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### Service Participants

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***The Altar Arrangements today are given by Bob & Louise Boller  
in celebration of their 57th wedding anniversary.***

Today is God's Work. Our Hands. Day of Service! And it is not too late to get involved!

- At 11 am, you have the opportunity to meet downstairs in the fellowship hall to pack meals for our Blessings in a Backpack ministry in addition to card-making for our shut-ins!
- At 12:30 pm, the opportunities continue, as we will be preparing and assembling craft kits for the kiddos at HSV Hospital in addition to even more card-making for our elderly members!
- Last but not least, though limited in size, a crew will head over to Downtown Rescue Mission at 1 pm to help clean the kitchen! Each activity period should be about an hour - join us as we serve our neighbors!

Check out the "What's Next?" bulletin board outside the Nursery:  
Signups for Free Spirits and WELCA Weekend

- Today is the last day for Free Spirits Sign Up!
- WELCA Weekend is September 25-26. Please sign up to let us know you are attending!

### PRAYER REQUESTS

June Barber      Betty Hampton      Eric Martin      Mija Stockman

Dudley Brewer      Pastor Jill Henning      Brian Paulus      Terry Szymczyk

Jim Brumfield      Brenda Holsopple      Mark Pinyerd      Ival Toepke

Patty Cutter      Rein Ise      Eric Roome

Vicki Eversmeyer      Meg Jones      Katy Schroer

Dennis Fakes      Jim Krell      Grace Schultz

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

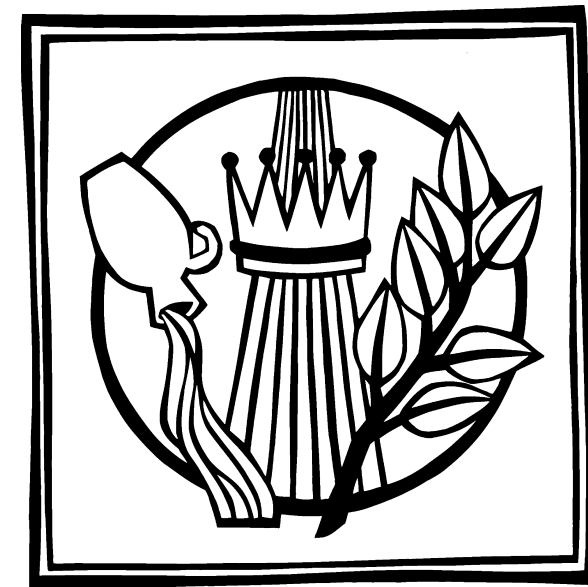


**St. Mark's**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**September 12, 2021**

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

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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## GATHERING

*Please stand*

### Gathering Song

*All Who Are Thirsty*

All who are thirsty

All who are weak

Come to the fountain

Dip your heart in the stream of life

Let the pain and the sorrow

Be washed away

In the waves of His mercy

As deep cries out to deep

We sing

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit, come

Holy Spirit, come

Holy Spirit, come

Holy Spirit, come

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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.*

### Sending Song

*Graves 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

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

And I know that You can give me rest  
So I cry out with all that I have left

Let me see redemption win  
Let me know the struggle ends  
That You can mend a heart  
That's frail and torn  
I wanna know a song can rise  
From the ashes of a broken life  
And all that's dead inside can be reborn  
'Cause I'm worn

I know I need  
To lift my eyes up  
But I'm too weak  
Life just won't let up  
My prayers are wearing thin  
Yeah I'm worn  
Even before the day begins  
Yeah I'm worn  
I've lost my will to fight  
I'm worn  
So heaven come and flood my eyes

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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.**

To you, O God,

**C: all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Words of Absolution*

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: Isaiah 50:4-9a (Pew Bible p. 594)

The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.  
Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.  
The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,  
I did not turn backward.  
I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.  
The Lord God helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
he who vindicates me is near.  
Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.  
It is the Lord God who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

L: 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!**

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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*Worn*

I'm tired I'm worn  
My heart is heavy  
From the work it takes  
To keep on breathing  
I've made mistakes  
I've let my hope fail  
My soul feels crushed  
By the weight of this world

Jesus no other name  
Only Jesus no other name

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*Please stand*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving\*

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: 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**

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

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

The Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P: 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*

Song of the Day

*Everlasting God*

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever

Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God  
The everlasting God  
You do not faint  
You won't grow weary  
You're the defender of the weak  
You comfort those in need  
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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## 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:*

A: 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

*Worthy of Your Name*

Rumors of the Son of Man  
Stories of a Savior  
Holiness with human hands  
Treasure for the traitor  
No ear has heard no eye has seen  
The image of the Father  
Until heaven came to live with me  
A rescue like no other

You are worthy  
You are worthy of Your name  
You are worthy yes You are  
You are worthy of Your name Jesus

You did not speak You made no sound  
You died for Your accusers  
And as Your blood fell to the ground  
You redefined my future  
Yeah on the day that You arose  
The darkness ran for cover  
For the King of kings has claimed His throne  
Now until forever

You're my author my maker my ransom my Savior  
My refuge my hiding place  
You're my helper my healer my blessed Redeemer  
My answer my saving grace  
You're my hope in the shadows  
My strength in the battle  
My anchor for all my days  
And You stand by my side and You stood in my place