

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

June 08, 2025



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

Pentecost Sunday

June 08, 2025

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:

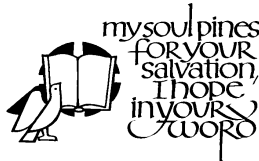
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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 'Blue'

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

PRELUDE

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

By Lloyd Larson

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: O Lord, keep our ears attentive to your Word through word and song,

C: and accept our words of thanks and praise.

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

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

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

OPENING HYMN

Come Down, O Love Divine

Musical Introduction....Choir stanzas 1-3 and Congregation stanza 4

Christian Worship (blue) # 587

**1 Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing.
O Comforter, draw near;
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2 O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3 Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing—**

true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

4 And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling;
no soul can guess his grace
till it become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

M: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

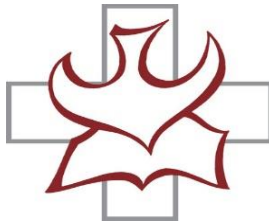
C: According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. 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.

(musical introduction) ... See page 5

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Joshua 4:4-7

⁴ So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, ⁶ to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these stones mean?’ ⁷ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the

Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CHOIR

Musical Introduction

Come, Holy Spirit

Psalm 104D

***Refrain: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people.
Kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.***

**1 How many are your works, O Lord,
in wisdom you made them all.
The earth is wide and full of your creatures;
they look to you for food. (*Refrain*)**

**2 When you give them their food in due season,
they gather it up.
When you send forth your Spirit, you make them
and you renew the earth. (*Refrain*)**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Acts 2:14-21

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!

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

John 14:23-27

²³ Jesus replied, "Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴ Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵ "All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(Musical introduction)

I Love to Tell the Story

Christian Worship (Red) # 562

**1 I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.**

Refrain:

***I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.***

**2 I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long.**

Refrain

“I Love to Tell the Story”

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 basket on the table, 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.

HYMN

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Christian Worship (Red) #57

Refrain:

***Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills, and ev’rywhere;
Go, tell it on the mountain That Jesus Christ is born.***

- 1 While shepherds kept their watching O’er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens There shone a holy light.**

Refrain

- 2 The shepherds feared and trembled When lo, above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior’s birth.**

Refrain

- 3 Down in a lowly manger The humble Christ was born;
And God sent us salvation That blessed Christmas morn.**

Refrain

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.

Lord's Prayer



name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.
Lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de -
liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the
pow - er, and the glo - ry are yours
now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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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)

To God Be the Glory
Christian Worship # 399

**1 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.**

Refrain:

*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!*

**2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

Refrain

**3 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.**

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

I Love Thy Kingdom Lord
By Lowell Mason

TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving in Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Brad Wright

Musical Accompanist: Jeri Reed

Flowers: Have been provided by our WAC (Worship Arts Committee) in honor of Pentecost.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	5:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Board of Elders Meeting
Next Sunday		***HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!!!***
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Andrew Faljean	<i>June 8</i>	
Jeri Reed		
Sandy Ross	<i>June 9</i>	David & Stephanie Vanderbout
	<i>June 10</i>	Justin & Rosa Lewis
Erin Donoho	<i>June 11</i>	
Donna Klug		
Carol Petz		
Connie Richerson	<i>June 12</i>	
Larry Dushane	<i>June 13</i>	

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