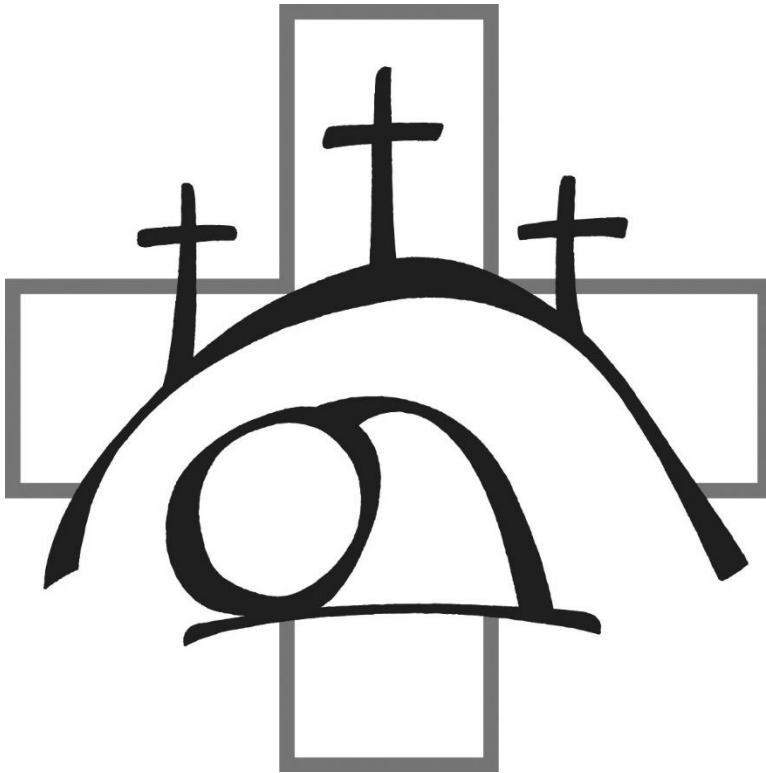


CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

May 9, 2021



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

6th Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

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).

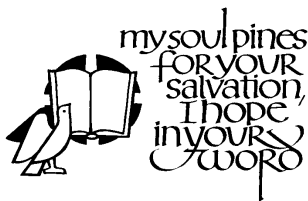
May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

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: What the world needs now, always has, is more love – a love rooted in God’s love for the world and a love put into action. It can be argued that love with only words is not legitimate love. We note again today what God in love has done for us, and what He rightly so expects to see of us who know of His love. May the Lord refresh and refuel us with and through His love. Let us worship Him!

PRELUDE

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus
Paul Manz

OPENING HYMN *(Musical introduction)*

Son of God, Eternal Savior
Christian Worship # 492

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us, Honors all our human race,
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:
Fill us with your love and pity; Heal our wrongs and help our need.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion; Bid its cruel discords cease.
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst for pleasure; Stem our selfish greed for gain.**

**Bind us all as one together In your Church’s sacred fold,
Weak and healthy, poor and wealthy, Sad and joyful, young and old.
Is there want or pain or sorrow? Make us all the burden share.
Are there spirits crushed and broken? Teach us, Lord, to soothe their care.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

Minister: The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: **Amen. O Lord, keep our ears attentive to your Word and accept our words of thanks and praise.**

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. Thanks be to God for His grace and peace shown and given to me.**

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 e -



ter - 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. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will;

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

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 9:36-42

Love is more than words; it also is an action.

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!" ³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them. ⁴⁰ Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, "Tabitha, get up." She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴² This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord. *TW_oTL*

SONG (*Vocalists*)

In Unity and Peace

Christian Worship Supplement # 773

*Refrain ... How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace.
How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.*

*In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. ... Refrain*

*Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. ... Refrain*

*Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. ... Refrain*

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:1-11

Note what true love is and the impact such love can have on people.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world. ⁴You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood. ⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. *TWOTL*

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 98 with Hymn 152, "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: for he has done marvelous things.

(sing, intro)

I know that my Redeemer lives;

What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;

He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave;

He lives eternally to save.

He lives all-glorious in the sky;

He lives exalted there on high.

M: The LORD has made his salvation known

C: and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

M: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

C: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

(sing, no intro)

He lives to bless me with his love;

He lives to plead for me above.

He lives, my hungry soul to feed;

He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply;

He lives to guide me with his eye.

He lives to comfort me when faint;

He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

C: burst into jubilant song with music;

(sing, no intro)

He lives to silence all my fears;

He lives to wipe away my tears.

He lives to calm my troubled heart;

He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;

He lives and loves me to the end.

He lives, and while he lives I'll sing;

He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

M: make music to the LORD with the harp,

C: with the harp and the sound of singing.

M: Shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

(sing, no intro)

He lives and grants me daily breath;

He lives, and I shall conquer death.

He lives my mansion to prepare;

He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!

He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 15:9-17

Jesus keeps it simple: Love each other. And yet this simple command comes with complications.

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.

¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(Musical introduction)

If Your Beloved Son, O God

Christian Worship # 393

**If your beloved Son, O God, Had not to earth descended
And in our mortal flesh and blood Had not sin's power ended,
Then this poor, wretched soul of mine In hell eternally would pine
Because of my transgression.**

**But now I find sweet peace and rest; Despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed, For Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me he died That, reconciled, I might abide
With you, my God, forever.**

**I trust in him with all my heart; Now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart; His blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through him I now obtain; He washes me from ev'ry stain,
And pure I stand before him.**

**All righteousness by works is vain; The law brings condemnation.
True righteousness by faith I gain; Christ's work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice, Has paid the all-sufficient price;
In him my hope is anchored.**

**My guilt, O Father, you have laid On Christ, your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, you my debt have paid And gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, Fount of grace, The good in me to you I trace;
In faith and hope preserve me.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on 1 John 4:1-11

“What Love For God Looks Like”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE 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.**

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: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

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

(Musical introduction)

Glorious in Majesty
Christian Worship # 496

*(vocalists) Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises,
Jesus, our Savior and our King.
Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him;
Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.*

Refrain:

*(all) Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom.
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word, rejoicing.*

**Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness,
Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us;
We are the body, he the head. ... Refrain**

**One in love, as family, Living with each other.
Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning,
Taking us back with him to reign. ... Refrain**

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

(Musical introduction)

Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

Christian Worship # 484

**Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best—
Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion; Come before him with a song.**

**By his mercy, by his bounty, By the gift of Christ, his Son,
What great goodness he has shown us, What high marvels he has done!
Let us to him promptly, freely, Yield our bodies and our souls,
Thankful that his love protects us, That his wisdom all controls.**

**Gracious Lord, accept our service For the sake of Christ, your Son;
Lo, our hope abides now only In the righteousness he won.
Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to comfort and restore
Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, Praising you forevermore.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

This Joyful Eastertide

John Behnke

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Vocalists: Patrick Gunter, Hannah Ripley, Jenny Kolander

Altar Flowers

Flowers have been placed at the altar by Rosemarie Boushek in memory of her mother.

Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:15 am (in person & online) ... Looking at 1 Corinthians

Young Children, in person starts up again on May 16

Home Study Materials ...

Zacchaeus: Luke 19:1-10

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

Teens, via Zoom at 7:00 pm

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

What made Tabitha stand out? What happened to Tabitha that should not come as a surprise to people? What was another act of love in this account? While the Lord may not in our day raise people back from the dead, what does He do for us which is just as important? See John 14:1-7

What truth ought we not compromise, and why is this the case? What are the actions of love in this section? How does one go about 'testing the spirits'? A true disciple (follower) of Jesus is one who does what? Define love. See Romans 16:17 & 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

What is the relationship between God the Father and us? How is this relationship, on our part, to be made stronger and made evident? What is the 'command' of Jesus, and why is it a 'command'? See Matthew 5:14-16 & 22:37-40

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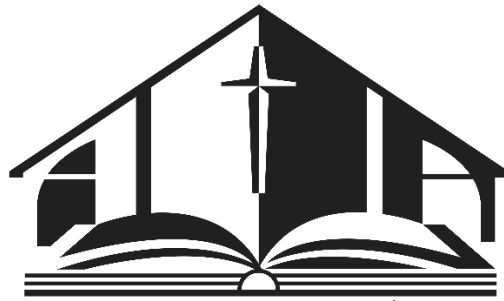
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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today		***** Happy Mother's Day*****
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
	7:00 p.m.	Teen Bible Study
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	New Member Orientation
Next Sunday		***New Member Sunday***
		****Communion****
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service with Communion
	7:00 p.m.	Teen Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
	<i>May 9</i>	Melissa & Greg Jansen
Irena Sedykh	<i>May 12</i>	Bruce & Julie Bartlow
Jayden Steward	<i>May 14</i>	
Greg Thiesfeldt	<i>May 15</i>	
Derek Tipton		



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Sunday Services at 8:00 am (Indoor & Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m. (Indoor*)

*(4th Sundays – Outdoor, Sept-May)

Children's Sunday School Study from Home

Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:15 (Indoor & Live streamed)

Monday Evening Service at 7:00 PM in the Adm Building Chapel

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 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	Jr.K/Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Lisa Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

Glorify God • Grow in Grace • Go with the Gospel

THE LORD DELIGHTS IN
THOSE WHO FEAR HIM,
WHO PUT THEIR HOPE
IN HIS UNFAILING LOVE.
PSALM 147:11

HAPPY
*Mother's
Day*

