

# CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for June 16, 2024



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

**We are St. Mark's Church & School**

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

June 16, 2024

## 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:

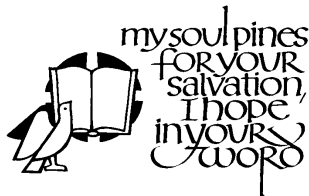
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /  
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

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.



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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** If you plant a garden or put flowers out by the front door, what do you expect to happen? You expect to see growth in what was planted or placed. How does that growth come about? Who has provided what is needed so growth can take place? Same with faith ... we did not start it yet we are to water it; however, the growth is dependent on the one who gave it. How can you know if growth is taking place? The Lord provides answers which serve as our focus today.

## PRELUDE

**Speak, O Lord**

*Arr. by Zach Unke*

### *Greeting & Invocation*

**Minister:** Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Congregation:** Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

**M:** We worship this day in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

## HYMN

**Speak, O Lord**

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 4*

*Christian Worship Blue # 633*



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights



of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the



deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.



that the light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma-jes-tic  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom-is-es, and by faith we'll



love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful-  
love and au-thor-i-ty. Words of pow'r that can  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your



fill in us all your pur-poses for your glo-ry.  
nev-er fail, let their truth pre-vail o-ver un-be-lief.  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo-ry.

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name...

**C: who forgives all our sins and heals all our diseases**

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**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,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in 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: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name...

**C: as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 753*

**Praise the Father, great Creator. Praise the Son, who took our place.  
Praise the Spirit, Sanctifier, God of free and faithful grace!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us**

*Christian Worship Supplement # 753*

**Lord, your changeless Word has fed us, Spanning time, transcending space.  
Water, bread, and wine sustained us When the darkness hid your face.  
Keep us with you, faithful Shepherd, By your saving means of grace!**

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*Baptism at 10:45 ...*

## **HYMN at 10:45**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Baptized in Water**

*Christian Worship Red # 296*

**Our children Jesus calls To his most dear embrace.  
He holds them in his mighty arms Through their baptismal grace.**

**“Let them approach,” he cries, “Nor scorn their humble claim.  
The heirs of heav’n are such as these; For such as these I came.”**

**With joy we bring them, Lord, Devoting them to you,  
And pray, “As you show love to us, So love our children, too.”**

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## **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Ezekial 17:22-24**

*Growth in earthly accomplishments are temporary; growth rooted in Jesus continues and blossoms.*

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will take a shoot from the very top of a cedar and plant it; I will break off a tender sprig from its topmost shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it; it will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. Birds of every kind will nest in it; they will find shelter in the shade of its branches. <sup>24</sup> All the trees of the forest will know that I the LORD bring down the tall tree and make the low tree grow tall. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. “I the LORD have spoken, and I will do it.””

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

**HYMN**

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

*Musical Introduction*

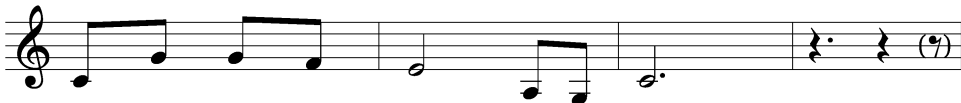
*Christian Worship Blue # 753*



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)**

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Colossians 1:3-8**

*Growth in faith becomes evident without prompting.*

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup> because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people— <sup>5</sup> the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup> that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God’s grace. <sup>7</sup> You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup> and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

**M: The Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**HYMN**

**From All That Dwell below the Skies**

*Musical Introduction*

*Christian Worship Blue # 605*

*Women From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator’s praise arise.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Women Let the Redeemer’s name be sung through ev’ry land, by ev’ry tongue.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*Men Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your Word.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia!**

*Men Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.*

**All Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 4:26-34**

*Plant the seed of the Word, pray for that seed as the Word is the key to faith in Jesus ability and growth.*

He also said, “This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground.

<sup>27</sup> Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full

kernel in the head. <sup>29</sup> As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come.” <sup>30</sup> Again he said, “What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we

use to describe it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. <sup>32</sup> Yet

when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade.”<sup>33</sup> With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand.<sup>34</sup> He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Musical Introduction*

**All I Have Is Christ**

*Christian Worship Blue # 580*

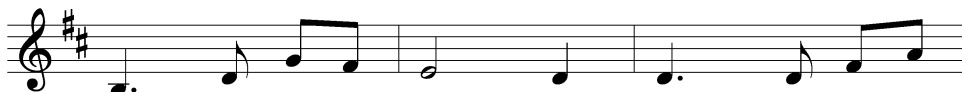
*Vocalist to sing verse 1, then Congregation repeats and sings the remaining verses*



1 I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I  
 2 But as I ran my hell - bound race in - dif - f'rent  
 3 Now, Lord, I would be yours a - lone and live so



knew the way. The sin that prom - ised joy and  
 to the cost, you looked up - on my help - less  
 all might see the strength to fol - low your com-



life had led me to the grave. I had no  
 state and led me to the cross. And I be -  
 mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,



hope that you would own a reb - el to your  
 held God's love dis - played— you suf - fered in my  
 use my ran - somed life in an - y way you



will, and if you had not loved me first  
 place. You bore the wrath re - served for me;  
 choose, and let my song for - ev - er be—



I would re - fuse you still.  
 now all I know is grace.  
 my on - ly boast is you.

*Refrain*  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! All I have is Christ.

*Refrain*  
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus is my life.

**FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on Colossians 1:3-8**

**“Keep Growing In The Word”**

**A CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH – THE NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets. (continues on page 10)**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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, give online through our website under the “Resources” tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the bulletin.*

### **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. Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

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

### **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: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

**C: By his incarnation, he became one with us.**

**By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.**

**By his innocent death, he overcame hell.**

**By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.**

M: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**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.**

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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### *DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT*

*The Ushers will direct Communicants by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the west (Pulpit) side, right to left. When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.*

*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**

*Musical Introduction ... Song on page 12*

**Draw Near**

*Christian Worship Blue # 662*

*Refrain*

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.

Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!

**2**

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,  
 2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,  
 3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere  
 4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

and drink the ho - ly blood for you out - poured.  
 has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
 and take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.  
 gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood,  
 He gave his life for great - est and for least,  
 Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends,  
 Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow,

*Refrain*

with souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
 him - self the of - f'ring and him - self the priest.  
 gives all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
 in this great feast of love be with us now.

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*

## Lord, You Call Us as Your People

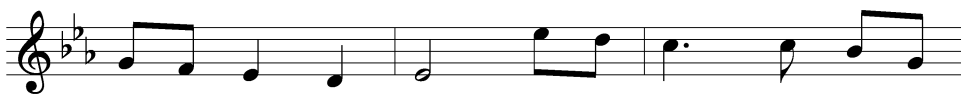
*Christian Worship Blue # 736*



1 Lord, you call us as your peo - ple, out of dark - ness  
3 Lord, you send us to the har - vest in your Great Com -  
4 Lord, you call us to new ven - tures by a path - way



in - to light. You cre - at - ed and re - deemed us, made us  
mis - sion's call, reach - ing out to all the na - tions, bring - ing  
yet un - known. Though we can - not see the end - ing, we will



pre - cious in your sight. Give us faith to trust you  
life and hope to all. Give us bold - ness and com -  
fol - low you a - lone. Know - ing that your hand is



bold - ly and to love you stead - fast - ly. By your  
pas - sion, bless us with your eyes to see. By your  
guid - ing and you love us faith - ful - ly, by your



Spir - it may we ev - er faith - ful to our call - ings be.  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## POSTLUDE

## By Grace I'm Saved

*Arr. by Kevin Hildebrand*

# TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Lisa Thiesfeldt

Vocalist(s): Jenny Kolander

Flowers at the Altar: The flowers have been provided by the Rostad family in celebration of their 34<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

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

1<sup>st</sup>: What are some of your greatest accomplishments and what have such gained for you? How long do such remain a benefit to you? The Savior may come off insignificant to the world, yet why is that not the reality? Read 1 John 2:15-17.

2<sup>nd</sup>: What was Paul thankful about? What growth have you seen in your faith / relationship with Jesus? What do you see as your 'faith legacy'? Read 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Who has what role when it comes to growth in faith? God can make the seemingly impossible (finish the thought); and why is that important to keep in mind? We pray this each time we offer up the \_\_\_nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Read Psalm 119:129-144.

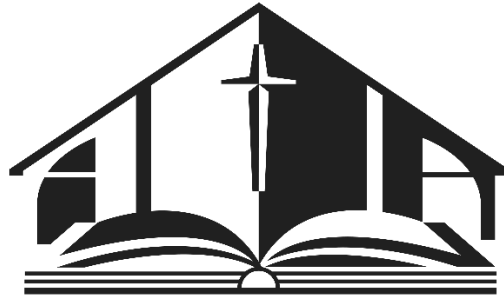
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today		*****Happy Father's Day!*****
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Children's Bible Time, starts in our Chapel
	9:30 a.m.	Congregation / Voter's Meetings
	10:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (Library)
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Luther Room)
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Office Building Chapel)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare # 13
Friday	6:30 a.m.	Men's Breakfast Bible Study (Black Bear)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Ken Bartelt	<i>June 16</i>	Mike & Joan Rostad
Bill Halfhill	<i>June 19</i>	Chuck & Maggie Klunker
Axel Hinaman	<i>June 20</i>	
Jodi Rowe	<i>June 21</i>	
	<i>June 22</i>	Gina & Jack Naves



# St. Mark's

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