



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 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 oncampus 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

Focus of Today's Service: Look at the grace of our God! He forgives the sins of even the most wicked people...including us. And that's something you and I can sometimes struggle with. So today God is going to confront any self-righteous and selfish attitude we have when it comes to receiving his grace and remind us that his grace extends not just to us but to everyone.

PRELUDE

OPENING HYMN

Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound

Christian Worship #379

1. **Amazing grace—how sweet the sound—That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**
2. **The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**
3. **Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

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 self-righteous 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 selfish pride and a lack of love,
For sins of anger and sins of jealousy,
For the evil I have delighted in 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 abounding 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: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of not just believers but 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—no matter how great—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 our own hope of heaven as we await your return, graciously hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us and give us your heart that we may live for you in grace and joy.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)

1. **All glory be to God on high!
Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace,
Your favor toward our fallen race.**
2. **O Lamb of God, to you we pray.
You take all human sin away.
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer;
From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Jonah 4:5-11

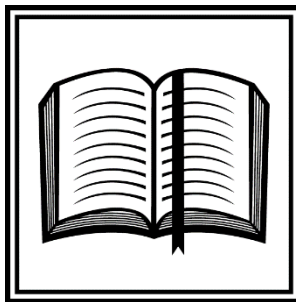
Angry about God's grace given to Nineveh? Hmm. There seems to have been something Jonah needed to learn about God's compassion for all people.

⁵ Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶ Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷ But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸ When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live."

⁹ But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"It is," he said. "And I'm so angry I wish I were dead."

¹⁰ But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹ And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?"



HYMN

The Lord Is My Light *Christian Worship Supplement# 767*

Refrain:

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. The Lord is the stronghold of my life.
Since the Lord is my life, my strength, and my all, Whom then shall I fear?**

1. **There is one thing I ask of the Lord: To dwell in his house forever,
To gaze on the beauty of the Lord All the days of my life.**

Refrain

2. **Do not hide your face, O Lord. Ev'ry day I will seek your face.
Though my father and mother may forsake me, The Lord will receive me.**

Refrain

3. **Teach me, Lord, and keep me on your paths; Guide me, Lord, along a level way.
I will gaze on the goodness of the Lord In the land of all the living.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 9:6b-16

Why have we ourselves been chosen by God? By anything we did or do or deserve? No! It's always been because of his mercy alone.

⁶ It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷ Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸ In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹ For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰ Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹ Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹² not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³ Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Worship services center on the Gospel Reading.

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

Is God fair? No! He's gracious! And instead of offending our self-righteous pride it should cause us to rejoice that our God has chosen to be so gracious.

¹ “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ² He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

³ “About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. ⁴ He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ ⁵ So they went.

“He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. ⁶ About five in the afternoon he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’

⁷ “ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered.

“He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’

⁸ “When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first.’

⁹ “The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. ¹⁰ So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. ¹¹ When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ¹² ‘These who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’

¹³ “But he answered one of them, ‘I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius?’ ¹⁴ Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. ¹⁵ Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’

¹⁶ “So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

BE SEATED



HYMN OF THE DAY

Salvation unto Us Has Come

Christian Worship #390

(Verses 1, 4-6)

1. **Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;
He is the one Redeemer.**

4. **Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.**

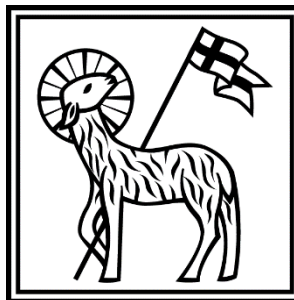
5. **Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.**

6. **All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace—All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!**

SERMON

Jonah 4:5-11

Don't Be a Jonah. God's Grace Is for All People.



PLEASE STAND after the sermon

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.**

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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.

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 and all people 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 ✠ 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

Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ

Christian Worship #401

1. **Your works, not mine, O Christ, Speak gladness to this heart.
They tell me all is done; They bid my fear depart.**

Refrain:

**To whom but you, who can alone
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?**

2. **Your blood, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my sinful soul;
Your wounds, not mine, contain The balm that makes me whole.**

Refrain

3. **Your cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the dreadful load
Of sins that none could bear But the incarnate God.**

Refrain

4. **Your death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ransom due;
Ten thousand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.**

Refrain

5. **Your righteousness, O Christ, Alone can cover me;
No other righteousness Can set a sinner free.**

Refrain

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness

Christian Worship #376

1. **Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**
2. **Bold shall I stand in that great day—Who can a word against me say?
Fully through you absolved I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**
3. **Lord, I believe your precious blood, Which at the very throne of God
Forever will for sinners plead, For me—e'en for my soul—was shed.**
4. **Lord, I believe were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**
5. **When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
E'en then this shall be all my plea: Jesus has lived and died for me.**
6. **Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! Your boundless mercy has for me,
For me and all your hands have made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith in your grace, nourished our hope won by Christ, and strengthened our love for all people. By your Spirit help us to live in this world as a people reflecting your heart 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.**

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CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Christian Worship #318

1. **Sent forth by God's blessing, Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended; Oh, be now extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
His grace did invite us; His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer his call.**
2. **With praise and thanksgiving, To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, In love ever caring,
Embracing his children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us;
With your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

SALVATION
BELONGS
TO THE
LORD

JONAH 2:9

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Alter Duty: Joan Perlberg | Barbara Lazaga

Altar Flowers: Flowers beautifying the altar have been placed by Ryan & Rebekkah McCurry for their 14th Anniversary!

Children's Sunday School—*Materials Available Online*

“The King’s Table” is the title of today’s lesson. Mephibosheth, Jonathan’s son, suffered crippling injuries at age 5 while escaping Saul’s enemies with his nurse. Once David established his kingdom, his thoughts turned to whether there were any survivors from Saul and Jonathan’s line. Discovering Mephibosheth, David bestows on him Saul’s land and fortune. Mephibosheth’s family moves to Jerusalem, where he always eats at the king’s table. *Discuss how God provides for our daily needs 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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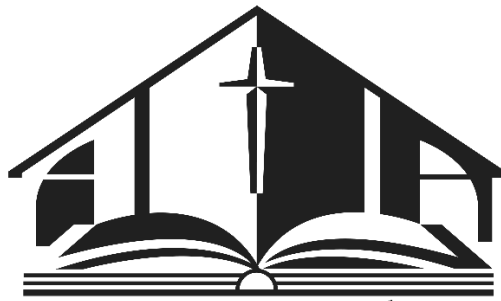
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today		Communion Mission Box Offering
	8:00 a.m.	Indoor Service
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Study Indoors
	10:00 a.m.	Outdoor Service
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares
	5:00 p.m.	20s/30s Bible Study
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy Live on Facebook
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Child Discipleship Meeting
	7:00 p.m.	Building & Grounds Meeting
Wednesday		School Chapel Service (Online)
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Non-SMLS Confirmation Google Meet

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Ava Hinaman	<i>Oct 4</i>	
Chris Tipton		
Linda Lane	<i>Oct 5</i>	Brock & Heather Groth
		Alfredo & Lorena Hernandez
Rick Bishop	<i>Oct 6</i>	
Kim Butler		
Marlys O'Riordan	<i>Oct 7</i>	
Melissa Hioco	<i>Oct 8</i>	
Hannah Wilkin		
Fred Beiderbecke	<i>Oct 9</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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