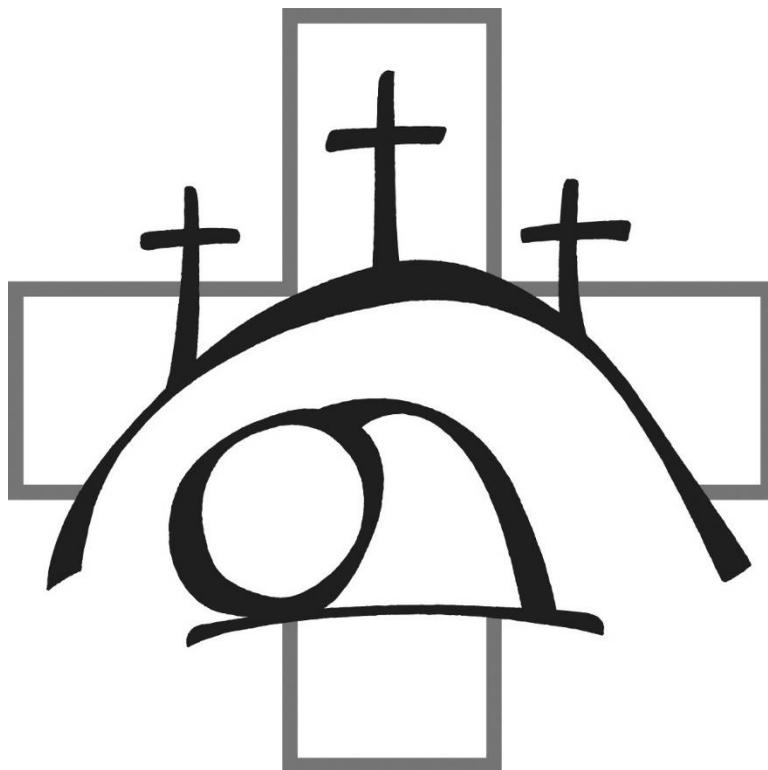


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

November 8, 2020



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

2nd Sunday of End Time – Last Judgment

November 8, 2020

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship 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).

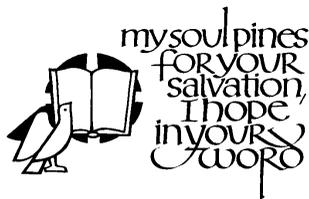
May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

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.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Are you scared of or by anything? Some people do not like to admit what their fears are and in that way they hope not to have to face them. Will standing before God with your entire life open to all, does that scare you? As one of God's own, you do not need to be scared of that to come situation. God already has given to us what we need to calm our fears; we hear of it again in the Scripture Readings for today. Continue to take all your fears to Him; and be ready to meet Him.

PRELUDE

Jesu, Meine Freude
J.S. Bach

OPENING HYMN

Blessed Are They
Christian Worship Supplement # 730

*Opening Refrain ... Sung first by the Soloist, then by the Congregation ...
All on the Verses & following Refrains*

*Blessed are they which are called, Blessed are they which are called,
Blessed are they which are called To the marriage feast of the Lamb.*

**Multitudes, clothed in white robes, From ev'ry nation and tongue,
Stood before God and the Lamb At the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**They'll neither hunger nor thirst, Death, sorrow, pain vanquished now,
God wipes all tears from their eyes By the marriage feast of the Lamb. Refrain**

**Blessing and honor, they cry, Unto the Lamb that was slain,
Redeeming us with his blood In the marriage feast of the Lamb.**

**Servant, saint, martyr at rest Sanctified, ransomed, restored,
Thund'rously sing a new song Of the marriage feast of the Lamb. Refrain**

**Worthy are you, Lamb of God, To receive glory and praise.
Alleluia and amen! For the marriage feast of the Lamb. 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 ... 1 John

M: God is light;

C: in Him there is no darkness at all.

M: If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in darkness,

C: we lie and do not live by the truth.

M: But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light,

C: we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin.

M: If we claim to be without sin,

C: we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

M: If we confess our sins,

C: He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: If we claim we have not sinned,

C: we make Him out to be a liar and His Word has no place in our lives.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his 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: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

(musical introduction)

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you;

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

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

The book is opened. Nervous? Don't be. Why not?

Daniel 7:9,10

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

HYMN

Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning

Christian Worship # 209

**Day of wrath, oh, day of mourning!
See fulfilled the prophets' warning:
Heav'n and earth in ashes burning.**

**Death is struck and nature quaking;
All creation is awaking,
To its judge an answer making.**

*(solo) See, the book, exactly worded,
Wherein all has been recorded—
Thus shall judgment be awarded.*

**What shall I in awe be pleading,
Who for me be interceding
When your mercy I am needing?**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 2:2-11

God says it how it is and will be. He is kind, yet don't take such for granted.

² Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³ So when you, a mere human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment? ⁴ Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed. ⁶ God "will repay each person according to what they have done." ⁷ To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. ⁸ But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. ⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the

Gentile; ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹¹ For God does not show favoritism.

HYMN

Day of Wrath, Oh, Day of Mourning *Christian Worship # 209*

**King of majesty tremendous,
Who does free salvation send us,
Fount of pity, then befriend us.**

*(solo) Think, good Jesus—my salvation
Caused your wondrous incarnation,
Made you suffer my damnation!*

**On the cross your dying spared me;
Just and righteous you declared me;
I await the joy prepared me.**

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:31-46

There will be a time when all people will be standing before God. What will He say about you?

³¹ “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left. ³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, ³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’ ³⁷ “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ³⁸ When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? ³⁹ When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ ⁴⁰ “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ ⁴¹ “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴² For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not

invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’⁴⁴ “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’⁴⁵ “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’⁴⁶ “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Great God, What Do I See and Hear

Christian Worship # 208

**Great God, what do I see and hear? The end of things created;
The judge of mankind shall appear On clouds of glory seated.
The trumpet sounds; the graves restore The dead which they contained before:
Prepare, my soul, to meet him!**

**The dead in Christ shall first arise At that last trumpet’s sounding,
Caught up to meet him in the skies, With joy their Lord surrounding.
No gloomy fears their souls dismay; His presence sheds eternal day
On those prepared to meet him.**

**But sinners filled with guilty fears Behold his wrath prevailing,
For they shall rise and find their tears And sighs are unavailing;
The day of grace is past and gone; They trembling stand before his throne,
All unprepared to meet him.**

**O Christ, you died, and yet you live; To me account your merit,
My pardon seal, my sins forgive, And cleanse me by your Spirit.
Beneath your cross I view the day When heav’n and earth shall pass away,
And thus prepare to meet you.**

SERMON

Based on Romans 2:2-11

“God Will Judge You Justly”

PLEASE STAND

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.**

BE SEATED

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 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: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. Amen.

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.

HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden

Christian Worship Supplement # 728

**Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.**

**Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.**

**The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David; And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.**

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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

To God Be the Glory
Christian Worship # 399

**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***

*(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!*

**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***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

With the Saints in Glory Shining
Edward Broughton

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

Who was passing judgment on Daniel and what was the basis for their judgment? Whose judgment (opinion) was Daniel concerned about? What hope was Daniel given? How is God and heaven described here? See Revelation 7.

What basis do we as human beings have to judge someone else? On what basis does God judge all people? Can God judge someone unfairly (explain)? What truths does God not leave to our imagination? Read also Romans 1 and Galatians 5.

Note what happens first, before explanation is given on who is on what side of God. How do the 'sheep' reveal themselves as such now already? How do the 'goats' reveal where they stand with God? Again, what truths does God not leave to our imagination? See 2 Corinthians 5.

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Percussion: Don Black Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke

Children's Sunday School—Study at Home Sunday School

The Ten Commandments: Exodus 19:1-20:21; 24:1-18

Here's the online link if you need: <https://online.npb.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.

To connect to the auto giving option:



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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	5:30 p.m.	NO Men's Bible Study Tonight
	7:00 p.m.	NO Monday Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Digging Deeper Study
Next Sunday		Holy Communion

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Rich Baker	<i>Nov 8</i>	
Mark Benson		
Shawn Butler		
Justin Malone		
Erna Pawson		
Pamela Baker	<i>Nov 9</i>	
Judi Montgomery		
Summer Panasiuk		
Ray Garrett	<i>Nov 10</i>	
Skye Sigman		
	<i>Nov 11</i>	Justin & Stacie Malone
Aiden Hinaman	<i>Nov 13</i>	
Gary Verthein	<i>Nov 14</i>	



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Sunday Services at 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School Home Study
Adult & Teen Sunday Bible Classes from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Monday Evening Service on hold until January.
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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