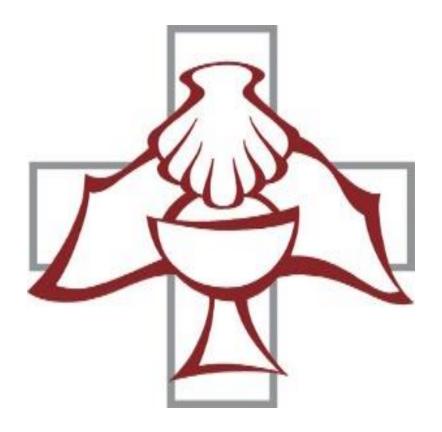
CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

August 7, 2022



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

9th Sunday after Pentecost

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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 box on the wall or 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' 'Christian Worship Hymnal' is our 2021 Edition (not yet in the Pews)

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. 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: How often do you talk (pray) to God? When you do talk with Him, how would you describe your part of the conversation? Do you also remember to listen to Him as He speaks to us through His Word? While prayer ought to be something simple, we can find ways to complicate it. In our Scripture Readings for today, Jesus helps us sort through what we can complicate. Blessings on your ongoing conversations with God.

PRELUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Cruger

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace **Congregation: Your mercies are new every morning.**

M: Guide our steps by the light of your Word. C: Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.

M: Better than life is your love.

C: Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!

M: Praise be to God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:

C: Let us worship Him.

OPENING HYMN

Musical Introduction

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Christian Worship (red) # 234

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear Now to his temple draw near,
Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is wondrously reigning And, as on wings of an eagle, uplifting, sustaining.

Have you not seen All that is needful has been Sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made you, Health has bestowed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed you.

What need or grief Ever has failed of relief?

Wings of his mercy did shade you.

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew What the Almighty can do
As with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the Amen Sound from his people again; Gladly forever adore him!

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Lamentations 3

M: ... this I call to mind

C: and therefore I have hope:

M: Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

C: They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

M: I say to myself,

C: "The LORD is my portion therefore I will wait for him."

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him ... Though he brings grief, he will show compassion,

C: so great is his unfailing love.

M: For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to the children of men

C: Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the LORD.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

M: Let us give glory to God, our light and our life.

C: Let us worship Him.

COME, OH, COME, LET US SING TO THE LORD

Psalm 95

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)







M: Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised;

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

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Psalm 119

M: Your Word, O LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

C: Your faithfulness continues through all generations; you established the earth, and it endures.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C: I gain understanding from your precepts; therefore I hate every wrong path.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Genesis 18:20-32

Don't assume God will say 'No' to your request. He wants us to ask boldy, and at the same time to accept the answer.

²⁰ Then the Lord said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹ that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." ²² The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the Lord. ²³ Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴ What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵ Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" ²⁶ The Lord said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." ²⁷ Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸ what if the number of the righteous is five less

than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." ²⁹ Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." ³⁰ Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." ³¹ Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." ³² Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it."

M: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Speak, O Lord

James 5:13-18

Christian Worship Supplement (blue) # 735

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity.

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

When we pray, let us pray for others too.

¹³ Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. ¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. ¹⁸ Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.

M: The Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN *Musical Introduction*

We Are Singing

Christian Worship Supplement (blue) # 732

(Refrain) We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light. We are singing, for the Lord is our light, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light,

We are singing, Oh, we are singing, for the Lord is our light.

The Lord is the strength of our lives; Of whom shall we be afraid?

Though foes may be near to destroy; The Lord will be our light. Refrain

One thing have we asked of the Lord, Yes, this is the thing we seek:

To dwell in the house of the Lord, To live with God forever.

Refrain

When burdens are heavy to bear, Our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high, Yes high upon a rock.

Refrain

We walk in the strength of the Lord; God's love is ever sure.

We shout that the world may hear; We sing a joyful song.

Refrain

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Luke 11:1-13

What do you pray for, and how do you pray? Jesus gives us direction when it comes to our prayer life.

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." ²He said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. ³ Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴ Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation." ⁵ Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶ a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' 8 I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. ⁹ "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰ For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹ "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

Christian Worship (red) # 412

Lord, teach us how to pray aright, With rev'rence and with fear. Though dust and ashes in your sight, We may, we must draw near.

We suffer if we cease from prayer; Oh, grant us pow'r to pray. And when to meet you we prepare, Lord, meet us on the way.

Give deep humility; the sense Of godly sorrow give; A strong desire, with confidence, To hear your voice and live;

Faith in the only sacrifice That can for sin atone, To cast our hopes, to fix our eyes On Christ, on Christ alone.

Give these, and then your will be done; Thus strengthened with your might We, through your Spirit and your Son, Shall pray, and pray aright.

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Luke 11:1-13

"Pray Like This"

A CONFESSION OF FAITH - Based on the 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

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

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

M: In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

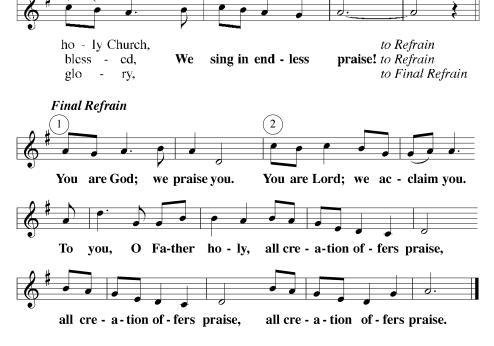
C: In this Christian church He daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

All: This is most certainly true.

YOU ARE GOD; WE PRAISE YOU

(A short introduction will be played by accompanist)





OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, 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: Grant us, O Lord, to live each day in gladness and peace, without stumbling and without stain, that reaching the evenings victorious over all temptation, we may praise you, the eternal God, for you govern all things and are praised now and forever. Make us instruments of your peace: where there is hatred,

C: let us sow love;

M: where there is injury,

C: pardon;

M: where there is doubt,

C: faith;

M: where there is despair,

C: hope;

M: where there is darkness.

C: light;

M: where there is sadness,

C: joy.

- M: O Lord, grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;
- C: for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
- M: Dwell in our homes, O Lord, and let the trust of our families be centered in you alone, so that no difficulty, trial, or adversity rob us of the conviction that you are our helper in every time of need. Relieve the afflictions of the weary and the sick, and dry the tears of the troubled and sorrowful. Lead them to look to you as the unfailing spring of healing and hope.
- C: Help us believe and trust in him, love and serve him, that in all our thoughts, words, and actions we may manifest his spirit. Rebuke our selfishness and subdue our selfindulgence. Deepen our sympathies, strengthen our hope, and confirm us in our faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: All these things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN *Musical Introduction*

Our Father in Heaven

Let All the People Praise You # 234

Our Father in heaven, we hallow your name. May your kingdom holy on earth be the same. Oh, give to us daily our portion of bread. It is from your bounty that all must be fed.

Forgive our transgressions and teach us to know That humble compassion which pardons each foe. Keep us from temptation, from evil and sin, For yours is the glory 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 \$\frac{1}{2}\$ 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 \$\psi\$ 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.

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

With the Lord Begin Your Task

Musical Introduction

Christian Worship (red) # 478

With the Lord begin your task; Jesus will direct it.
For his aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it.
Ev'ry morn with Jesus rise, And, when day is ended,
In his name then close your eyes; Be to him commended.

Let each day begin with prayer, Praise and adoration.
On the Lord cast ev'ry care; He is your salvation.
Morning, evening, and at night Jesus will be near you,
Save you from the tempter's might, With his presence cheer you.

With your Savior at your side Foes need not alarm you; In his promises confide And no ill can harm you. All your trust and hope repose In the mighty Master, Who in wisdom truly knows How to stem disaster.

If your task is thus begun With the Savior's blessing, Safely then your course will run, Naught your soul distressing. Good will follow ev'rywhere While you here must wander; You at last the joy will share In the mansions yonder.

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.

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

All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night
Christian Worship (red) # 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

In Christ There Is No East or West

Harry Burleigh

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke Percussion: Don Black

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Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:20 am, in person & online ... "The Gospel of Luke" Family Sunday School ... Meet at 9:15 in the Luther Room Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Teen Room ...

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

1st: The situation may seem impossible, it may seem like God has His mind made up, yet what does Abraham teach us here?

2nd: But what if I or a friend prayed for is not healed, then what? What does the Lord remind us to do in all circumstances of life, even though He is aware of our situation? See Philippians 4:4-9.

3rd: When / How would a prayer not be acceptable to God? How would you describe the person Jesus uses as an example? If we know how to give good gifts, what does God our heavenly Father know what to do? See 1 Peter 3:8-12.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	3:30 p.m.	2030s Sand Volleyball
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (in the Admin Building Chapel)
Tuesday	6:30 p.m.	BCD Meeting
Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Friday		Blood Drive in MPC (appointments currently filled)
Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Campus Spruce Up Workday
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship

Birthdays		Anniversaries
Martha Carroll	Aug 7	
Jeanne Loe		
	Aug 9	Mark & Michelle LeMay
Stacie Malone	Aug 10	
Cheryl Skultety		
	Aug 13	John & Pam Lervold

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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 9:30-10:20 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Rm Monday Evening Service at 6:30 PM in the Adm Building Chapel Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.