



St. Mark's
LUTHERAN CHURCH

19TH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

SO GREAT A SALVATION: AGAINST ALL ODDS

October 4, 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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Blue hymnal 602



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther,
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest,
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not, thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



Refrain
Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;



all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.



Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

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Opening Responses

Psalm 66

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!

Shout for joy to God, all the earth! Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious.

Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.”

“All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing the praises of your name.”

Come and see what God has done, his awesome deeds for mankind!

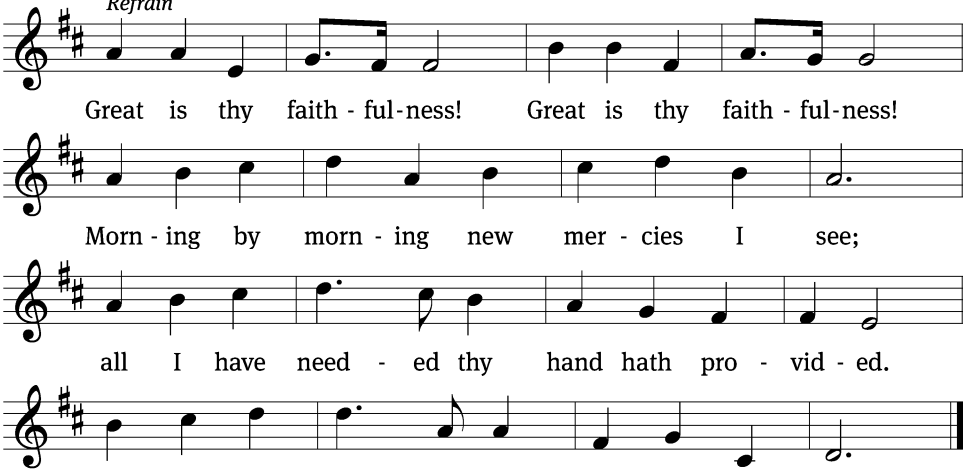
He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the waters on foot—come, let us rejoice in him.

He rules forever by his power, his eyes watch the nations—let not the rebellious rise up against him.

Praise our God, all peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit!
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen!**

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful-ness! Great is thy faith - ful-ness!
Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see;
all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
Great is thy faith - ful-ness, Lord, un - to me!

Prayer

Mighty God and Savior, no power can oppose or overcome you. Show us your unfailing love that directed your power to rescue us. Lead us to trust in you through every trial, knowing that you are our sure defender; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

O Clap Your Hands

Choir

O clap your hands, O ye mighty people;
Sing to the Lord with a song of joy.
Clap your hands, O ye mighty people;
Sing to the Lord a new song!

The Lord is righteous, merciful, great is His name.
Clap your hands, and shout with joy, Sing and give praise!

O clap your hands, O ye mighty people;
Sing your praise to the Lord on high.
Clap your hands, O ye mighty people;
Sing to the Lord a new song!

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¹⁴When they came to the other disciples, they saw a large crowd around them and the teachers of the law arguing with them. ¹⁵As soon as all the people saw Jesus, they were overwhelmed with wonder and ran to greet him.

¹⁶“What are you arguing with them about?” he asked.

¹⁷A man in the crowd answered, “Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. ¹⁸Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive out the spirit, but they could not.”

¹⁹“You unbelieving generation,” Jesus replied, “how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me.”

²⁰So they brought him. When the spirit saw Jesus, it immediately threw the boy into a convulsion. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth.

²¹Jesus asked the boy’s father, “How long has he been like this?”

“From childhood,” he answered. ²²“It has often thrown him into fire or water to kill him. But if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.”

²³“If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for one who believes.”

²⁴Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”

²⁵When Jesus saw that a crowd was running to the scene, he rebuked the impure spirit. “You deaf and mute spirit,” he said, “I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”

²⁶The spirit shrieked, convulsed him violently and came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse that many said, “He’s dead.” ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him to his feet, and he stood up.

²⁸After Jesus had gone indoors, his disciples asked him privately, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?”

²⁹He replied, “This kind can come out only by prayer.”

God's Word

2 Timothy 4:9-18

⁹Do your best to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. ¹²I sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, and my scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the metalworker did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will repay him for what he has done. ¹⁵You too should be on your guard against him, because he strongly opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was delivered from the lion’s mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Children's Message

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
 6 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, no pain or pov - er -
 7 My heart for joy is spring-ing and can no more be



fy; For when I pray, be - fore me my
 boast: that God is my dear Fath - er, my
 ty, no earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger shall
 sad, 'tis full of joy and sing - ing, sees



foes con - found - ed fly. If Christ, my head and
 friend who loves me most, and that, what - e'er be -
 ev - er van - quish me. Though earth should break a -
 on - ly — sun - shine glad. The sun that cheers my



mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove, What
 tide me, my Sa - vior is at hand through
 sun - der, you are my Sa - vior true; no
 spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King; the



foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his
 storm - y seas to guide me and bring me safe to
 fire or sword or thun - der shall sev - er me from
 heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and



love? Can drive me from his love?
 land, and bring me safe to land.
 you, shall sev - er me from you.
 sing, makes me re - joice and sing.

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, ²“Tell the Israelites to turn back and encamp near Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea. They are to encamp by the sea, directly opposite Baal Zephon. ³Pharaoh will think, ‘The Israelites are wandering around the land in confusion, hemmed in by the desert.’ ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and he will pursue them. But I will gain glory for myself through Pharaoh and all his army, and the Egyptians will know that I am the LORD.” So the Israelites did this.

⁵When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, Pharaoh and his officials changed their minds about them and said, “What have we done? We have let the Israelites go and have lost their services!”

⁶So he had his chariot made ready and took his army with him. ⁷He took six hundred of the best chariots, along with all the other chariots of Egypt, with officers over all of them. ⁸The LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so that he pursued the Israelites, who were marching out boldly. ⁹The Egyptians—all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots, horsemen and troops—pursued the Israelites and overtook them as they camped by the sea near Pi Hahiroth, opposite Baal Zephon.

¹⁰As Pharaoh approached, the Israelites looked up, and there were the Egyptians, marching after them. They were terrified and cried out to the LORD. ¹¹They said to Moses, “Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die? What have you done to us by bringing us out of Egypt? ¹²Didn’t we say to you in Egypt, ‘Leave us alone; let us serve the Egyptians’? It would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the desert!”

¹³Moses answered the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. ¹⁴The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

¹⁵Then the LORD said to Moses, “Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on. ¹⁶Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. ¹⁷I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them. And I will gain glory through Pharaoh and all his army, through his chariots and his horsemen. ¹⁸The Egyptians will know that I am the LORD when I gain glory through Pharaoh, his chariots and his horsemen.”

¹⁹Then the angel of God, who had been traveling in front of Israel’s army, withdrew and went behind them. The pillar of cloud also moved from in front and stood behind them, ²⁰coming between the armies of Egypt and Israel. Throughout the night the cloud brought darkness to the one side and light to the other side; so neither went near the other all night long.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, ²²and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left.

²³The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh’s horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. ²⁴During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. ²⁵He jammed the wheels of their chariots so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, “Let’s get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen.” ²⁷Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. ²⁸The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of

Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived.

²⁹But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. ³⁰That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. ³¹And when the Israelites saw the mighty hand of the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.

“The Lord Will Fight for You”

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.

Welcomed into the Family of God

Our God is the Lord who so powerfully saves his people. Let's acknowledge our sins together, trusting in Jesus, our mighty champion, for forgiveness.

Holy and merciful Father in heaven, since birth, I have been sinful, disobeyed you, and failed to live as your child. My sins deserved your punishment forever. Thank you for sparing me what I deserved. Thank you for sending Jesus to be my Savior. I trust in him alone as I ask for your forgiveness.

God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the sacrifice who makes us one with God. Your sins are taken away forever! On behalf of your Savior Jesus and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins: in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

Responses

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

**"Come to me, all you who are weary and
burdened, and I will give you rest."**

Matthew 11:28

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness *Blue hymnal 663 sts. 1, 6-7*



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
 6 Lord, by love and mer - cy driv - en, you have
 7 Je - sus, sun of life, my splen - dor, Je - sus,



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's
 left your throne in heav - en on the cross for me to
 friend of friends most ten - der, Je - sus, joy of my de -



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
 lan - guish and to die in bit - ter an - guish,
 sir - ing, fount of life, my soul in - spir - ing:



un - to him whose grace un-bound - ed has this won - drous
 to for - go all joy and glad - ness and to shed your
 at your feet I cry, my mak - er, let me be a



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
 blood in sad - ness. By this blood re-deemed and
 fit par - tak - er of this bless - ed food from



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
 liv - ing, Lord, I praise you with thanks - giv - ing.
 heav - en for our good, your glo - ry, giv - en.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677, abr.; (sts. 1, 7): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 6): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Be Still, My Soul

Blue hymnal 847



1 Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear pa-tient-
 2 Be still, my soul; your God will un - der - take to guide the
 3 Be still, my soul; when dear-est friends de - part and all is
 4 Be still, my soul; the hour is has - t'ning on when we shall



ly the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to or - der
 fu - ture as he has the past; your hope, your con - fi - dence, let
 dark - ened in the vale of tears, then you will bet - ter know his
 be for - ev - er with the Lord, when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and



and pro - vide; in ev - 'ry change he faith-ful will re -
 noth - ing shake; all now mys - te - rious shall be bright at
 love, his heart, who comes to soothe your sor - rows and your
 fear are gone, sor - row for - got, love's pur - est joys re -



main. Be still, my soul; your best, your heav'n - ly friend
 last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know
 fears. Be still, my soul; your Je - sus can re - pay
 stored. Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,



through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 his voice who ruled them while he lived be - low.
 from his own full - ness all he takes a - way.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

Text: Catharina A. von Schlegel, 1697–1752, abr.; tr. Jane L Borthwick, 1813–1897, alt.
 Tune: Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957, adapt.
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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!

By Faith

Blue hymnal 868

1 By faith we see the hand of God
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth
3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day

in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,
with the pow'r of his prom - ise in their hearts,
when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear

in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,
with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death

who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. Refrain
and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4

Refrain

We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our
 eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the
 work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

- 4 By faith the church was called to go
 in the pow'r of the Spirit to the lost
 to deliver captives and to preach good news
 in ev'ry corner of the earth.

Refrain

- 5 By faith this mountain shall be moved
 and the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
 for we know in Christ all things are possible
 for all who call upon his name.

Refrain

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TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Worship Leader: Pastor Kurt Wetzel

Musical Accompanist: Jeri Reed

Audio/Visual: Curtis Roth

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	LWMS Mission Box Offering
	9:15 a.m.	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Congregational Meeting
	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare #10
	6:30 p.m.	Board of Child Discipleship Meeting
Wednesday	8:20 a.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	Joy of Living (JOL) Women's Bible Study
	3:30 p.m.	Pink OUT! Volleyball Game – All invited!
	6:30 p.m.	Starting Point # 5
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
	9:30 a.m.	Teen Bible Study
	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Open Gym

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Ella Davies	<i>Oct 4</i>	
Ava Hinaman		
Christopher Tipton		
Linda Lane	<i>Oct 5</i>	
Kim Butler	<i>Oct 6</i>	
Marlys O'Riordan	<i>Oct 7</i>	Dan & Kim Cummins
Melissa Hioco	<i>Oct 8</i>	
Fred Beiderbecke	<i>Oct 9</i>	

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