

**The Altar Arrangements are given by Dave & Julie Foreman  
in celebration of their 24th wedding anniversary and Owen's 15th birthday.**

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Member classes begin on Thursday, October 14 from 7-8pm in the Gathering Place. New Members will be received on All Saints Sunday, November 7.

Free Spirits will offer a Chili & Rice drive through meal on Thursday, October 21, from 11:30-1pm. Please sign up in Communication Central (or call the church office) by Sunday, October 17 if you would like a meal.

We are collecting items for several events coming up in the near future:

- Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30, we are collecting candy
- Thanksgiving Meal Bags, deadline November 14, link: <https://bit.ly/3u32C3L>
- Mom Bags, deadline December 5, link: <https://bit.ly/3lO6Us3>

All donated items may be placed in the collection box in Communication Central.

Unity Worship Service on Sunday, October 31 at 10am to celebrate Reformation, Confirmation Sunday and St. Mark's 70th Anniversary.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

June Barber	Betty Hampton	Brian Paulus
Dudley Brewer	Pastor Jill Henning	Eric Roome
Jim Brumfield	Brenda Holsopple	Katy Schroer
Patti Cutter	Rein Ise	Grace Schultz
Vicki Eversmeyer	Meg Jones	Mija Stockman
Dennis Fakes	Eric Martin	Terry Szymczyk

*If you would like the St. Mark's Prayer Chain to pray for your concern, please contact our Prayer Chain Coordinator, Brenda Holsopple.*

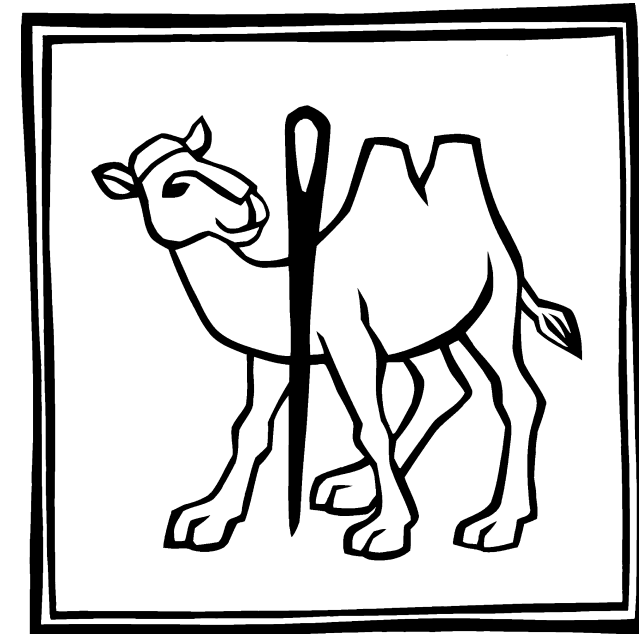


**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**October 10, 2021**

**11:00a.m. Traditional Worship**

Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost



***Growing together in faith to abundantly  
nourish our community.***

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We are glad to have you worship with us this morning! Please let us know you are here by signing in on the Pew Pads. You may also add a prayer request and/or share your Joys and Gratitude.

Prelude *Thaxted*

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

Gathering Hymn *Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices* Hymn 833

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices  
to praise my God with thousand tongues!  
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,  
would then proclaim in grateful songs  
to all, wherever I might be,  
what great things God has done for me!
- 2 Let ev'ry pow'r in me implanted  
arise, keep silence now no more;  
put forth the strength that God has granted!  
Your noblest work is to adore!  
O soul and body, join to raise  
with heartfelt joy your maker's praise!
- 3 You forest leaves so green and tender  
that dance for joy in summer air,  
you meadow grasses, bright and slender,  
you flow'rs so fragrant and so fair,  
you live to show forth praise alone.  
Join me to make God's glory known!

for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the living of these days,  
for the living of these days,
- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;  
bend our pride to your control;  
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,  
lest we miss your kingdom's goal.
- 4 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of your salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving you whom we adore,  
serving you whom we adore.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Sound the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Earth and All Stars*

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### Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Jed Deason  
Acolyte: Madelyn Vandeveire  
Lector: Nancy Lorine

Children's Message: Traci Billman  
Lay Communion Asst.: Lilly Myers & Louise Boller  
Greeters/Ushers: Tim Sieja & Dave Foreman

1 By your hand you feed your people,  
food of angels, heaven's bread.  
For these gifts we did not labor,  
by your grace have we been fed:

*Refrain*

Christ's own body, blessed and broken,  
cup o'er flowing, life outpoured,  
given as a living token  
of your world redeemed, restored.

2 In this meal we taste your sweetness,  
bread for hunger, wine of peace.  
Holy word and holy wisdom  
satisfy our deepest needs. *Refrain*

3 Send us now with faith and courage  
to the hungry, lost, bereaved.  
In our living and our dying,  
we become what we receive: *Refrain*

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*Please stand*

## Prayer after Communion

**C: Amen.**

## Blessing

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Sending Song

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymn 705

1 God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient church's story;  
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,

4 All creatures that have breath and motion,  
that throng the earth, the sea, the sky,  
come, share with me my heart's devotion,  
help me to sing God's praises high!  
My utmost pow'rs can never quite  
declare the wonders of God's might!

5 Creator, humbly I implore you  
to listen to my earthly song  
until that day when I adore you,  
when I will join the angel throng  
and raise to you with joyful cry  
ten thousand hallelujahs high!

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Source of all life,

**C: we confess that we have not allowed  
your grace to set us free.**

**We fear that we are not good enough.**

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,  
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,  
rather than moving it outward.**

**Forgive us. Stir us.**

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,  
willing to speak for what is right,**

**act for what is just,  
and seek the healing of your whole creation.**

**Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

✠ God's love is unconditional,

and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of  
Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

By the gift of grace in ✠ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

Kyrie

Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.

We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.

Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!

Canticle of Praise

- 1 Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.  
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:  
We exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.
- 2 Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;  
On the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise firm we stand.
- 3 Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;  
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

Celebration of Holy Communion

*Please follow the guidance of the ushers and make every effort to give others distance as we  
commune together. Also please receive both elements and then unmask to partake in this  
meal. Also please know you are welcome to receive a blessing instead of partaking in  
communion as a reminder of God's love, forgiveness, and grace for you. These are the gifts of  
God for all.*

Communion Songs

Lamb of God

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
You set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;  
Eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also with you.**

Please share a sign of God's peace with one another.

*Please extend a greeting of welcome and a word of grace to those around you while observing best practices for social distancing.*

*Please be seated*

## MEAL

Offering Song

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

Choir

*Please stand*

Song of Thanksgiving

*Voices Raised to You (v5)*

Hymn 846

How can any praise we offer  
measure all the thanks we owe?  
Take our hearts and hands and voices—  
gifts of love we can bestow.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Triune God, to you we sing!

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Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface for Sundays/Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, **increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

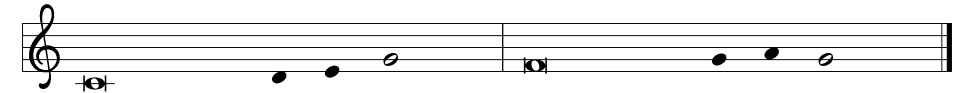
*Please be seated.*

## WORD

Children's Message

*All children and their parents are invited for a brief message.*

PSALM: Psalm 90:12–17/Tone 4



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Choir | **Congregation**

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to num- | ber our days  
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

**<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?  
Be gracious | to your servants.**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

**<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us  
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.**

<sup>16</sup>Show your ser- | vants your works,  
and your splendor | to their children.

**<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.**

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16 (Pew Bible pp. 972-973)

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation*

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.  
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.  
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel: Mark 10:17-27 (Pew Bible p. 822)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

Proclamation of the Word      *"Jesus is Our Intercessor"*

Pastor Gary Soop

*Silence for reflection on the Word.*

*Please stand*

Hymn of the Day

*Jesus, Priceless Treasure*

Hymn 775

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,  
source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me:  
ah, how long I've panted,  
and my heart has fainted,  
thirsting, Lord, for thee!  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;  
nothing in this world can hide thee,  
naught I ask beside thee.
- 2 In thine arm I rest me;  
foes who would molest me  
cannot reach me here.  
Though the earth be shaking,  
every heart be quaking,  
Jesus calms my fear.  
Lightnings flash and thunders crash;  
yet, though sin and hell assail me,  
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Hence, all fears and sadness,  
for the Lord of gladness,  
Jesus, enters in.

God, who dearly loves us,  
from all trial saves us,  
gives sweet peace within.  
I have borne this worldly scorn;  
still in thee lies purest pleasure:  
Jesus, priceless treasure!

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Mission Moment: Ed Vandevaire, Stewardship

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us together confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

*Petitions will be concluded with:*

Lord, in your mercy,      **C: Hear our prayer.**