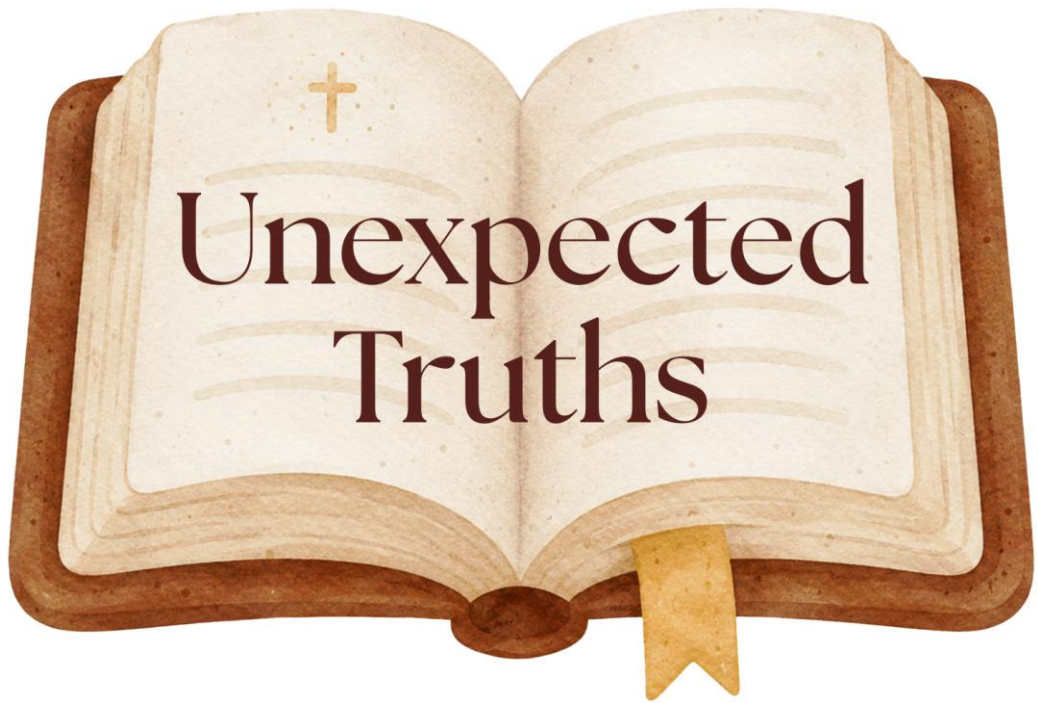




St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

18TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

REAL REPENTANCE LOOKS DIFFERENT

September 27, 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.

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Blue hymnal 609



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



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882–1963, alt.

Tune: Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck, Haarlem, 1626

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Welcomed into the Family of God

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

Amen!

God is our Father in heaven whose constant concern is getting his children home. Our sins had separated us from God to a devastating degree, but he's not leaving us lost in our sins. He calls us to repent. He leads us to turn back to him. Let's acknowledge our sins together, turning to and trusting in Christ, our Savior, for forgiveness.

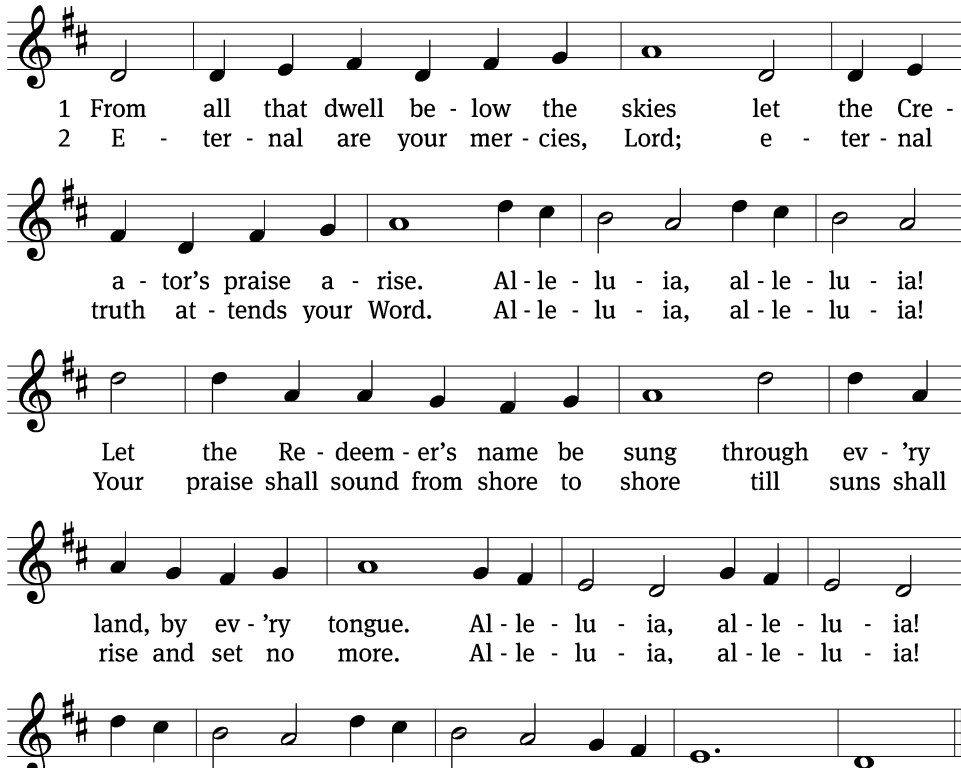
Holy and merciful Lord, I acknowledge my brokenness and sins. In countless ways, I have sinned against you and failed to live as your child. My sins deserved separation from you forever. But you spared me the punishment. I praise you for sending Jesus to be my Savior!

You are welcomed home in the family of God because of his unfailing love. Jesus lived perfectly in your place, died on the cross for all your sins, and came back to life on Easter. Because of Jesus, you are saved. You are forgiven. You are loved. By trusting in him, all is well with you and God. He has made you his child, and he's getting his children home.

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

In your mercy, O God, grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

²³Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. “By what authority are you doing these things?” they asked. “And who gave you this authority?”

²⁴Jesus replied, “I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵John’s baptism—where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will ask, ‘Then why didn’t you believe him?’” ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin’—we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.”

²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Then he said, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work today in the vineyard.’

²⁹“ ‘I will not,’ he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰“Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, ‘I will, sir,’ but he did not go.

³¹“Which of the two did what his father wanted?”

“The first,” they answered.

Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.”

God's Word

Philippians 2:1-11

¹Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ²then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

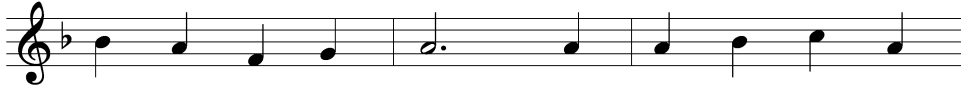
Children's Message

Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way

Blue hymnal 737



1 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -
2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, but
3 No gold - en scepter but a towel you
4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride nor
5 Lord, help us walk your ser - vant way wher -



ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -
pow'r you laid a - side. You lived your years in
place with - in the hands of those who seek to
count our - selves a - bove the low - est place, the
ev - er love may lead and, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.
ser - vant - hood, in low - li - ness you died.
fol - low you and live by your com - mands.
mean - est task that waits the gift of love.
get - ting self, each serve the oth - er's need.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007
Tune: The Whole Book of Psalms, London, 1562
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¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

“ ‘The parents eat sour grapes,
and the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. ⁴For everyone belongs to me, the parent as well as the child—both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear, you Israelites: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? ²⁶If a righteous person turns from their righteousness and commits sin, they will die for it; because of the sin they have committed they will die. ²⁷But if a wicked person turns away from the wickedness they have committed and does what is just and right, they will save their life. ²⁸Because they consider all the offenses they have committed and turn away from them, that person will surely live; they will not die. ²⁹Yet the Israelites say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Are my ways unjust, people of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust?

³⁰“Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. ³¹Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will you die, people of Israel? ³²For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!”

Repent and Live

Jesus Sinners Does Receive

Blue hymnal 654 sts. 1, 4-5, 7



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
 4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -
 5 Oh, how blest it is to know, were as scar - let
 7 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive, e - ven I have



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
 tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;
 my trans - gres - sion, it shall be as white as snow
 been for - giv - en. And when I this earth must leave,



and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
 grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
 by your blood and bit - ter pas - sion, for these words I
 I shall find an o - pen heav - en. Dy - ing, still to



all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 do be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
 him I cleave: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756, abr.; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Neu-verfertigtes Darmstädtisches Gesang-Buch, Darmstadt, 1699

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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.

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 CW 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.



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: Rosemarie Boushek

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare #9
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point #4
Friday	3:30 p.m.	Give Thanks and Give Back
		Volunteer Meeting (in gym)
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Youth Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting

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<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Deborah Crago	<i>Sept 27</i>	
Maksim Panasiuk		
Troy Schweighardt		
Barbara Gunter	<i>Sept 28</i>	
Dennis Metzler	<i>Sept 29</i>	
Kathy Gaines-Le	<i>Oct 1</i>	Frank & Penny Beaushaw
Adam Faljean	<i>Oct 3</i>	

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