

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Baptized today!** Hazel Lucille Carroll, daughter of Jesse & Kimberly Carroll, and granddaughter of Kenneth & Cathey Meeks, was baptized today at the Contemporary Worship service.

**WELCA Weekend, September 25-26!** Please see the "What's Next?" bulletin board outside the nursery and sign up for the WELCA Gathering on Saturday, September 25. The theme this year is "Promoting Healing With Compassion" and will include a presentation from Thrive Alabama which provides health care, covid vaccinations, behavioral health counseling for substance misuse and survivors of abuse, plus various other services to the public. They will accept monetary donations as they are in a capital campaign for their new building. Kellie Lisi will be preaching at both services on Sunday!

**Altar Flowers:** If you would like to see Altar Flowers at worship on Sundays, please sign up on our Flower Calendar located in Communication Central. Arrangements are \$25 each and can be taken home to enjoy after the 11:00a.m. worship service.

## 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

**September 19, 2021**

**11:00a.m. Traditional Worship**  
Seventeenth Sunday of Pentecost



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

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Prelude *Gather Us In*

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

Gathering Hymn *All Are Welcome*

Hymn 641

1 Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

*Refrain*

All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

3 Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground  
where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

4 Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger

3 Grant us your peace, Lord, through the coming night;  
for us transform its darkness into light.  
Keep us from harm and danger till the dawn;  
your evening presence promise to your own.

4 Grant us your peace throughout our earthly life,  
our balm in sorrow, and our stay in strife;  
then, when your voice shall bid our conflict cease,  
call us, O Lord, to your eternal peace.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *CWM Rhondda*

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### Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Larry Corpus

Acolyte: Reagan Polzin

Lector: Julie Satterfeal

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Assistant: Julia Sharpe

Greeters/Ushers: Anna & Butch Lloyd

***The Altar Arrangements today are given by Cathey Meeks  
in celebration of grand-daughter Hazel Lucille Carroll's baptism.***

*Public Internet Access: StMarks\_Guest Password: Connect123!*

*One Bread, One Body*

Hymn 496

*Refrain*

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;  
one cup of blessing which we bless,  
and we, though many throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

1 Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more. *Refrain*

2 Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all. *Refrain*

3 Grain for the fields, scattered and grown,  
gathered to one for all. *Refrain*

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*Please stand*

Prayer after Communion

**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 Song

*Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*

Hymn 534

1 Savior, again to your dear name we raise  
with one accord our parting hymn of praise;  
once more we bless you ere our worship cease,  
then, lowly bending, wait your word of peace.

2 Grant us your peace upon our homeward way;  
with you began, with you shall end the day;  
guard all the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
that in this house have called upon your name.

bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

5 Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: *Refrain*

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Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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.

*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.**

**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.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**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.**

## Canticle of Praise

### *Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. *Refrain*

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

### *Final Refrain*

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

## Prayer of the Day

O God, our teacher and guide, **you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### Children's Message

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

### Psalm 1 Tone 3

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### High voices/**Low voices**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night.**
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

## 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 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 take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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

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

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

*Be Thou My Vision*

Handbell Choir

*Please stand*

Song of Thanksgiving

*Doxology*

Hymn 884

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Offertory Prayer

**C: Amen.**

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.**

Preface for Sundays/Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.

Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed.**

Scripture Reading: James 3:13-18, 4:7-8a (Pew Bible p. 982)

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise for the Gospel Acclamation*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

The Gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37 (Pew Bible p. 821)

*Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

Proclamation of the Word                      "A Servant's Heart"                      Pastor Gary Soop

*Silence for reflection on the Word.*

*Please stand*

Hymn of the Day                      *Children of the Heavenly Father*                      Hymn 781

- 1 Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.
- 2 God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.
- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.
- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

Mission Moment: Carol Tevepaugh, Council President

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.**