



20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 get back to on-campus worship:

- The Nursery and Cry Room are not available until further notice;
- Children Activity Sheets are available. Please ask an usher for a copy;
- Personal Hearing Assistance Devices are available in the Narthex by the west double doors;
- The sanctuary is looped for those whose hearing devices are enabled to pick up the signal;
- We do have LARGE PRINT copies of the bulletin. Please ask an usher for a copy.

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 the pastor after today's service or at another time. He 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: Today is a day of warning. God places before us three examples of people who rejected the Lord and his Word of grace. Look at what happens: others are led astray, disaster comes, and the kingdom is torn away from them. But why does God warn us of these things? Because he is gracious. So today is also a day of grace. Let us learn from these past examples that we may continue to build on the one, chief cornerstone: Jesus Christ.

PRELUDE

GREETING

OPENING HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening

Christian Worship #283

(Verses 1,2,4)

1. **Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.**
2. **Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.**
4. **As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.**

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

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: Mercifully grant, O God, that your Word may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 21:1-15

Manasseh rejected the Lord and his grace shown to his father, which brought the Lord's anger and punishment upon the kingdom.

¹ Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah. ² He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. ³ He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. ⁴ He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name." ⁵ In the two courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. ⁶ He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced divination, sought omens, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, arousing his anger.

⁷ He took the carved Asherah pole he had made and put it in the temple, of which the LORD had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I

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have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. ⁸ I will not again make the feet of the Israelites wander from the land I gave their ancestors, if only they will be careful to do everything I commanded them and will keep the whole Law that my servant Moses gave them.” ⁹ But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites.

¹⁰ The LORD said through his servants the prophets: ¹¹ “Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols. ¹² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. ¹³ I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. ¹⁴ I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and give them into the hands of enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their enemies; ¹⁵ they have done evil in my eyes and have aroused my anger from the day their ancestors came out of Egypt until this day.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119a

Christian Worship p.109

Refrain



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.

Psalm tone



Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,*
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

Blessed are they who keep his statutes*
and seek him with all their heart.

You have laid down precepts*
that are to be fully obeyed.

Refrain

continued...

Oh, that my ways were steadfast*
in obeying your decrees!

Then I would not be put to shame*
when I consider all your commands.

I will praise you with an upright heart*
as I learn your righteous laws.

**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.**



SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul urges the Corinthians to open their hearts that they won't reject God's grace on account of his ministry.

¹ As God's co-workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. ² For he says,
"In the time of my favor I heard you,
and in the day of salvation I helped you."

I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation.

³ We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. ⁴ Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; ⁵ in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; ⁶ in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love; ⁷ in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; ⁸ through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; ⁹ known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; ¹⁰ sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. ¹² We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. ¹³ As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

Worship services center on the Gospel reading for the day.

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:33-43

The Jewish leaders were rejecting Christ as the cornerstone despite God's patience, so God was going to give his kingdom to others.

³³ “Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and moved to another place. ³⁴ When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit.

³⁵ “The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. ³⁶ Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. ³⁷ Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

³⁸ “But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ ³⁹ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

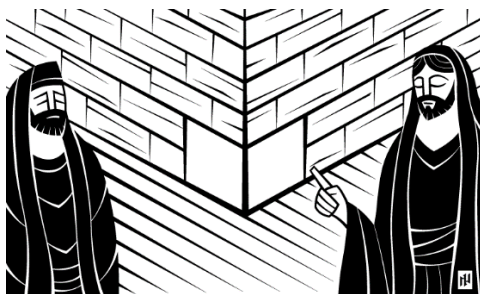
⁴⁰ “Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

⁴¹ “He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“ ‘The stone the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
the Lord has done this,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.



HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Christian Worship #462

1. **Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways
To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace
To know and do his will!**

2. **Order my footsteps by your Word,
And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord,
But keep my conscience clear.**

3. **Assist my soul, too apt to stray,
A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way,
Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

4. **Make me to walk in your commands—
'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands
Offend against my God.**

SERMON

Based on 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Now Is the Time to Open Your Heart

_____ so not _____

_____ what's _____

_____ your heart _____

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. 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

(The presiding minister will speak the Prayer of the Church.)

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.

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 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

I Come, O Savior; to Your Table

*Christian Worship #310
verses 1-11, as needed*

1. **I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;
Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole.**

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

2. **Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,
And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord.**

Refrain

3. **Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet you your lamb will banish never, Nor will your faithfulness depart.**

Refrain:

Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!

4. **Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul,
That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll!**

Refrain

5. **Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly.**

Refrain

6. **Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.
Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest.**

Refrain

7. **You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,
That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely Your merit pleads, as it is right.**

Refrain

8. **By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,
For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above.**

Refrain

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9. **What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace.**

Refrain

10. **This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,
To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour.**

Refrain

11. **Your body, giv'n for me, O Savior, Your blood, which you for me have shed—
These are my life and strength forever; By them my hungry soul is fed.**

Refrain

COMMUNION BLESSING

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: 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Christian Worship #402

- 1. My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!**
- 2. May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**
- 3. While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.**
- 4. When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Altar Committee: Barbara Lazaga | Joan Perlberg

Children's Sunday School—Study at Home Sunday School

The Passover and Escape from Egypt – Exodus 11:1-12:42

Here's the online link if you need: <https://online.nph.net/ss-at-home>

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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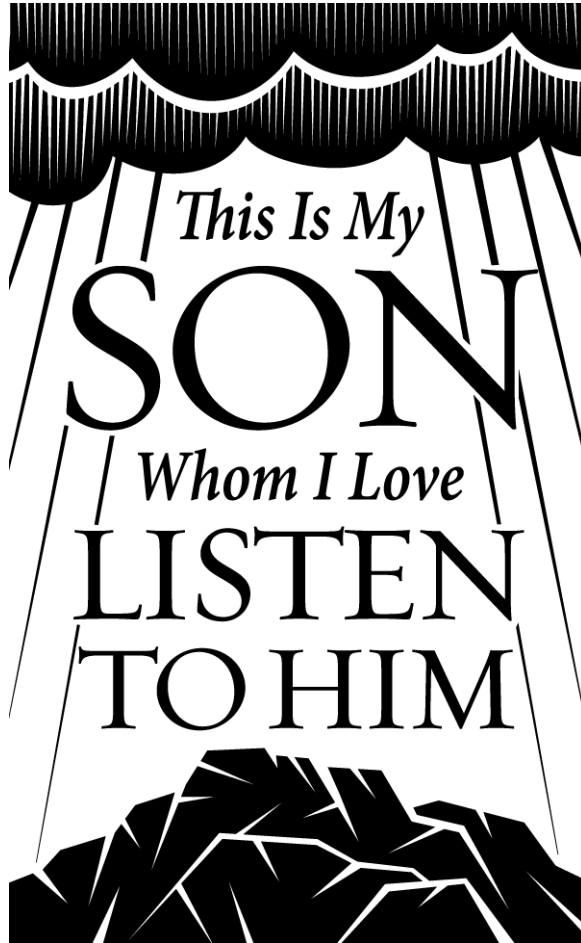
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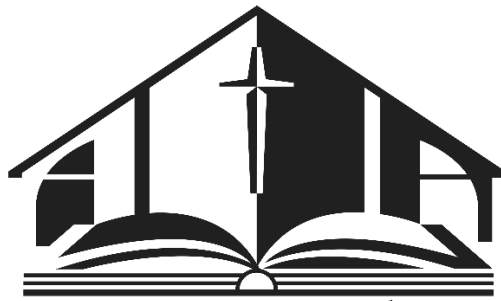
THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today		Mission Box Offering Communion
	8:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Indoor Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship Service
	5:00 p.m.	20s/30s Bible Study
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy Live on Facebook
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service (online video)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Bible Study
	6:00 p.m.	Quilters
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Public School Confirmation Meeting
	9:00 a.m.	Quilters
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Indoor Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Indoor Bible Study
	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Worship Service

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Gail Raglen	<i>Oct 18</i>	Greg & Fatima Meyer
Elyn Dushane	<i>Oct 19</i>	Marc & Sandra Ross
Scott Halfhill	<i>Oct 20</i>	
Jackie Moller		
Gina Naves		
	<i>Oct 24</i>	Michael & Laurie Gunter





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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)

Jonathan Kolander	Pastor
Brock Groth	Pastor
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 6-8
Hannah Stegman	Grades 3-5
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Judy Thrams	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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