:



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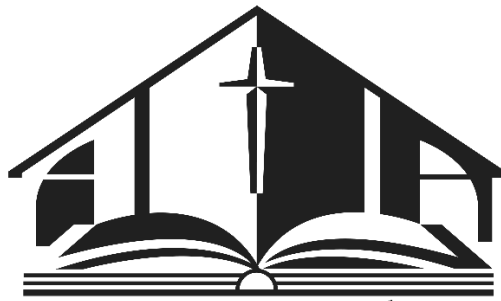


THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

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| Today | 8:00 a.m. | Indoor Service |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Bible Study Indoors |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Outdoor Service |
| Monday | 5:30 p.m. | Men's Bible Study |
| Tuesday | 7:00 p.m. | Coordinating Council Meeting |
| Wednesday | | School Chapel Service (Online) |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Adult Choir |
| Thursday | 9:30 a.m. | JOL Women's Bible Study |
| | 4:30 p.m. | Board of Stewardship Meeting |
| Next Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Indoor Service |
| | 9:15 a.m. | Indoor Bible Study |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Outdoor Service |

| <i>Birthdays</i> | | <i>Anniversaries</i> |
|------------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Ed Heinitz | <i>Oct 11</i> | |
| Jan Garrett | <i>Oct 13</i> | |
| Kayla Oswald | | |
| | <i>Oct 14</i> | Jim & Dena Oswald |
| | <i>Oct 15</i> | Bill & Linda Halfhill |
| | | Robert & Roberta Snyder |
| Kari Schwieger | <i>Oct 17</i> | |



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Sunday Services in October: 8:00 (in) & 10:00 (out) a.m.
Children's Sunday School --- Materials sent to the homes
Adult Bible Study 9:15-9:45 ... Teen Bible Discussion at 7:00 p.m. (online)
Monday Evening Service at 7:00 p.m. (on hold in October)
Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:30 a.m. (pre-recorded)

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|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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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