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St. Mark's  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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# 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF PENTECOST THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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## **Settle in with Jesus and his family. Welcome home.**

**Make yourself at home.** Find any open spot to sit and settle in. Our worship service is designed to praise God and enrich your faith. We make it easy-to-follow with everything printed for you in this bulletin. Feel free to stay after the service to get to know some of the people you worshiped with today. St. Mark's is a place you can call home, and we look forward to seeing you next time!

**Bring the kids.** Our congregation enjoys the worshipping family and our services include a children's message. Parents, you can help your kids follow along today with the Kids' Questions sheet. A quiet room to help a restless child is in the lobby (to the right as you exit the main worship space).

**There's no obligation.** Visitors, while our members regularly give offerings as an expression of thanks to God, you're not expected to give an offering. You are our guests; it's your choice. We're glad you joined us today!

**Restrooms** are at the back of the lobby—women's on the right and men's on the left.

**Questions?** If you'd like to know more about our church or our beliefs, feel free to speak with our pastor after the service and visit us online at [stmarkslutheran.com](http://stmarkslutheran.com).

# In Christ Alone

Blue hymnal 510



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## **Welcomed into the Family of God**

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen!**

The Lord is the God who saves. In his great love, he came to us when we were held in slavery to sin and the devil. And by his mighty power, he set us free! When we confess our sins together, we're led to approach God with humility. Confessing our sins will also lead to greater joy and gratitude for God's saving love that rescued us.

**Just and merciful God, I acknowledge my brokenness and sins. From birth, I have repeatedly disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. My sins deserved your just punishment—a weight I could never carry. But you sent Jesus as my substitute. Thank you for still loving me! Thank you for forgiving me! Thank you for making me your child!**

By the perfect life, innocent death, and resurrection of Jesus in your place, your sins are forgiven, and your guilt is removed forever! The Son has set you free. Through faith in Jesus, God has made you his child. Live as a child of God.

**Amen!**

# From All That Dwell below the Skies

*Blue hymnal 605*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal



a - tor's praise a - rise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
truth at - tends your Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through ev - 'ry  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall



land, by ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
rise and set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623  
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## Prayer

Almighty and all-powerful Lord, you delight in saving your people. Teach us to know and cherish the freedom we have because of the forgiveness of our sins and a new life in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## God's Word

## John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

## God's Word

## Romans 8:1-17

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. <sup>13</sup>For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

<sup>14</sup>For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

<sup>15</sup>The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” <sup>16</sup>The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. <sup>17</sup>Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

## **Children's Message**

# Before the Throne of God Above

Blue hymnal 561



1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right-eous-ness, the great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with



grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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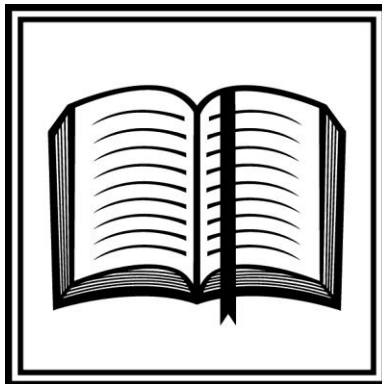
## Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:1-2

<sup>1</sup>And God spoke all these words:

<sup>2</sup>"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

### First Things First



## **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 truly 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. 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.**

## **Prayer & the Lord's Prayer**

*The Lord's Prayer follows the prayer spoken by the pastor.*

**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.**

## **The Lord's Supper**

*The Bible teaches that receiving the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and other Christians, united by a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask those who have made that public confession of faith by being a member St. Mark's or another WELS or ELS church come forward for Communion. Guests, please speak with our pastor to learn more, and we look forward to communing with you in the future.*

## **Words of Institution**

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 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 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."

**O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.  
Have mercy on us, and grant us your peace. Amen.**

## **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

*The ushers will direct those receiving Communion up the center aisle, returning down the outer aisle. You may receive a wafer in your hand from the Communion assistant. Those who require a gluten-free wafer may take one from the assistant's smaller tray. Tinted cups in the center of the wine trays contain grape juice. Your empty cup can be placed on the backside of the rail. When at the rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the pew, please let an usher or the pastor know.*

# Christ Be My Leader

Blue hymnal 518



1 Christ be my lead - er by night as by day;  
2 Christ be my teach - er in age as in youth,  
3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife;



safe through the dark - ness, for he is the way. —  
drift - ing or doubt - ing, for he is the truth. —  
death can - not hold me, for he is the life. Nor



Glad - ly I fol - low, my fu - ture his care, —  
Grant me to trust him; though shift - ing as sand, —  
dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor sin and its stain can



dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.  
doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.  
touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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Tune: Irish

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# Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face

*Blue hymnal 660*

*sts. 1, 3-4, 6*



1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
4 Mine is the sin but yours the right - eous - ness;  
6 Feast af - ter feast thus comes and pass - es by,



here would I touch and han - dle things un - seen,  
an - oth - er arm but yours to lean up - on.  
mine is the guilt but yours the cleans - ing blood.  
yet, pass - ing, points to that glad feast a - bove,



here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace,  
It is e - nough, O Lord, e - nough in - deed;  
Here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:  
giv - ing sweet fore - taste of the fest - al joy,



and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
my strength is in your might, your might a - lone.  
your blood, your right - eous - ness, O Lord, my God.  
the Lamb's great mar - riage feast of bliss and love.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, abr., alt. Tune: Henry Lawes, 1595-1662  
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## Blessing

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.

**Amen!**

# Amazing Grace

Blue hymnal 576



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that  
2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.  
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text (sts. 1–3): John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.; (st. 4): A Collection of Sacred Ballads, Richmond, 1790  
Tune: Columbian Harmony, Cincinnati, 1829, ed. Benjamin Shaw; ed. Charles H. Spilman  
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## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett

Violin/Cello: Vince Beiderbecke Percussion: Don Black

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study (Luther Room)
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point Class
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Sebastian Brase	<i>June 7</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>	
Carol Petz		
Connie Richerson	<i>June 12</i>	
Larry Dushane	<i>June 13</i>	

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