

cut flowers outside under the awning immediately following the service today. Everyone is also invited to join in our celebratory meal.

Next Sunday, November 7:

- All Saints Sunday, we will remember our loved ones at both services, by name and with a votive candle symbolizing their new life in Christ.
- New Members will be received at both services.
- Commitment Sunday, COMMIT to do God's Work! There are three ways to do this:
 - 1) Go to <https://forms.gle/g7MJNwzwNF3cWWEs5> for an online form.
 - 2) Bring/mail the pledge card you received in the mail to the church office.
 - 3) Put your pledge card into the offering plate on November 7.

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

- 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 31, 2021

10:00a.m. Unity Worship Service

Reformation Sunday



***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 *Nun freut euch (Dear Christians One and All Rejoice)* Brass & Organ

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Moment: Diana Rhodes, Stewardship

Please stand

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.

Gathering Hymn *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* Hymn 504

- 1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,

with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see you face to face.

Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Ein Feste Burg (A Mighty Fortress is Our God)* Brass & Organ

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Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Rachel Cutter

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lector: Tate Schappell

Acolyte: Madelyn Vandeveire

Crucifer: Jake Thornton

Bible Bearer: Carolyn Vandeveire

Torch Bearers: Sven Ise & Connor Hackenberg

Banner Bearers: Serina Petersen & Olivia Schappell

Lay Communion Asst.: Carolyn Vandeveire

Greeters/Ushers: Glenn Dasher & Jim French

***The Altar Arrangements are given by Don & Kathy Sieja in celebration of
the 70th Anniversary of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.
The Narthex Arrangement is given by Karen Petersen
in loving memory of Gjert and Sigrun Hovland.***

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to our confirmands! Please greet them and shower them with fresh

is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth:
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with ev'ry grace endued.

3 Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4 Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5 Yet she on earth has union

God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

3 Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

4 God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

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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

Lord God, **you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

Children's Message

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

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Pew Bible p. 642)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28 (Pew Bible pp. 915-916)

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

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

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

○ 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.

○ 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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O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig

Brass & Organ

Please stand

Prayer after Communion

Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 654

1 The church's one foundation

Preface for Sundays/Holy, Holy, Holy

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

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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

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

L: 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 John, the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36 (Pew Bible p. 871)

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Jason R. Davis

Silence for reflection on the Word.

Please stand

Hymn of the Day

Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

Hark the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting, who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth, rich reward He offers thee;
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I, send me, send me."?"

If you cannot speak like angels, if you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus, you can say He died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked with the Judgement's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children to the Savior's waiting arms.

If you cannot be a watchman, standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties you can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, holding up the prophet's hands.

Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the souls of men are dying and the Master calls for you.
Take the task He gives you gladly, let His work your pleasure be;
Answer quickly when He calleth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

Affirmation of Baptism/Service of Confirmation

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Owen Hayes Foreman
Charles Nicholas Ise
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Abigail Jane Still
Edward Alexander Vandevaire
Haiden Thomas White

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

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Choir/Handbells

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.