

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, see sign up link in the October newsletter.
- Mom Bags, deadline December 5, see sign up link in the October newsletter.

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 3, 2021

8:30a.m. Contemporary Worship

Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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

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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 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

Brian Doerksen

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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, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C: Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Deb Williams

Acolyte: Emily Lear

Lector: Robert Burkhardt

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Serina Petersen

Greeters/Ushers: Bob Dornbos & Eric Bale

***The Altar Arrangements are given by Ed & Linda Myszka
in celebration of their 28th wedding anniversary.***

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.

Public Internet Access: StMarks_Guest Password: Connect123!

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

Grave into Gardens

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me

Man's empty praise and treasures that fade

Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together

And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Oh there's nothing better than You

There's nothing better than You

Lord there's nothing

Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness

My failures and flaws

Lord You've seen them all

And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain

Is the God of the valley

And there's not a place

Your mercy and grace won't find me again

You turn mourning to dancing

You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory

You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens

You turn bones into armies

You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can

You're the only one who can

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: Genesis 2:18-24 (Pew Bible p. 2)

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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 10:2-16 (Pew Bible p. 822)

Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

**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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Clean

Precious blood has left me forgiven

Pure like the whitest of snow

Powerful to make sin and shame retreat

This covenant is making me whole

So I will rise and lift my head

For by His mercy my life was spared

The highest Name has set me free

Because of Jesus my heart is clean

Purify my heart in Your presence

Teach me to discover the joy

Of holiness that forms as You draw me close

In You what was lost is restored

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Please stand

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

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

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

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.**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Proclamation of the Word

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Song of the Day

Great Are You Lord

You give life You are love

You bring light to the darkness

You give hope You restore ev'ry heart that is broken

And great are You Lord

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise

We pour out our praise

It's Your breath in our lungs

So we pour out our praise to You only

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Mission Moment: Kathy Corpus, Stewardship

Rev. Jason R. Davis

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

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.**

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

Because He Lives (Amen)

I believe in the Son

I believe in the Risen One

I believe I overcome

By the power of His blood

Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

I was dead in the grave

I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name

He rolled the stone away

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone

I know He holds my life

My future in His hand

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Please stand

Offertory Prayer