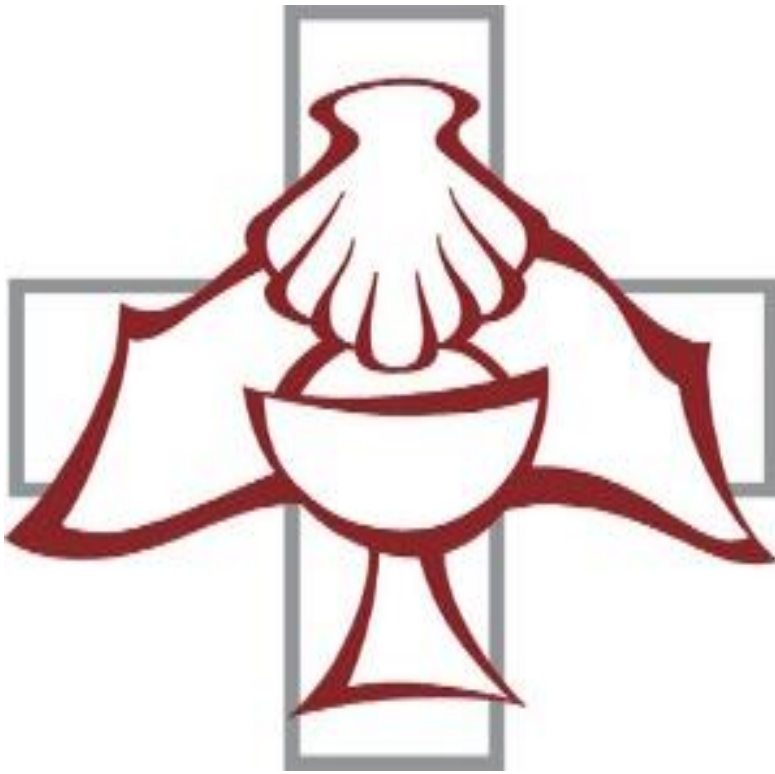


# **CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD**

**Worship Bulletin for  
September 25, 2022**



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

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

September 25, 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:

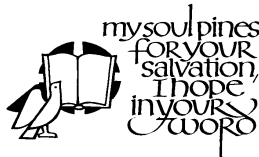
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*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 Pens)*

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:** Don't all volunteer at once to take out the trash. Taking out the trash is a good thing, for starters, it is removing a source of bad odors; plus, we don't want to attract unwanted creatures in our house Physical trash is one thing, spiritual trash is another and comes with a greater stink. God help us see what is the spiritual trash in our life and look to Him on how best to keep such stink away. It is good to be here, in this place, together for mutual encouragement as we praise our God and Lord.

## PRELUDE

## In God, My Faithful God

*Arr. Kevin Hildebrand*

### *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: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

*(Ps 100)*

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

**C: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

**C: give thanks to him and praise his name.**

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

M: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

**C: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.**

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**



## OPENING HYMN

*Musical Introduction ... See Page 9*

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 602*

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Jesus has said, as recorded in Matthew 22:

**C: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.**

M: This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

**C: Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

M: But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

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

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... See page 10*

## **His Mercy Is More**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 579*

*Vocalist(s) will sing Verse 1 ...*

*Congregation repeats and then joins on the remaining Verses*

M: Let us pray. Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness;

**C: for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

## **Genesis 12:1-8**

*What word would you use to describe Abram upon the Lord's call? He held to God's promises, an example for us.*

The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup>“I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup>I will bless those who bless you, and whoever

curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”<sup>4</sup> So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. <sup>5</sup>He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. <sup>6</sup>Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. <sup>7</sup>The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. <sup>8</sup>From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... See page 11*

## **Ten Thousand Reasons**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 607*

*Vocalist(s) will sing the Verses ...  
Congregation joins on the Refrains*

## **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

## **Philippians 3:4b-11**

*What rubbish is standing in your way when it comes to living life with Jesus as first and foremost priority?*

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **HYMN** *(on next page)*

*Musical Introduction*

## **God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 640*

*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.**

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

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Luke 14:25-33**

*This is what Jesus expects of you, rightfully so: commitment at all costs.*

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>“If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

**C:** Praise be to you, O Christ.

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction ... See page 12*

**His Robes not Mine**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 568*

*Vocalist(s) will sing Verse 1 ...  
Congregation joins on the remaining verses*

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on Philippians 3:4b-11**

**“Take The Trash Out”**



## A CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

### 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: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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 ... See page 13*

**The God of Abraham Praise**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 613*

*Vocalist(s) will sing Verse 1 ...*

*Congregation joins on the remaining verses*

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: 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 ... See Page 14*

**My Worth Is Not in What I Own**

*Christian Worship New (CWN) # 753*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE**

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

*Arr. Kevin Hildebrand*



## 602 Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;  
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*  
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

## 579 His Mercy Is More



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?  
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,  
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;  
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!  
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,  
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

*The refrain for stanza 3 is sung three times (twice, with no break between, then a final time).*

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## 607 Ten Thousand Reasons



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



- 1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing;—
- 2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
- 3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



it's time to sing your— song a - gain. What - ev - er may  
name\_ is\_\_\_ great, and your heart is kind. For all\_\_\_ your  
end\_\_\_ draws\_\_\_ near, and my time has come; still\_ my



pass,\_\_\_ and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,  
good-ness, I will keep\_\_\_ on\_\_\_ sing - ing—  
soul will sing your praise\_ un - end - ing—



*Refrain*

let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes.  
ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.  
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

## 568 His Robes not Mine



1 His robes for mine: O won - der - ful ex - change!  
 2 His robes for mine: what cause have I for dread?  
 3 His robes for mine: God's jus - tice is ap - peased.  
 4 His robes for mine: such an - guish none can know.



Clothed in my sin, Christ suf - fered 'neath God's rage.  
 God's daunt - ing law Christ mas - tered in my stead.  
 Je - sus is crushed, and thus the Fa - ther's pleased.  
 Christ, God's be - loved, con - demned as though his foe.



Draped in his right - eous - ness, I'm jus - ti - fied.  
 Fault - less I stand with right - eous works not mine,  
 Christ drank God's wrath on sin, then cried, "'Tis done!"  
 He, as though I, ac - cursed and left a - lone;



In Christ I live, for in my place he died.  
 saved by my Lord's vi - car - ious death and life.  
 Sin's wage is paid, pro - pi - ti - a - tion won.  
 I, as though he, em - braced and wel - comed home!



### *Refrain*

I cling to Christ, and mar - vel at the cost:



Je - sus for - sak - en, God es - tranged from God.



Bought by such love, my life is not my own.



My praise— my all— shall be for Christ a - lone.

## 613 The God of Abraham Praise



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,  
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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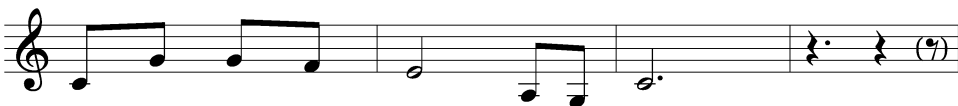
## 753 My Worth Is Not in What I Own



1 My worth is not in what I own, not  
 2 My worth is not in skill or name, in  
 3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the  
 win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the  
 youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2  
 blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. *Refrain*  
 ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

*Refrain*



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light.  
 But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (Refrain)

5 Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
 My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)

# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Vocalists: Jenny Kolander, Martha Schmidt, Hannah Ripley, Jodi Rowe

Flowers: The flowers at the altar have been given by the Williamson's in honor of their granddaughter, Hailey's birthday.

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## Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:20 am, in person & online ... "Lifestyle Witnessing"

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

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

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

1<sup>st</sup>: Did Abram have his faith based on a feeling or a fact, and what is the difference? Why would it not be easy for Abram to up and go? What makes it difficult for you at times to follow the Lord with the commitment Abram showed? Read 2 Timothy 1 & 2.

2<sup>nd</sup>: What does your trash smell like? What spiritual trash tends to 'stink up' your life, that is, keeps you from living more like Christ and less like the world? How can you get to know Christ better? Read Colossians 3:16 & Psalm 122:1.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Hate is a strong word, yet it makes the point: Jesus is not to be loved less than others we love. Why not? What is the point of the illustrations Jesus includes in this section? See Mark 8:34-38.

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# THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

## Weekly Calendar

Today		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Funday at Rusch Park (ends at 4:00 p.m.)
	4:00 p.m.	Catechism
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (in Chapel)
Wednesday	8:20 p.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Starting Point
Next Sunday		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion – Mission Emphasis with Pastor Joel Nitz
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study – Mission Presentation
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Teresa Milam	<i>Sept 25</i>	
Al Wiegel		
Laura Turner	<i>Sept 26</i>	
TaJuana Brown	<i>Sept 27</i>	
Deborah Crago		
Laurie Gunter		
Maksim Panasiuk		
Barbara Gunter	<i>Sept 28</i>	
Dennis Metzler	<i>Sept 29</i>	
Pam Egle	<i>Oct 1</i>	Frank & Penny Beushaw
Kathy Gaines-Le		Len & Shirley Sampaio

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