

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for May 28, 2023



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

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Pentecost Sunday

May 28th, 2023

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:

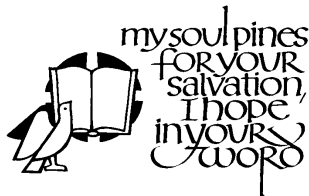
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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 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.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: It is about Jesus, the Holy Spirit (third Person of the Trinity and not inferior to the Father nor the Son), gets this and works through the Means of Grace so we get this too. Jesus is the One who has gained for us the forgiveness of sins, and all that comes with that verdict. The Holy Spirit makes it personal in us; and He is the One who equips us to take the message about Jesus to others. God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – be praised today and every day.

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

By Kristina Langlois

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

Congregation: His love endures forever.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

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

C: Amen. Let us worship Him.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

O Christians, Haste

Christian Worship (red) # 570

**O Christians, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is light,
That he who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

(Refrain) Publish glad tidings, Tidings of peace, Tidings of Jesus, Redemption and release.

**Behold how many thousands still are lying
Bound in the dreary prison-house of sin
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying
Or of the life he died for them to win. Refrain**

**Proclaim to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
That God, in whom they live and move, is love;
Tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
And died on earth that they might live above. Refrain**

**Send heralds forth to bear the message glorious;
Give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious;
O Christians, haste to bring the brighter day! Refrain**

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: He says that we are sinners and deserve only his punishment.

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

M: Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

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, 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.

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

HYMN

Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 5

Let All Things Now Living

Christian Worship (red) # 260

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; His light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,
As forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces; The stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing.**

**With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!”**

M: Let us pray. Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ,

C: who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:1-21

What an experience for both the disciples and the crowd – speaking and hearing Law and Gospel in languages matching the crowd.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?” ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction ... Song on page 6

*Choir on 1st Refrain & the Verses ...
Congregation joins on the remaining Refrains*

Come, Holy Spirit

Christian Worship New # 104D

Refrain

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, fill the hearts of your
faith - ful peo - ple. Kin - dle in them the
fire of your love. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse

1 How man - y are your works, O Lord, in
wis - dom you made them all. The earth is wide and
full of your crea - tures; they look to you for food. *Refrain*

Verse

2 When you give them their food in due sea - son,
they gath - er it up. When you send forth your
Spir - it, you make them and you re - new the earth. *Refrain*

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 12:3-11

The Spirit is the One behind our abilities. He is able to bring our varying abilities together for the purpose of glorifying God.

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Romans 11

M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

C: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

M: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?

**C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever!
Amen.**

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 7:37-39

The Holy Spirit not only works saving faith in us, He is able to grow such faith.

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction ... Song on page 8

Choir will sing Verses 1-2 ...

Congregation joins in singing Verses 3-5

O Day Full of Grace

Christian Worship New # 477



1 O day full of grace that now we see ap - pear - ing on
 2 O day full of grace, O bless - ed time, our Lord on the
 3 For Christ bore our sins, and not his own, when he on the
 4 God came to us then at Pen - te - cost, his Spir - it new
 5 When we on that fi - nal jour - ney go that Christ is for



earth's ho - ri - zon, bring light from our God that we may be
 earth ar - riv - ing; then came to the world that light sub - lime,
 cross was hang - ing, and then he a - rose to claim his throne
 life re - veal - ing, that we might no more from him be lost,
 us pre - par - ing, we'll gath - er in song, our hearts a - glow,



re - plete in his joy this sea - son. God, shine for us
 great joy for us all re - triev - ing, for Je - sus all
 that we, un - to him be - long - ing, might join with an -
 all dark - ness for us dis - pel - ling. His flame will the
 all joy of the heav - ens shar - ing, and walk in the



now in this dark place; your name on our hearts em - bla - zon.
 mor - tals did em - brace, all dark - ness and shame re - mov - ing.
 gel - ic hosts to raise our voic - es in end - less sing - ing.
 mark of sin ef - face and bring to us all his heal - ing.
 light of God's own place, with an - gels his name a - dor - ing.

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on Luke 24:44-49

“What Began In Jerusalem Continues Today”

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures.⁴⁶ He told them, “This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

All: 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.

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

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

All: This is most certainly true.

OUR THANK OFFERING

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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.

C: Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

M: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.

C: 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: 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.

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

Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Christian Worship (red) # 182

**Holy Spirit, ever dwelling In the holiest realms of light,
Holy Spirit, ever brooding O'er a world of gloom and night,
Holy Spirit, ever raising Those on earth to thrones on high,
Living, life-imparting Spirit, You we praise and magnify.**

**Holy Spirit, ever living As the Church's very life,
Holy Spirit, ever striving Through us in a ceaseless strife,
Holy Spirit, ever forming In the Church the mind of Christ,
You we praise with endless worship For your gracious gifts unpriced.**

**Holy Spirit, ever working Through the Church's ministry,
Teaching, strength'ning, and absolving, Setting captive sinners free,
Holy Spirit, ever binding Age to age and soul to soul
In communion never ending, You we worship and extol.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may hold firmly to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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.

HYMN

Musical Introduction ... Song on page 11

Awake, O Spirit, Who Inspired

Christian Worship (red) # 567

**Awake, O Spirit, who inspired The watchmen of the Church's youth,
Who faced the foe's envenomed ire, Who witnessed day and night your truth,
Whose voices loud are ringing still And bringing hosts to know your will.**

**And let your Word have speedy course, Through ev'ry land be glorified,
Till all the heathen know its force And fill your churches far and wide.
Oh, spread the conquest of your Word And let your kingdom come, dear Lord!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

Fuge
By Buxtehude

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn (serves as one of the WELS Home Mission Counselors)
Musical Accompanist: Mrs. Rosemarie Boushek

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Sunday Bible Studies

Adults, 9:30-10:20 am, in person & online ... The mission work of Paul the Apostle
Children, in person Sunday School ... Meet at 9:15 in the Chapel
Teens, in person, at 9:30 in the Upper Gathering Space

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

1st: What brought all these people to Jerusalem at this particular time? How is the reaction of people today similar to the reaction Peter and the other disciples witnessed? Read Isaiah 54.

2nd: What does this reference say about people coming to faith in Jesus? Why is there no need for jealousy especially in the church setting, or for one to feel sorry for themselves? Read Ephesians 4.

3rd: Why is referring to Jesus and the Gospel as 'living water' fitting? The Holy Spirit was active in the hearts of the disciples, how did His activity show itself through them? ... Through you? Read Ezekiel 37:1-14.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Weekly Calendar ... *OBC = Office Building Chapel (located behind the Church)*

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	NO Worship Service tonight
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:00 p.m.	School Closing Service/Graduation Ceremony
Next Sunday		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship
	4:00 p.m.	Installation of Pastor Leistekow at Christ in Lodi

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
	<i>May 28</i>	Laura & David Turner
Steve Ennis	<i>May 29</i>	
Laurie Kaden	<i>May 30</i>	
Nikki Kluenker	<i>June 2</i>	
Duane Carlson	<i>June 3</i>	



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