

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD



November 23, 2022

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

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Thanksgiving ... Leads to Thanks-living

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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.

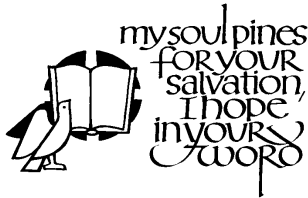
We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

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:

We do have LARGE PRINT copies of the Bulletin, you will find them on the table with the Bulletins.

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.



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WORSHIP THE LORD ...

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Are you more of a promise maker and keeper of promises, or a promise maker and too often breaker of promises? Promises can easily roll off of our tongue; keeping those promises, not so easy. There is only one who makes promises and always keeps them, we have plenty of proof of this; that one is God, the God who has created the heavens and the earth ... and so much more, in fact, all things good start with Him. And the most important promise from God's mouth to our ears is which one? Ponder that as we join in giving thanks to God for being a promise maker and keeper of His promises.

PRELUDE

My Heart Is Filled With Thankfulness

Arr. by James Koerts

Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

To God Be the Glory

Christian Worship (red) # 399

**To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

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

C: Amen. Thanks be to God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

C: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Now Thank We All Our God

Christian Worship (red) # 610

**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.**

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.

(Ps 100)

(sing, intro)

**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.**

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Genesis 8:18-22 *God keeps His promises*

So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹ All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another. ²⁰ Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. ²¹ The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. ²² “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

M: And yet, what do we need to admit takes places even with such reminders?

All: 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 --- O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

Forgiven! ... Give Thanks!

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain,
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside,
who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly,
whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.*

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him,
to love and follow him.*

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... James 1:16-18 *God is at the heart of what is good*

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

M: This leads to the following statement regarding the faith we have in God:

All: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that He gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because He is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

**We thank you for your blessings, Almighty Lord, our King;
We thank you for the harvests, Yes, Lord, for ev'rything:
For flow'rs that bloom in springtime, For rip'ning fruit and grain,
For all the precious sunshine, And for the gentle rain.**

**This day of great thanksgiving We count them one by one:
Our free and fruitful country, The great things you have done,
Our family, our loved ones, The guardian angels' care,
Our very self and heartbeat—Lord, hear our thankful prayer!**

**But best of all your blessings, The rainbow of your love,
Are all the many mercies Your Word brings from above.
Our life now has full meaning—Christ Jesus is our God!
Thanksgiving shall be living The way the Savior trod.**

A Reading from Holy Scripture ... Luke 19:1-10 *Faith leads to thanks-living*

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ² A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³ He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. ⁵ When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." ⁸ But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise His holy name.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways

Christian Worship (red) # 462

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands— 'Tis a delightful road—
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Habakkuk 3:17-19

“Salvation Is Reason Enough For Thanksgiving”

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

To God Be the Glory

Christian Worship (red) # 399

**Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory—great things he has done!**

OUR THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of

supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. 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.

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. Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Christian Worship (red) # 609

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring:

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;

We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

**We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you.
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been;
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer;
To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.
Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.
To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Arr. by Wilbur Held



GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD ...

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor David Koelpin

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek Choir Accompanist: Jodi Rowe

Guitar: Daniel Joseph

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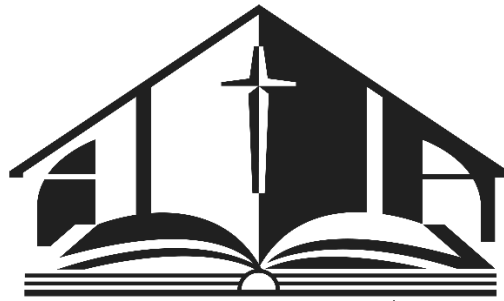
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Sunday Bible Discussion 9:30-10:20 (Live streamed) ... Teens in the Teen Room

Monday Evening Service at 6:30 PM in the Adm Building Chapel

Wednesday School Chapel Service at 8:20 a.m.

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