

# **CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**October 17th, 2021**



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

# 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 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:

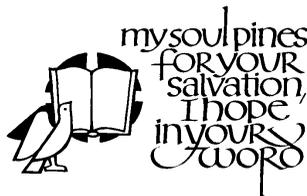
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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.



Explore our website. You will find information on Worship, Bible Study, Devotions, Children's Sunday School, and More.

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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** Has money, getting rich, been a temptation for you? The Lord does not say we cannot have money or be wealthy; yet He does talk about the dangers associated with money, especially from a spiritual point of view. Temptation starts in the heart and can lead to action, as we see in our Readings for today. What is keeping you from viewing and using God's gift of money in ways that are pleasing to Him and beneficial for yourself and to others?

## PRELUDE

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*Jan Sanborn*

## CHOIR

**This is the Day the Lord Has Made**

*Hal H. Hopson*

*This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice, rejoice and sing.*

## *Greeting & Invocation*

Minister: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Congregation: Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

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

**C: Amen.**

## 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: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**C: Who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases.**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**  
**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**  
**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**  
**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**  
**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**  
**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: 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: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**C: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**CHOIR**

**Rejoice in the Lord Always**

*Richard W. Gieseke*

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always:  
And again I say, and again I say, and again I say, rejoice!*

*Let your gentleness be known to all people.  
The Lord is at hand, the Lord is at hand.*

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice in the Lord always:  
And again I say, and again I say, and again I say, rejoice!*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

**Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 753*

**Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!**

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**2 Kings 5:14-27**

*Here is an example of what greed can do and lead to ... a harsh life lesson.*

<sup>14</sup> So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. <sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.” <sup>16</sup> The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. <sup>17</sup> “If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup> But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.” <sup>19</sup> “Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, <sup>20</sup> Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” <sup>21</sup> So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. <sup>22</sup> “Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’” <sup>23</sup> “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup> When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. <sup>25</sup> When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. <sup>26</sup> But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? <sup>27</sup> Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

*TWotL*

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

*Christian Worship page 467*

**May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.**

**May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Hebrews 13:1-6**

*God makes it clear on the way we are to live life, and the way we are not.*

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. <sup>2</sup> Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. <sup>4</sup> Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." <sup>6</sup> So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" *TWOTL*

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**May the Mind of Christ My Savior**

*Christian Worship page 467*

**May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing—This is victory!**

**May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,  
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go.**

**May his spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,  
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him.**

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

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 10:17-27**

*The message of salvation is not complicated yet we make it complicated.*

<sup>17</sup> As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Musical Introduction*

*(Vocalist sings first verse & Refrain, then Congregation joins in.)*

## Where Your Treasure Is

*Christian Worship Supplement # 757*

### *Refrain*

*Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.  
All that you possess will never set you free.  
Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.  
Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.*

What do you gain from all your worry,  
What you should eat or what to wear?  
There is no peace in stress or hurry.  
Do you not know that you are held within God’s care? **Refrain**

Look at the ravens high above you.  
They do not work their whole life through,  
And yet God feeds them and protects them.  
So how much more will God protect and care for you? **Refrain**

Behold the lilies in their splendor.  
In grace and beauty they are dressed,  
And yet so soon their bloom is faded.  
So how much more will those who look to God be blessed? **Refrain**

O little flock, do not be frightened;  
Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.  
Give your possessions to the needy;  
Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.  
*Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.*  
*All that you possess will never set you free.*  
*Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.*  
*Where your treasure is, your heart shall be.*

## **FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on 2 Kings 5:14-27**

### **“Keep Greed In Check”**

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

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. 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, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions. Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

**C: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.**

M: Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

**C: Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.**

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

**C: And help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior..

**C: 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: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**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.**

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."

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 Lectern 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.*

*As a reminder:* Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Take and Eat**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 741*

### ***Refrain***

***Take and eat, take and eat, this is my body given up for you.  
Take and drink, take and drink, this is my blood given up for you.***

**I am the Word that spoke and light was made; I am the seed that died to be reborn;  
I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;  
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. *Refrain***

**I am the way that leads the exile home; I am the truth that sets the captive free;  
I am the life that raises up the dead;  
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. *Refrain***

**I am the Lamb that takes away your sin; I am the gate that guards you night and day.  
You are my flock: you know the Shepherd's voice;  
You are my own: your ransom is my blood. *Refrain***

**I am the cornerstone that God has laid, A chosen stone and precious in his eyes.  
You are God's dwelling place; on me you rest  
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. *Refrain***

**I am the Light that came into the world; I am the Light that darkness cannot hide;  
I am the Morning Star that never sets.  
Lift up your face; in you my light will shine. *Refrain***

**I am the First and Last, the living One; I am the Lord who died that you might live;  
I am the Bridegroom, this my wedding song.  
You are my bride; come to the marriage feast. *Refrain***

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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**

*Musical Introduction*

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head**

*Christian Worship # 536*

**O Lord, let this your little flock, Your name alone confessing,  
Continue in your loving care, True unity possessing.  
Your sacraments, O Lord, And your saving Word  
To us e'er pure retain. Grant that they may remain  
Our only strength and comfort.**

**And for your gospel let us dare To sacrifice all treasure;  
Teach us to bear your blessed cross, To find in you all pleasure.  
Oh, grant us steadfastness In joy and distress.  
Lord, for your mercy's sake, Let us by grace partake  
Of endless joy and glory.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

**From All That Dwell Below the Skies**

*James Engel/David N. Johnson*

# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Vocalist(s): Elaine Kaul, Greg Meyer

The flowers this week have been placed by Marc & Sandra Ross in honor of their Anniversary!

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## Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30 (also online) ... "Greed & You"

Children Sunday School, 9:15 in the Chapel... "God's Covenant with Abram"

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

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

An evangelism reminder is given in the verses leading up to the ones before us. How did Elisha show his Gospel heart with Naaman? What are some situations you come across similar to Naaman's request with the dirt? How did Gehazi mess up? What is something we want and come up with justification for it, yet know deep down such is wrong? See Philipians 4.

What is the overall encouragement in these verses from Hebrews? How often are we to put into practice these words, and why is this the case? What happens when marriage (6<sup>th</sup> Commandment), for example, is not respected? What other Commandment applies in this section? On a scale from 1 to 10, what is your trust level in God at? See Psalm 145.

What was perplexing to this man who approached Jesus with a question about being saved? His question still resonates with people, how so? What did Jesus was the key to gaining eternal life? What occupies your heart more than you care to admit? See 2 Corinthians 8-9.

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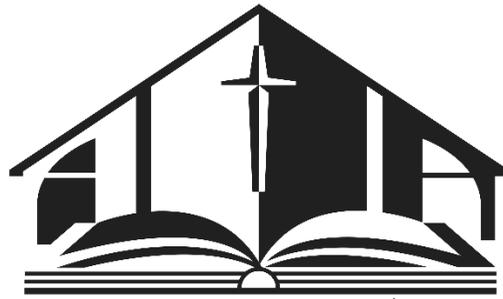


# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

## Weekly Calendar

Today		*** Holy Communion***
	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	10:00 a.m.	GreifShare
	7:00 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Friday	6:30 p.m.	Book Club for Ladies
Saturday	8:30 a.m.	Catechism
	9:30 a.m.	Starting Point (BIC) classes
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Worship Service

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Gail Raglen	<i>Oct 18</i>	Greg & Fatina Meyer
Elyn Dushane	<i>Oct 19</i>	Marc & Sandra Ross
Scott Halfhill	<i>Oct 20</i>	
Jackie Moller		
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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

**Glorify God • Grow in Grace • Go with the Gospel**