

**The Altar Arrangements are given by Glenn & Karen Cunningham in celebration of their anniversary and kid's birthdays. The Narthex arrangement is given by Shannon Siegel-Neblett in loving memory of John.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Big plans next Sunday, October 31** - this is our Reformation/Confirmation/Anniversary Celebration Day!! We will have a **unity service at 10 am** where we will confirm nine confirmands, remember Reformation Day, and celebrate St. Mark's 70th anniversary! Following the service, all are asked to 'flower' the confirmands with congratulations and fresh cut flowers, on their way to a scrumptious lunch served in the back parking lot. In addition to great fellowship, we'll have some fun and games which include an inflatable obstacle course! All are asked to bring chairs or a blanket to eat upon and to sign up in Communication Central to let us know how much food to make!

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

- Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30 - we are collecting candy. (We also need "Trunk Volunteers;" sign up in Communication Central.)
- 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.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

*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 24, 2021**

**8:30a.m. Contemporary Worship**

Twenty-second 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.

## GATHERING

*Please stand*

Gathering Song

*Come, Now is the Time to Worship*

Come now is the time to worship  
Come now is the time to give your heart  
Come just as you are to worship  
Come just as you are before your God  
Come

One day every tongue  
Will confess You are God  
One day every knee will bow  
Still the greatest treasure remains  
For those who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose to surrender our lives  
Willingly our knees will bow  
With all our heart soul mind and strength  
We gladly choose You now

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## Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

Call to Worship: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.*

No longer bound

You called me out of the grave  
You called me into the light  
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me  
Your love is greater  
Your love is stronger  
Your love awakens awakens awakens me

Feel the darkness shaking  
All the dead are coming back to life  
I'm back to life  
Hear the song awaken  
All creation singing we're alive  
'Cause You're alive

And what a love we've found  
Death can't hold us down  
We shout it out  
We're alive 'cause You're alive

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Raziq Yaqub

Acolyte: Kinsley Satterfeal

Lector: Julie Satterfeal

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Collin Caple

Greeters/Ushers: Mike & Michelle Price

Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown  
Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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*Please stand*

Prayer after Communion

**C: Amen.**

Blessing

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world!  
The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

Sending Song

*Your Love Awakens Me*

There were walls between us  
By the cross You came and broke them down  
You broke them down  
And there were chains around us  
By Your grace we are no longer bound

God our comforter:

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.  
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.  
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.  
Free us from our sin, gracious God.  
Listen when we call out to you for help.  
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Amen.**

*Words of Absolution*

**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\*

One: In peace, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

One: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

One: For this holy house, for all who offer here their worship and praise. Let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christe eleison. Christ, have mercy upon us.**

One: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### Children's Message

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

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-14 (Pew Bible p. 641)

Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,  
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;  
proclaim, give praise, and say,  
"Save, O Lord, your people,  
the remnant of Israel."

See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,  
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,  
among them the blind and the lame,  
those with child and those in labor, together;  
a great company, they shall return here.

With weeping they shall come,  
and with consolations I will lead them back,  
I will let them walk by brooks of water,  
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;  
for I have become a father to Israel,

Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.'

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.

They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,  
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall become like a watered garden,  
and they shall never languish again.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.

I will turn their mourning into joy,  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.  
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

## Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us...

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. 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

*Mass of Majesty-Agnus Dei*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace,  
grant us peace.

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*O Come to the Altar*

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

How great is our God  
Sing with me  
How great is our God  
And all will see how great  
How great is our God

And age to age He stands  
And time is in His hands  
Beginning and the End  
Beginning and the End  
The Godhead three in one  
Father Spirit Son  
The Lion and the Lamb  
The Lion and the Lamb

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*Please stand*

Offertory Prayer

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.**

Leader:

...We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**All:**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest**

**Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might**

says the Lord.

Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation*

Gospel Acclamation\*

One: Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.

**C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

The Gospel according to Mark, the 10th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52 (Pew Bible p. 823)

As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

Proclamation of the Word      "A Come to Jesus Experience" Pastor Gary Soop

*Silence for reflection on the Word.*

*Please stand*

Song of the Day

*Broken Vessel*

All these pieces  
Broken and scattered  
In mercy gathered  
Mended and whole  
Empty handed  
But not forsaken  
I've been set free  
I've been set free

Amazing grace  
How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
Oh I once was lost  
But now I am found  
Was blind but now I see

Oh I can see You now  
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes  
Laying Yourself down  
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure  
You take our weakness  
You set Your treasure  
In jars of clay  
So take this heart Lord  
I'll be Your vessel  
The world to see Your life in me

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Mission Moment: Collin Caple, Stewardship

Apostles' Creed

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

**C: 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

Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

*Petitions will be concluded with:*

Hear us, O God. **C: Your mercy is great.**

Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**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

*How Great is Our God*

The splendor of the King  
Clothed in majesty  
Let all the earth rejoice  
All the earth rejoice  
He wraps Himself in light  
And darkness tries to hide  
And trembles at His voice  
And trembles at His voice