



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, July 7, 2024

### 7th Sunday after Pentecost

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## INTRODUCTION

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The July Noisy Offering collection will go to MLM school supplies, chosen by Parish Ed.

*The flowers today are from Steve & Joni Benz, in memory of Steve's dad, Stephen J. Benz Jr.*



## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,  
the God of mercy.

**Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways  
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn?**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✙ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 796, vs. 1 & 2

### How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Text: J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, alt.

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### Greeting page 203

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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**HYMN OF PRAISE** page 204

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the covenant,

**in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

*In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.*

<sup>1</sup> [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.<sup>2</sup> And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me.<sup>3</sup> He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ances-

tors have transgressed against me to this very day.<sup>4</sup> The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.”<sup>5</sup> Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 123**

*Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy. (Ps. 123:2)*

<sup>1</sup> To you I lift up my eyes,  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup> **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup> Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup> **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,  
and of the derision of the proud.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

*Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.*

<sup>2</sup> I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows.<sup>3</sup> And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup> was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat.<sup>5</sup> On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses.<sup>6</sup> But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me,<sup>7</sup> even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a mes-

senger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup> Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup> but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** page 205

*Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the 6th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Mark 6:1-13**

*At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God’s word and relieve affliction.*

<sup>1</sup> [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. <sup>2</sup> On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup> Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup> And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their unbelief.



Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup> He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup> He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup> but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup> He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup> If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you,

as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”  
<sup>12</sup> So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup> They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

**CHILDREN’S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen  
**SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 551

**The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve**

- 1 The Spirit sends us forth to serve;  
we go in Jesus' name  
to bring glad tidings to the poor,  
God's favor to proclaim.
- 2 We go to comfort those who mourn  
and set the burdened free;  
where hope is dim, to share a dream  
and help the blind to see.
- 3 We go to be the hands of Christ,  
to scatter joy like seed

and, all our days, to cherish life,  
to do the loving deed.

- 4 Then let us go to serve in peace,  
the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us;  
we go in Jesus' name.

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**APOSTLES CREED**

**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**

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed (*especially*). Inspire us by their lives of faith until,

with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.  
The peace of the Lord be with you always,  
**And also with you**  
Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**  
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, Holy** pg. 207

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

**COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 208





## COMMUNION HYMN ELW 496

### One Bread, One Body

#### *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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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray.  
**Amen.**

### SENDING

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together  
following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in  
Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you  
will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

### BLESSING

The blessing of God,  
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
✠ be upon you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 576, vs. 1 & 2

### We All Are One in Mission

- 1 We all are one in mission;  
we all are one in call,  
our varied gifts united  
by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single great commission  
compels us from above  
to plan and work together  
that all may know Christ's love.
- 2 We all are called for service,

to witness in God's name.  
Our ministries are diff'rent;  
our purpose is the same:  
to touch the lives of others  
with God's surprising grace,  
so ev'ry folk and nation  
may feel God's warm embrace.

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Pete Cagle,  
Linda Cagle,  
Janet Nichols,  
Ruth Ann Hackler,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Janet Schmidt,  
Phyllis Dettmer,

### **Family & friends:**

Dick Nelson, brother of Louise Easterberg,  
Wayne Beck, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Rosemary Williams, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Charles EMFs, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Randy Hackler, relative of the Hacklers & Susan Fetsch,  
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Family of Alvina Weeda, cousin of Mary Weeg,  
Everett, friend of sister in law of Janet Anderson,  
Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewki,  
Tammy Strampe, Daughter-in-law of Barbara Strampe,  
Bob Bergene, friend of Clarence Linsey,  
Family of Matthew Livingston, grandson of Joni Benz's friend,  
Assaad Nassar, friend of Susan Fetsch,  
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Doug & Kathy Thee, cousins of Barbara Strampe,  
Pete, brother of Jenny Wheeler,  
Sally Gieschen & family of Roger Gieschen, friends of St. Mark's,  
Norma Heath and her family, Aunt of Don Anderson,  
Milo, brother of Kevin Larson,  
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Sheryl Thompson, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer,  
Family of Judy Wendt, Jeannine Matthew's sister-in-law,  
Harry Cagle, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Janice, sister of Jenny Wheeler,  
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Chris, brother of Pete Cagle,  
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Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Bill Benne, friend of Joyce and Louis Johnson,  
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Tim Eiter, Father of Todd Eiter,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Katherine Gile, sister of Anne Gardner,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
Donna Poppe, friend of St. Marks,  
Brooke Harris, friend of Gretchen Goodheart Stewart,  
Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts,  
Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin,  
All People affected by natural disasters

### **Those in the Military:**

A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen Thompson,