



# Last Sunday of End Time

November 22, 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

**Worship Focus:** We have great reason to rejoice in our King! There may be many enemies that rage against us—within and without—but he will conquer every last one. There may be threats and dangers along our path in life, but he lovingly shepherds us through it all day-by-day. There may be guilt that tries to drive us away from God, but our Savior King suffered for that guilt himself and declares us forgiven in the blood he humbly shed. We can rejoice in the reign of our King because we know that he reigns over everything for us both now and forevermore!

## PRELUDE

**Beautiful Savior**

*John Behnke*

## OPENING HYMN

**Beautiful Savior**

*Christian Worship #369*

1. **Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**
2. **Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer;  
He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**
3. **Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer,  
Than all the angels in the sky.**
4. **Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration  
Now and forevermore be thine!**

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

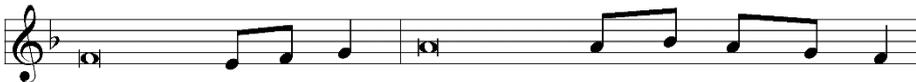
M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

### GLORY BE TO GOD *(no musical introduction)*



C: **Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.**



**We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glorify you,**



**we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,**



**God the Fa-ther al - mighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;**

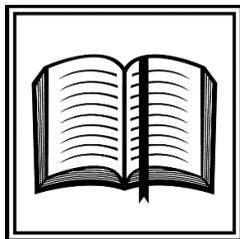


O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the  
 sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the  
 sin of the world; re - ceive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of  
 God the Father; have mercy on us. For you on-ly are holy;  
 you on - ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Spirit,  
 are most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.



# THE WORD

## FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24

*God promises to tend and care for us with Christ, our Shepherd King.*

<sup>11</sup>“For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. <sup>12</sup>As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. <sup>14</sup>I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. <sup>16</sup>I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

<sup>23</sup>“I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.”

## HYMN

**There Is a Higher Throne**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #727*

1. **There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.**

*Refrain:*

**Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.**

2. **And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.  
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him.**

*Refrain*

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Corinthians 15:20-28**

*Christ our King will reign over all things and defeat every enemy—even death.*

<sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 27:27-31**

*Our King shows his true kingship by what he endured in order to save us and win our victory over sin.*

<sup>27</sup> Then the governor’s soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. “Hail, king of the Jews!” they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.



## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

*Christian Worship #370*

- 1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.  
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- 2. Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.  
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- 3. Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.  
Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.**
- 4. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe On this terrestrial ball  
To him all majesty ascribe And crown him Lord of all.  
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*continued...*

5. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.  
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SERMON

Based on Matthew 27:27-31

The Hidden King

*(musical introduction)*

C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
 way from your pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it  
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of your sal - va -  
 tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it. A - men.

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**

M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.**

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.

**C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!**

M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.

**C: Help us live as royal priests.**

M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.

**C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.**

M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.

**C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.**

M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.

**C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C:** **The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! Amen.**

## **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.**

## **HYMN**

### **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Christian Worship #341*

- 1. Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**
- 2. Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**
- 3. Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**
- 4. Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**



## PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## THE 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

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**  
*David Cherwien*

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# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brock Groth

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Altar Committee: Gail Raglen

Altar Flowers: Flowers beautifying the altar have been placed by the Drennon, Hopping and Naves families in honor of all of our loved ones.

## Children's Sunday School—Study at Home Sunday School

*The Twelve Spies:* Numbers 13, 14

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

## Adult & Teen Bible Studies

- **Book of Ephesians:** Led by Pastor Kolander.
- **Teen Class:** Led by Noel Ledermann via Zoom at 7:00 pm.

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*To online Connect Card:*



## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

### Weekly Calendar

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (livestream only)
	9:00 p.m.	Bible Study (online only)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (outdoor)
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel
	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service (online only)
Thursday		Thanksgiving Day!!!
	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service (online only)
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service (outdoor, weather permitting)

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Atlee Miller	<i>Nov 22</i>	
Adam Naves		
	<i>Nov 23</i>	Everett & Erin Libolt
Edward Hartog	<i>Nov 25</i>	
Wyatt Baker	<i>Nov 26</i>	Keith & Vera Smith
Julie Bartlow		
David Hahn	<i>Nov 28</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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