

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

September 26, 2021



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

18th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 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:

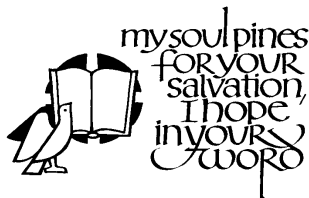
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Hymns from 'Christian Worship' are in the 'red' book / 'Christian Worship Supplement' in the 'blue'

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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Let go of my ... What commercial comes to mind when you hear those words? In our Scripture Readings for today, the Lord is not talking about waffles but something far more personal and important. He reminds us to let go of our ego. Don't think you have one? Think again, we all have an ego which needs to be checked at the door. Imitate the example of our Savior. Relationships are at stake, including yours with God. Thankfully His mercies are new each day, the motive and power to let go and build up.

PRELUDE

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Rowland H. Prichard

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

Congregation: His love endures forever.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: We worship in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Let us worship Him.

OPENING HYMN

Musical Introduction

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Christian Worship Supplement # 737

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, Gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free, Lasting to eternity!**

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me Since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord, unites with me!**

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness To inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine To make life immortal mine.**

**There is nothing worth comparing To this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**



M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: He says that we are sinners and deserve only his punishment.

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

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.

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

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

(See page 5 for our Hymn of Praise)

HYMN

Musical Introduction

There Is a Redeemer

Christian Worship Supplement # 747

**There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.**
*(Refrain) Thank, you, O my Father, for giving us your Son
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.*

**Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Hope for sinners slain.** *Refrain*

**When I stand in glory, I will see his face;
There I'll serve my King forever In that holy place.** *Refrain*

M: Let us pray. 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;

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

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Numbers 12:1-15

Are you one who thinks more of yourself than you ought? The Lord makes His point in a very visual way. Stay humble!

Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite. ²“Has the LORD spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the LORD heard this. ³(Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.) ⁴At once the LORD said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵Then the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶he said, “Listen to my words: “When there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, reveal myself to them in visions, I speak to them in dreams. ⁷But this is not true of my servant Moses; he is faithful in all my house. ⁸With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles; he sees the form of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?” ⁹The anger of the LORD burned against them, and he left them. ¹⁰When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹²Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.” ¹³So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!” ¹⁴The LORD replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.” ¹⁵So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back. *TWOTL*

Verses to be sung responsively between the Vocalist(s) and the congregation.
All sing the 'Glory be to the Father...' and the Refrains, singing the last Refrain twice.

Refrain

Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and
not be a - fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my
sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav - ior.

Psalm tone

In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge;^{*}
deliver me in your righteousness.

Be my rock of refuge,^{*}
a strong fortress to save me.

Into your hands I commit my spirit;^{*}
redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

Refrain

My times are in your hands;^{*}
save me in your unfailing love.

How great is your goodness,^{*}
which you have stored up for those who fear you.

You heard my cry for mercy*
when I called to you for help.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

James 3:13-18

Are you a troublemaker or a peace-maker?

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵ Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶ For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸ Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness. *TWōTL*

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 87

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

C: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

M: Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, O LORD Almighty, my King and my God.

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

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

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

M: O LORD Almighty,

C: blessed is the person who trusts in you.

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus reminds us why He came to earth and calls for humility in place of making a name for ourselves.

³⁰ They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹ because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise.” ³² But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³ They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?” ³⁴ But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵ Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the

servant of all.”³⁶ He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in his arms, he said to them,³⁷ “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Christian Worship # 486

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand
To th’ unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely, of your own.
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed ’Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity
In your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it unto me.”
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,
Saying by your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?**

**Yes, the sorrow and the suff’rings Which on ev’ry hand we view
Channels are for gifts and off’rings Due by solemn right to you,
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Numbers 12:1-15

“The World Could Use More Of This”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

M: This is most certainly true.

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward

their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry.

Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with the confidence that you will hear and with the faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: 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

Musical Introduction

Vocalist(s) will sing the Verses...

In Unity and Peace

Christian Worship Supplement # 773

Refrain – by the Vocalist(s)

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 – All sing

*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 – All sing

*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 – All sing

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.

M: May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: His light to guide us, His presence to shelter us, His peace to unite us.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Musical Introduction

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

Christian Worship # 592

**All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath thine own almighty wings.
Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son The ill that I this day have done,
That with the world, myself, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.**

**Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die so that I may Rise glorious at the awe-full day.
Oh, may my soul on thee repose And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake.**

**When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me distress.
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Jeffrey Blersch

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Vocalist(s): Hannah Ripley, Jenny Kolander

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Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:15 am, in person & online ... "Lifestyle Witnessing"

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

Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Teen Room ... "Christians In Conflict"

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

What was the first red flag regarding Miriam and Aaron's conversation? What was the 2nd? When it comes to verse 3, what do we need to keep in mind as to why this is included? Sum up how the Lord made His point to M & A? See Proverbs 11 and Romans 12.

How can you show that you are a 'wise' person? Why is this difficult for us to practice, what stands in our way? When the Lord tells us to be humble, what is He not saying by those words? What are we to sow and why? See Romans 3.

The disciples should have been focused on what, but instead what were they focused on? How do you see something similar take place in your home, your place of employment or social gathering place, in our church? What example can we learn from a child? Why do people feel the need to bully and gossip? See 1 Corinthians 13 and Philippians 2:5-11.

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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	10:00 a.m.	Mornings With Mommy
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	Grief Share Group
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Starting Point ... 1 st BIC Class (Bible Information Class)
Next Sunday		** Holy Communion**
		Mission Box Offering
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Laura Turner	<i>Sept 26</i>	
Tajuana Brown	<i>Sept 27</i>	
Deborah Crago		
Laurie Gunter		
Barbara Gunter	<i>Sept 28</i>	
Dennis Metzler	<i>Sept 29</i>	
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Sunday Services at 8:00 am (Live streamed) & 10:45 a.m.
Children's Sunday School Study, 9:15-10:30, meet in the Chapel
Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:15 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Room
Monday Evening Service at 7:00 PM in the Adm Building Chapel
Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

Jonathan Kolander	Pastor
Stacie Malone	Office Adm
Linda Halfhill	Office Adm
Mike Rausch	Teen Study Leader
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 7-8
Tyler Wahl	Grades 5-6
Hannah Ripley	Grades 3-4
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Alyssa Bergemann	Jr.K/Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 3-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

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IS YOUR NAME
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