

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

August 14, 2022



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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

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:

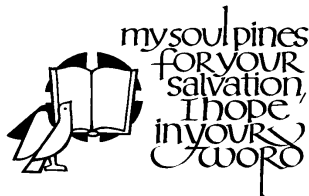
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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: If we see the need to bath/shower on a regular basis, could we also say there is just as much need to have the peace of God wash over us on a regular basis? If we do not bath, what can be the result? What can happen when we neglect the spiritual washing which comes from God by way of His Word? As we take the time to keep our bodies clean, may we also keep finding time to keep our relationship with God on track as His Word washes over and in us. God be praised for this opportunity.

PRELUDE

By Faith

Arr. James Koerts

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: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

(Ps 95)

C: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

M: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

C: For the LORD is the great God, the great King above all gods.

M: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the LORD our Maker;

C: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

M: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;

C: let us worship Him.

OPENING HYMN

By Faith

See Page 14 ... Musical Introduction

New Christian Worship (NCW) # 868

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.

(1 John 4)

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.

(from CWS # 738)

(Intro) In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!

My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.

You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;

Why should you heed my pleading?

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.

*(Intro) I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;
Who else but you can help me?*

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.

*(Intro) I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:
With you there is forgiveness, Lord, You speak the sweet, consoling Word,
And I am sure you love me!*

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.

*(Intro) Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what none has earned:
The joy of full forgiveness!*

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) ...*


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;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the

King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Samuel 3:1-10

God is speaking to us. Are we listening?

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the Lord was rare; there were not many visions. ²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and

Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. ⁴ Then the Lord called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵ And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶ Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷ Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸ A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. ⁹ So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement (blue) # 735

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises,
And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, as your Church is built
And you fill the earth with your glory.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Colossians 3:12-17

How many cylinders is your faith running on? What is the evidence to back up your answer?

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³ Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. ¹⁴ And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. ¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶ Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

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

Luke 10:38-42

What is your distraction, that keeps you from being in the Word or giving it your full attention?

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. ³⁹ She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" ⁴¹ "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Musical Introduction

Christian Worship Supplement (blue) # 712

**Jesus, take us to the mountain Where, with Peter, James, and John,
We are dazzled by your glory, Light as blinding as the sun.
There prepare us for the night By the vision of that sight.**

**What do you want us to see there That your close companions saw?
Your divinity revealed there Fills us with the selfsame awe.
Clothed in flesh like ours you go, Matched to meet our deadliest foe.**

**What do you want us to hear there That your dear disciples heard?
Once again the voice from heaven Says of the incarnate Word:
“Listen, listen, ev’ryone; This is my beloved Son!”**

**Take us to that other mountain Where we see you glorified,
Where you shouted, “It is finished!” Where for all the world you died.
Hear the stunned centurion: “Truly this was God’s own Son!”**

**We who have beheld your glory, Risen and ascended Lord,
Cannot help but tell the story, All that we have seen and heard,
Say with Peter, James, and John: “You are God’s beloved Son!”**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Colossians 3:12-17

“Keep Your Faith Running On All Cylinders”

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 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: 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.

And we also pray ...

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

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

Christian Worship Supplement (blue)# 750

**Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;
Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.
Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul;**

**Christ, the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the shoot that springs triumphant From the stump of Jesse's tree;
Christ, true vine, you nurture branches To bear fruit abundantly.
Graft us into you, O Savior; Prune our hearts so we remain
Fruitful branches in your vineyard Till eternal life we gain.**

**Christ, our good and faithful Shepherd, Watching all your lambs and sheep;
Christ, the gate that guards the sheepfold, Never-failing vigil keep.
When we stray, Good Shepherd, seek us, Find us, lift us, bear us home;
Lamb of God, our Shepherd, keep us; Let us hear your voice alone.**

**Christ, the way that leads unailing To the Father's home on high;
Christ, the truth that frees the captive; Christ, the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and Great High Priest:
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions, There to share your wedding feast.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ, the firstborn from the dead;
Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ, the Church's glorious head:
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.**

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage
Christian Worship (red) # 293

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure
Throughout all generations.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS
POSTLUDE**

God's Word is Our Great Heritage
Arr. Valerie Floeter



TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Altar Flowers: Flowers were placed at the altar by John & Pam Lervold in celebration of their 45th Wedding Anniversary! Congratulations!

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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: Keep in mind this was a time of spiritual poverty. What signs indicate that our country/area perhaps is in the same condition? The solution is what? See Psalm 145.

2nd: Remember your identity, which is what? Which virtue do you find difficult to put into practice, and why? What needs to wash over you, and how can this happen on a regular basis? Your life has purpose as noted in what words here? See Psalm 146.

3rd: It was not that Martha was doing something wrong, but ... How can we improve on our 'time and place' when it comes to giving God our attention? See Psalm 149.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Caraes Worship
Monday	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (in the Admin Building Chapel)
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
Friday	6:00 p.m.	Book Club
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Music Course # 3
Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Installation of Jodi Rowe as our Grade 3-4 Teacher
	4:00 p.m.	Opening Service for the 2022-23 School Year

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Kyler Ross	<i>Aug 14</i>	Jonathan & Jenny Kolander
		Jerry & Hal Steward
Cynthia Rogers	<i>Aug 15</i>	
Bruce Carder	<i>Aug 16</i>	
Lisa Choto	<i>Aug 17</i>	
Joshua Faljean		
Justin Lewis		
Weston Sigman		
Lisa Dushane	<i>Aug 18</i>	
Bob Snyder	<i>Aug 19</i>	

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868 By Faith



1 By faith we see the hand of God
 2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
 3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day



in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
 with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
 when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear



in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
 of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
 with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4



We will stand as chil - dren of the prom - ise; we will fix our



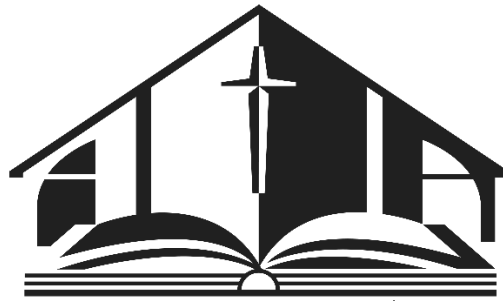
eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin - ished and the



work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

4 By faith the church was called to go in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
 to deliver captives and to preach good news in ev'ry corner of the earth. (Refrain)

5 By faith this mountain shall be moved and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
 for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon his name. (Refrain)



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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 Room

Monday Evening Service at 6:30 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
Shawn Butler	Campus Custodian
Mike Rausch & Daniel Joseph	Teen Study Leaders
Darren Vogt	Principal, Grades 7-8
Tyler Wahl	Grades 5-6
Jodi Rowe	Grades 3-4
Rosemarie Boushek	Grades 1-2
Hannah Ripley	Jr.K/Kindergarten
Greg Thiesfeldt	Associate Teacher, Grades 5-8
Ruth Vogt	Art
Dena Oswald	Ext. School Day Care

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