

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCA Sunday today!** Thank you to Kellie Lisi, who is preaching at both services today, and to the women of St. Mark's who are serving as worship assistants this morning!

A little more about Kellie: Kellie Lisi holds a Master of Arts in Diaconal Ministry from Wartburg Theological Seminary where her Master's thesis on food theology was accepted with highest honors. Her background is in public ministry as a former high school English teacher, charter school developer and director, parish ministry leader, and food educator. Hands-on research of food theology and training in diaconal ministry have taken her to diverse settings like Denver, Milwaukee, New York City, Iowa, Nebraska, and Alabama, where she is currently living and working. Kellie works as a consultant for communities developing dinner church ministries and other adaptive ways to build community around food. She publicly serves as a food writer and virtual food educator with her online resource *Blackboard Kitchen*. All of her work revolves around faith-filled cooking and eating as a path for restoration and reconciliation with God and each other.

## 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

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

Eighteenth Sunday of Pentecost



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## GATHERING

*Please stand*

Gathering Song

*Come As You Are (Crowder)*

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been

Come broken-hearted let rescue begin

Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Lay down your burdens lay down your shame

All who are broken lift up your face

O wanderer come home

You're not too far

So lay down your hurt lay down your heart

Come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless

And all those who've strayed

Come sit at the table come taste the grace

There's rest for the weary

Rest that endures

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

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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.**

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

My fear doesn't stand a chance

When I stand in Your love

Shame no longer has a place to hide

I am not a captive to the lies

I'm not afraid to leave my past behind

I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

There's power that can break off every chain

There's power that can empty out a grave

There's resurrection power that can save

There's power in Your name power in Your name

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Traci Billman

Song Leaders: Jennifer & Rei Palmer

Acolyte: Maddy Dice

Lector: Shandry Peugeot

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Lay Communion Asst.: Cassidy Hackenberg

Greeters/Ushers: Michelle Price & Karen Szymczyk

***The Altar Arrangements are given by John & Shandry Peugeot  
in celebration of daughter Valerie's 6th birthday.***

***The Narthex Arrangement is given by Kathy Sieja celebrating  
the women of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.***

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Jesus is calling

O come to the altar

The Father's arms are open wide

Forgiveness was bought with

The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes

Come today there's no reason to wait

Jesus is calling

Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy

From the ashes a new life is born

Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior

Isn't he wonderful

Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bow down before him

For he is Lord of all

Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Bear your cross as you wait for the crown

Tell the world of the treasure you've found

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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.**

Sending Song

*Stand in Your Love*

When darkness tries to roll over my bones

When sorrow comes to steal the joy I own

When brokenness and pain is all I know

I won't be shaken I won't be shaken

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.**

**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.**

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

Generous God, **your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of 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.*

Scripture Reading: James 5:13-20 (Pew Bible p. 983)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9th chapter.

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

## 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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*O Come to the Altar*

Are you hurting and broken within

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin

Jesus is calling

Have you come to the end of yourself

Do you thirst for a drink from the well

I know it's true  
It's my joy to honor You  
In all I do I honor You

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*Please stand*

Offertory Prayer

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**

**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.**

Gospel: Mark 9:38-50 (Pew Bible pp. 821-822)

John said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

Proclamation of the Word

Kellie Lisi

*Silence for reflection on the Word.*

*Please stand*

Song of the Day

*Goodness of God*

I love You Lord

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice  
You have led me through the fire  
In darkest night  
You are close like no other  
I've known You as a father  
I've known You as a friend  
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me  
With my life laid down  
I'm surrendered now  
I give You everything  
Your goodness is running after  
It's running after me

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## 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

*You Are My King (Amazing Love)*

I'm forgiven  
Because You were forsaken  
I'm accepted  
You were condemned  
I'm alive and well  
Your Spirit is within me  
Because You died  
And rose again

Amazing love  
How can it be  
That You my King  
Would die for me  
Amazing love