

# **CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**August 1, 2021**



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

# 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 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:

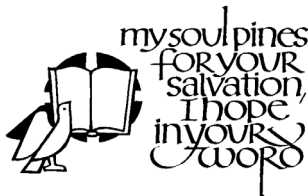
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Bulletin; you will find them on the table with the Bulletins.

Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue'

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** Would you consider yourself to be a generous person (not just financially)? Do words of kindness and encouragement flow ceaselessly out of your mouth even when such are not directed your way? What is to prompt our generosity is not how others treat us but keeping in mind what God gives to us ... and without ceasing. His love is generous. In light of His generous love, He calls and equips us to be generous ... not just with words, but also with actions. God help us be the generous people He wants us to be.

## PRELUDE

**Let All Things Now Living**

*Arr. John Carter*

## *Greeting & 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.

M: How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty!

(Ps 84)

**C: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD.**

M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

**C: Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;**

M: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

**C: O LORD Almighty, blessed are they who trust in you.**

M: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

**C: Let us worship Him.**

## OPENING HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

**From All that Dwell below the Skies**

*Christian Worship # 250*

**From all that dwell below the skies Let the Creator's praise arise.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let the Redeemer's name be sung Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Eternal are your mercies, Lord; Eternal is your glorious Word.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.

**C: This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

*(1 John 4)*

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.**

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.

**All: 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.**

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. Thanks be to God.**



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:

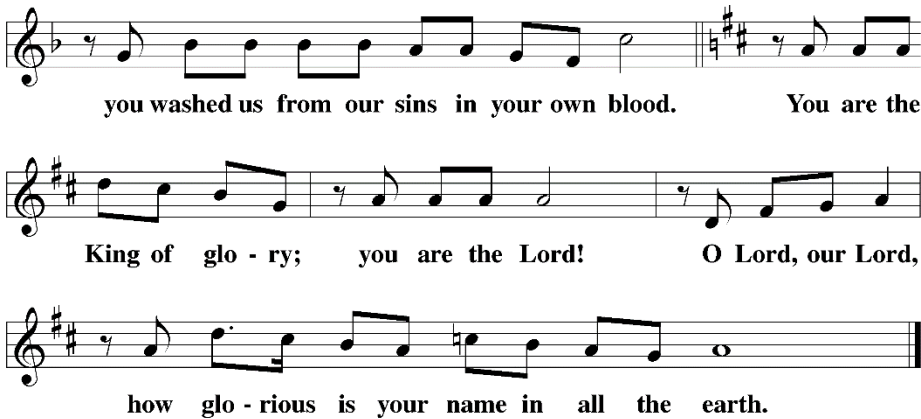
**C: Amen.**

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

**O LORD, OUR LORD** *(no musical introduction)*

The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature consists of two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes). The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score begins with a common time signature and ends with a double bar line and a key signature change to two flats (Bb and Eb).

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;



## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 King 4:42-44

*The Lord provides. Note a difference between tempting God and testing Him.*

<sup>42</sup> A man came from Baal Shalishah, bringing the man of God twenty loaves of barley bread baked from the first ripe grain, along with some heads of new grain. “Give it to the people to eat,” Elisha said. <sup>43</sup> “How can I set this before a hundred men?” his servant asked. But Elisha answered, “Give it to the people to eat. For this is what the LORD says: ‘They will eat and have some left over.’” <sup>44</sup> Then he set it before them, and they ate and had some left over, according to the word of the LORD. *TWOTL*

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

## My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

*Christian Worship # 374*

**My shepherd will supply my need—Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand’ring spirit back When I forsake his ways  
And leads me, for his mercy’s sake, In paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death, His presence is my stay;  
One word of his supporting breath Drives all my fears away.  
His hand, in sight of all my foes, Will still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows; His oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days;  
Oh, may his house be my abode And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest While others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest But like a child at home.**

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

*God supplies us and we in turn can supply others keeping in mind there is more to life than money.*

<sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. *TWoTL*

### *Musical Introduction*

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 6:1-15

*Nothing is impossible ... with God. Jesus shows how He can make the impossible possible as He feeds this massive crowd.*

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), <sup>2</sup> and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. <sup>3</sup> Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> The Jewish Passover Festival was near. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” <sup>6</sup> He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!” <sup>8</sup> Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up, <sup>9</sup> “Here is a boy with

five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). <sup>11</sup> Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. <sup>12</sup> When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten. <sup>14</sup> After the people saw the sign Jesus performed, they began to say, “Surely this is the Prophet who is to come into the world.” <sup>15</sup> Jesus, knowing that they intended to come and make him king by force, withdrew again to a mountain by himself.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** Praise be to You, O Christ!

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Now Thank We All Our God**

*Christian Worship # 610*

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

## **FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on 2 Corinthians 9:8-11**

**“Celebrating The Goodness Of God ... Be Generous”**

## **A CONFESSION OF FAITH – FROM THE NICENE CREED**

**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. 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:** Almighty God, we praise and honor your holy name for your numerous acts of love and mercy on behalf of your people.

**C: We especially thank you for the gift of your one and only Son, who has ascended into heaven and sits at your right hand.**

**M:** We rejoice in the knowledge that he is our advocate before your throne and that he intercedes for us in all our needs.

**C: Send your Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds with understanding and knowledge of your heavenly truths.**

**M:** Give to all who serve your holy Church a full measure of your grace that Christ may be confessed, his cross uplifted, and his gospel declared as the only way to eternal life. Bless all parents that they may be wholesome examples to their children.

**C: May they teach their children to love you, to practice virtue, to desire to pursue instruction in your Word, and to serve your Church and all people.**

**M:** Hear the prayers of all who are afflicted. In the quiet hour of the night, when they are weighed down with pain, loneliness, and anxiety, bring them strength and hope by assuring them that your love endures, your power overcomes, and your presence remains constant.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: As we leave this hour of worship, we give all glory to Jesus.

**C: To him be praise and honor and glory and power now and forever. 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.**

## THE SACRAMENT

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.**

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

*The ushers will direct Communicants in a continuous flow distribution of the Sacrament. Communicants will exit the pews to the outside and return to their seats via the center aisle. We start from the front to the back on the Lecturn side, and back to front on the Pulpit side. If you need to be communed in the pew, please let an Usher know of this. When approaching each table, communicants may pause as they take and eat / drink.*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 744*

### ***Refrain***

***You satisfy the hungry heart With gift of finest wheat.  
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, The Bread of Life to eat.***

**As when the shepherd calls his sheep, They know and heed his voice,  
So when you call your fam'ly, Lord, We follow and rejoice. *Refrain***

**With joyful lips we sing to you Our praise and gratitude,  
That you should count us worthy, Lord, To share this heav'nly food. *Refrain***

**Is not the cup we bless and share The blood of Christ outpoured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare Our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain***

**The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, No mortal tongue can tell;  
Whom all the world cannot contain Comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain***

**You give yourself to us, O Lord; Then selfless let us be,  
To serve each other in your name In truth and charity. *Refrain***

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.**

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*

## **For the Fruit of His Creation**

*Christian Worship # 611*

**For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.  
In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

**Now Thank We All Our God**  
*Arr. John Behnke*



*He satisfies the desire of every living thing ... Psalm 145*

# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

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## Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:15 am, in person & online ... Topic: The Life of David

Young Children, in person Sunday School ... Meet at 9:15 in the Chapel

Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Teen Room

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

Elisha did not have it easy as a prophet, yet the Lord looked after him. Godly people in the north provided Elisha and the school of prophets with food. What makes this account stand out? What example do we learn from Elisha? How does such trust in God come about? See Psalm 145 and Hebrews 11

Paul is asking the Corinthians to complete their desire to help out the believers in Jerusalem going through a famine. What does he assure the Corinthians of while making this appeal? What does it mean to 'abound in every good work'? Is Paul advocating a 'prosperity' gospel? See 2 Corinthians 8-9:7

Crowds liked Jesus because ... What was the disciples' reaction to Jesus' question about feeding the people? How do we react in a similar way? Jesus recognized where all good things come from, an example for us. What did Jesus prove through this miracle? What did the people come away with after witnessing this miracle? See Psalm 118

# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

## Weekly Calendar

Today		***Communion***
		*Mission Box Offering*
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (in the Chapel)
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	School Registration , ends at 7:00 p.m.
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
	6:30 p.m.	Digging Deeper Study (Luther Room/Online)
Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

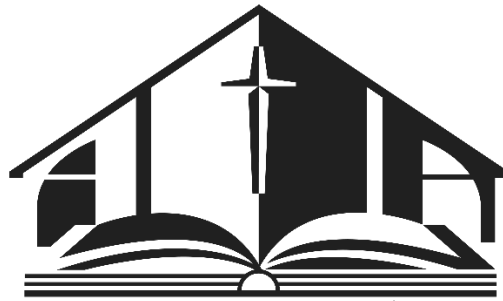
<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Julie Dushane	<i>Aug 1</i>	
Anne Conway	<i>Aug 2</i>	Don & Linda Black
Johanna Hernandez		
Carolyn Delgado	<i>Aug 3</i>	
Pam Drennon		
David Kaul		
Diane Bishop	<i>Aug 4</i>	
George Rummel		
Linda Halfhill	<i>Aug 6</i>	
Chuck Klunker		
Martha Carroll	<i>Aug 7</i>	
Jeanne Loe		

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Sunday Services at 8:00 am (Indoor & Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m. (Indoor\*)  
\*(4<sup>th</sup> Sundays – Outdoor, Sept-May)

Children's Sunday School Study, 9:15-10:30, meet in the Chapel

Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:15 (Indoor & Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Rm

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

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

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