

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.

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

11:00a.m. Traditional 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.

Prelude *When Love is Found*

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Please stand

Gathering Hymn *Rise, Shine, You People!* Hymn 665

- 1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered.
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.
- 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom, light and life and healing.
All men and women, who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.
- 3 Come, celebrate; your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.
To all the world go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.
- 4 Tell how the Father sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.

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Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator of the waters of the earth. You are the fire of rebirth. You poured out your Spirit on your people Israel. You breathe life into our dry bones, Your Son Jesus promised to send the Spirit to us that the world may know your peace and truth.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, and breathe new life into those who are here baptized. By your Spirit adopt us all as your children, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lector: Carol Tevepaugh

Acolyte: Reagan Polzin

Lay Communion Asst.: Emma Myers

Greeters/Ushers: Janet Duncan & Gloria Woody

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.

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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 *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* Hymn 551

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.
- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *All Creatures of Our God and King*

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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.

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:
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

Eternal light, **shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

HOLY BAPTISM

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We rejoice in the Lord as Theodore Elliot Wirtz, son of Andrew & Madeline Wirtz, receives the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.

WORD

Children's Message

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

Psalm 126, Tone 7



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Refrain



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Choir | Congregation

1 When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great | things for them." R

3 The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

**4 Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

5 Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

**6 Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

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;

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.

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When We Are Living

Hymn 639

1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

2 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

3 Across this wide world, we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind;
And when we help them, or when we feed them,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

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Please stand

Prayer after Communion

C: Amen.

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.

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

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,

says the Lord.

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 10:46-52 (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

Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Hymn 779

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Mission Moment: Collin Caple, Stewardship

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

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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!