



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

11TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST THE NINTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS

August 9, 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 worshiping 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.

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!

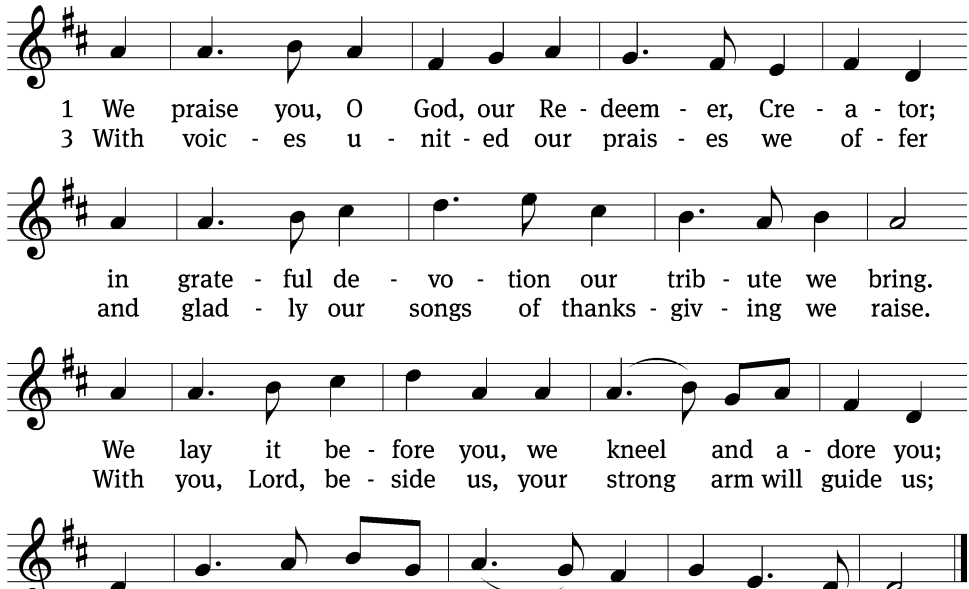
Our Lord in heaven loves us dearly and sees to our every need. We've come to worship him! In our weakness, though, we can often fail to trust him and wander from his ways. As we confess our sins together, we come as equals. Equally flawed and equally loved by God. Let's place our trust in Jesus alone for our forgiveness.

Holy and gracious Father, I acknowledge all my sins. In what I have done and left undone, I have so often sinned against you and others. My times of greed and lack of trust show how much my heart needs your cleansing. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. Thank you for the cross and empty tomb where you took my sins away!

Let your heart be filled with the faithful, never-ending love of God! He has taken your sin away forever. By believing in Jesus, God calls you his holy child and still welcomes you home in his family. May God give you all the strength you need to live as his child!

Amen!

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer *Blue hymnal 609 sts. 1, 3*



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;

we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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Prayer

Almighty God, you have promised that you will never leave or forsake your children. With you, we have everything. Give us contentment in life and gratitude for every good gift; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

10:45 a.m. Service:

Church Officers Installation

Ryan Miller, President

Mark LeMay, Board of Stewardship

Justin Lewis, Board for Child Discipleship

Jim Oswald, Board of Outreach

God's Word

Luke 12:13-21

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."

¹⁶And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸"Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."'

²⁰"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹"This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."

God's Word

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Children's Message

Lord, You I Love With All My Heart

The vocalist will sing stanza 1. The congregation may join in singing stanzas 2-3.

Lord, you I love with all my heart.

I pray you ne'er from me depart;

with tender mercies cheer me.

Earth has no pleasure I would share;

heaven itself were void and bare

if you, Lord, were not near me.

And should my heart for sorrow break;

my trust in you no one could shake.

You are the treasure I have sought;

your precious blood my soul has bought.

Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ,

my God and Lord, my God and Lord,

forsake me not! I trust your Word.

2 Lord God, 'twas your rich boun - ty gave my bod - y,
3 Lord, let at last your an - gels come; to Ab - ram's

soul, and all I have in this poor life of la -
bo - som bear me home that I may die un - fear -

bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place
ing. And in its nar - row cham - bers keep

may glo - ri - fy your lav - ish grace and
my bod - y safe in peace - ful sleep un -

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serve and help my neigh - bor. Let
 til your re - ap - pear - ing. And
 no false doc - trine me be - guile; let
 then from death a - wak - en me that
 Sa - tan not my soul de - file. Give
 my own eyes with joy may see, O
 strength and pa - tience un - to me to
 Son of God, your glo - rious face, my
 bear my cross - es will - ing - ly. Lord Je - sus
 Sa - vior and my Fount of grace! Lord Je - sus
 Christ, Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord, my
 Christ, Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend, my
 God and Lord, in death your com - fort still af - ford.
 prayer at - tend and I will praise you with - out end!

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Message from God's Word

Exodus 20:17

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

Coveting & Contentment

Statement 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.

8:00 a.m. Service:

Church Officers Installation

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Justin Lewis, Board for Child Discipleship

Jim Oswald, Board of Outreach

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.

Blessing

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

Amen!

To God Be the Glory

Blue hymnal 627



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,



So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son,



who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be



and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our joy and our won - der when Je - sus we see.



Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son



and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

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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

Guitar: Daniel Joseph, Adam Naves, Ryan Olson

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare #2
	7:00 p.m.	Coordinating Council Meeting
Thursday	4:00 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
	<i>Aug 9</i>	Mark & Michelle LeMay
		Jerry & Katie Richwalski
Stacie Malone	<i>Aug 10</i>	
	<i>Aug 13</i>	John & Pam Lervold
Kyler Ross	<i>Aug 14</i>	Jerry & Hal Steward
Cynthia Rogers	<i>Aug 15</i>	Troy & Jasmine Schweighardt

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