



A Better Way
to Live

St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

6TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

July 5, 2026

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.

If God Himself Be for Me



1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de -
2 This I be - lieve, yes rath - er, of this I make my
3 I build on this foun - da - tion: that Je - sus and his



fy; For when I pray, be - fore me my foes con - found - ed
boast: that God is my dear Fath - er, my friend who loves me
blood a - lone are my sal - va - tion, my true e - ter - nal



fly. If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a -
most, and that, what - e'er be - tide me, my Sa - vior is at
good. With - out him all that pleas - es is val - ue - less on



bove, What foe or what dis - as - ter can
hand through storm - y seas to guide me and
earth; the gifts I have from Je - sus a -



drive me from his love? Can drive me from his love?
bring me safe to land, and bring me safe to land.
lone have price - less worth, a - lone have price - less worth.

Welcomed into the Family of God

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you!

And also with you!

We have gathered to worship the King of kings and Lord of lords. Far above all rulers and authorities, he is the almighty God. He is our perfect Father, our Savior, and our Advocate. We come today confessing how far we've fallen short of his ways. And we trust in his saving love for forgiveness and acceptance in his family.

God Almighty, I acknowledge all my sins. Throughout my life, in what I have done and left undone, I have failed to live as your child. My sins deserved your just punishment forever. 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!

Our holy God is also overflowing with mercy and love. In love, he sent his Son to keep all the commands in our place and to face the punishment required to pay for our sins. Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection have set you free! All guilt is forever removed. The almighty God of the universe is delighted to call you his holy child! May he give you strength to live as his child.

Amen!



5 No sin can now con - demn me or set my hope a -
7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be

side. Now hell no more can claim me; its fur - y I de -
sad, 'tis full of joy and sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine

ride. No sen - tence now re - proves me; no guilt de - stroys my
glad. The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my

peace, for Christ, my Sa - vior, loves me and
King; the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes

shields me with his grace, and shields me with his grace.
me re - joice and sing, makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607, abr.; tr *Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book*, 1907, sts. 1,4,5,7; tr. Richard Massie, 1800-1887, sts. 2,3,6
Tune: Joey Schumann

Prayer

Lord God, you place us in our families and put people in authority over us for our good. Lead us, as members of your holy family, to love and honor each other with proper respect; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

⁴¹Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Festival of the Passover. ⁴²When he was twelve years old, they went up to the festival, according to the custom. ⁴³After the festival was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. ⁴⁴Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." ⁴⁹"Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he was saying to them.

⁵¹Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.

God's Word

Ephesians 6:1-8

¹Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²“Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

⁴Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

⁵Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ. ⁶Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart. ⁷Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, ⁸because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free.

Children's Message

Speak, O Lord

Blue hymnal 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 - pos - es 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.

Text: Keith Getty, b. 1974; Stuart Townend, b. 1963

Tune: Keith Getty, b. 1974; Stuart Townend, b. 1963

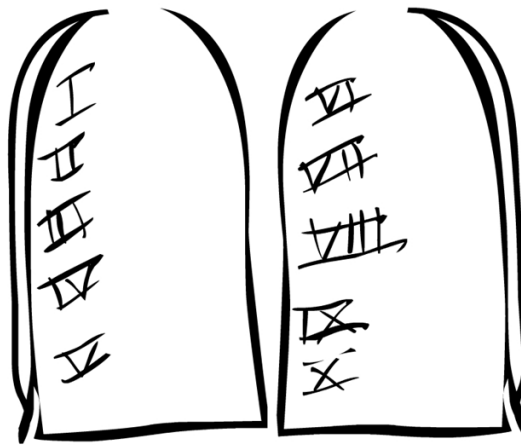
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Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:12

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.”

Honor for Authority



Statement of 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 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.

I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

Blue hymnal 670 sts. 1, 2, 6, 8



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
6 My soul is bur - dened; Lord, re - lieve me, by all this
8 By faith I call your ho - ly ta - ble the tes - ta -



wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
weight of sin op - pressed! Though sin - ful, yet, in
ment of your deep love, for by your gift I



lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
grace re - ceive me and feed me as your grate - ful guest.
now am a - ble to know the heart of God a - bove.

Refrain



Lord, may your bod - y and your blood be for my soul the high - est good.

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; (sts. 1, Ref, 2, 8); tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (st. 6): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963
Tune: Emskirchner Choral-Buch, Leipzig, 1756
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Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord *Blue hymnal 661*



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,



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.

Text: Latin, 7th cent., abr.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, ed. Louis Bourgeois. Text and tune: Public domain

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!

Day by Day

Blue hymnal 803 sts. 1-2



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to



send me draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal.
guide me o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day.



Love di - vine, be - yond all mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the
I will fear no e - vil of the mor - row, I will trust in



bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior, lead me to the home I
your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior, help me bear life's pain and



trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936-2005

Tune: Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

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
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Give Thanks and Give Back Meeting (planning for school soiree)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Greg Pluckhan	<i>July 5</i>	
Chelsea Choto	<i>July 7</i>	Greg & Barbara Lazaga
Deborah Allan	<i>July 8</i>	
Barbara Lazaga		
Linda Detmer	<i>July 10</i>	Don & Shawn Klug
Stephanie Wetzel	<i>July 11</i>	Chris & Sharon Brace

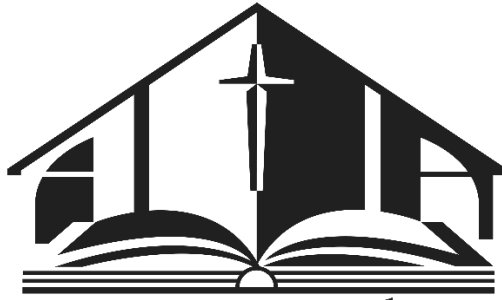
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