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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.

### 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

**September 26, 2021**

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



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

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Prelude

*Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise*

## GATHERING

### Welcome and Announcements

*Please stand*

### Gathering Hymn

*Awake My Soul*

Hymn 557

- 1 Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
thy daily stage of duty run;  
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
to pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept  
and hast refreshed me while I slept.  
Grant, Lord, when I from death shall wake,  
I may of endless light partake.
- 3 Lord, I my vows to thee renew.  
Disperse my sins as morning dew;  
guard my first springs of thought and will;  
and with thyself my spirit fill.
- 4 Direct, control, suggest, this day,  
all I design or do or say,  
that all my pow'rs, with all their might,  
in thy sole glory may unite.
- 5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

### 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.**

- 2 Fill with the radiance of your grace  
the wand'ers lost in error's maze.  
Set free all those whose hearts and minds  
some deep delusion haunts and binds.
- 3 Lord, open all reluctant ears  
and take away the needless fears  
of those who tremble to express  
the faith their inmost hearts confess.
- 4 Lord, let your mercy's gentle ray  
shine down on others strayed away.  
To those in conscience wounded sore  
show heaven's waiting, open door.
- 5 Make theirs with ours a single voice  
uplifted, ever to rejoice  
with wond'ring gratitude and praise  
to you, O Lord, for boundless grace.

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### Dismissal

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*The Trumpets Sound & Angels Sing*

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### Service Participants

Assisting Minister: Kathy Sieja

Children's Message: Traci Billman

Acolyte: Reagan Polzin

Lay Communion Asst.: Abigail Still & Julia Sharpe

Lector: Carol Tevepaugh

Greeters/Ushers: Gloria Woody & Janet Duncan

***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.***

Refrain

We eat the bread of teaching,  
drink wine of wisdom,  
are given here a taste of the kingdom.  
Together joined, the greatest and the least,  
we all are one at Wisdom's holy feast.

- 1 Wisdom calls throughout the city,  
knows our hunger, and in pity  
gives her loving invitation  
to the banquet of salvation. *Refrain*
- 2 Simple ones whose hearts are yearning,  
come and gain from Wisdom's learning;  
bread and wine she is preparing,  
know her loving in the sharing. *Refrain*
- 3 Enter with delight and singing,  
for her richness now is bringing  
us this joyful celebration;  
eat and drink in jubilation. *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

*O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True*

Hymn 675

- 1 O Christ, our light, O Radiance true,  
shine forth on those estranged from you,  
and bring them to your home again,  
where their delight shall never end.

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

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.*

First Scripture Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (Pew Bible pp. 113-114)

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## 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

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

Quartet: Louise Boller, Julie Foreman, Carrie Horst & Diana Rhodes

*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

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.**

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

Second 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.

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 9:38-50 (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*

Hymn of the Day

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

Hymn 712

- 1 Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need, who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed: we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart; consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.
- 2 Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread; still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead. As you, Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul, by your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.
- 3 As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight, making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear, stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.
- 4 Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go, to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;

hope and health, good will and comfort,  
counsel, aid and peace we give,  
that your servants, Lord, in freedom  
may your mercy know and live.

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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:*

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.**