



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, June 29, 2025

### 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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## INTRODUCTION

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The June Noisy Offering collection will go to the SMLC Playground fund.



## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Peter and Paul, Apostles**

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✝ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN Stump the Organist #1

**Greeting** page 120

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.**

**KYRIE** Pg. 120

**HYMN OF PRAISE** page 122

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sovereign God,

**ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### First Reading: 1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

*In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There God reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.*

<sup>15</sup> Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. <sup>16</sup> Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

<sup>19</sup> So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. <sup>20</sup> He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" <sup>21</sup> He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

## Psalm: Psalm 16

*I have set the LORD always before me. (Ps. 16:8)*

<sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

<sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

<sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

<sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

<sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures  
forevermore.

## Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

*For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.*

<sup>1</sup> For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup> For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup> If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** p.124

*Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 9th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

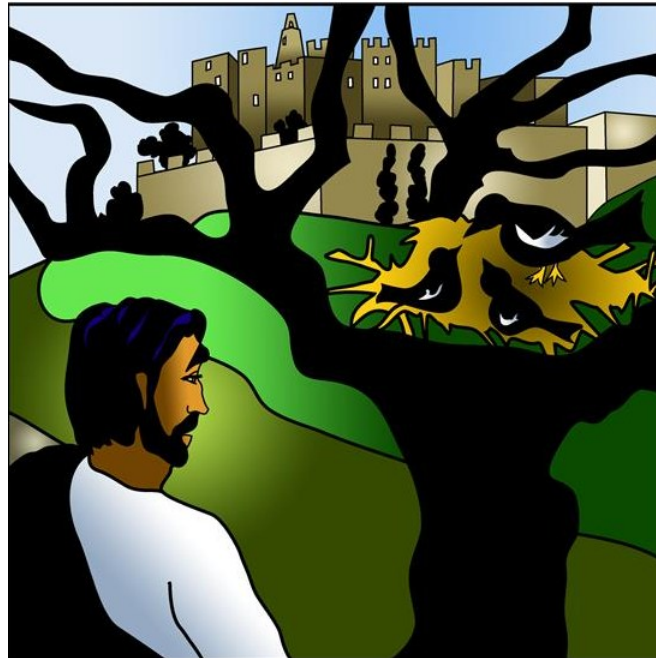
**Gospel: Luke 9:51-62**

*Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.*

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from

heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

**SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen



# Installation of St. Mark's Council Members and Officers

JUNE 29, 2025

## INTRODUCTION

The following people have been elected [by the congregation] to positions of leadership. We give thanks for their willingness to serve. In baptism we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God; we rejoice now that these sisters and brothers will lead us in our common life and our mutual mission as a congregation.

Chris McMullin, President

Janie Best, Vice President

Joel Sorensen, Treasurer

Marge Bott, Secretary

Debbie VanKempen, Financial Secretary

Nicole Moore, Evangelism Liaison

Janis Krievins, Community Ministry Liaison

Mark Schmideskamp, Facilities Liaison

Ali Luin, Fellowship Liaison

Dave Mindrup, Stewardship Liaison

Pam Wilson, Worship Committee

Abby Polich, Youth Liaison

Mary Cobb, Parish Ed Liaison

Frank Saunders, Audit Committee

Jason Howe, Finance Committee

## INSTALLATION

*A reading from First Corinthians:* There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation.

You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith bear witness to God, who gathers us into one together with the whole church.

You are to seek to involve all members of this congregation in worship, learning, witness, service, and support, so that the mission of Christ is carried out in this congregation, in the wider church, in this community, and in the whole world.

You are to be faithful in your specific area of serving, that the Spirit who empowers you may be glorified.

You are to be examples of faith active in love, fostering peace, harmony, and mutual understanding in this congregation.

*The pastor addresses those being installed.*

On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Will you accept and faithfully carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

*Response:   **I will, and I ask God to help me.***

*The assembly stands. Those being installed face the assembly. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

*Congregation:       **We will, and we ask God to help us.***

*Those being installed face the presiding minister, who addresses them.*

I now declare you installed as *officers / council members* of this congregation.

Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be faithful servants of Christ.

**Amen.**

*Response:   **Amen.***



## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 818**

### **O Master, Let Me Walk with You**

1 O Master, let me walk with you  
in lowly paths of service true;  
tell me your secret; help me bear  
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move  
by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay,  
and guide them in the homeward  
way.

3 Teach me your patience; share with  
me  
a closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and  
strong,  
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

4 In hope that sends a shining ray  
far down the future's broad'ning way,  
in peace that only you can give;  
with you, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.

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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**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of *your apostles Peter and Paul* and Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (*especially*). Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries. Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**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.

## **OFFERING/ NOISY OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** ELW 752

## **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. 130

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The kingdom of God is set before you.

Eat and rejoice.

## **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 135

**COMMUNION HYMNS** Stump the Organist #2 & #3



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

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**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 love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit

✝ bless you and give you peace.

**Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** Stump the Organist #4

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**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:**

Donna Nichols,  
Pete Cagle,  
Linda Cagle,  
Janet Nichols,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Susan & Bill Roberts,  
George McElroy,  
Janet Schmidt,

### **Family & friends:**

Family of Carol Beall, mother-in-law of Tim Anderson and friend of Don & Janet Anderson  
John & Darlene Magnuson, parents of Char Saunders,  
Family of Susan Gaylen, cousin of Joyce Johnson,  
Garry Thomas, father of Mark Thomas,  
Ana Marie Peters-Ruddick, cousin of Amy Hackler,  
Lilian, great granddaughter of Jenny Wheeler's sister,  
Susan Galyen, friend of Joyce Johnson,  
Art Remmereid, uncle of Joyce Johnson,  
Kathryn Young, cousin of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Steve, cousin of Tom Bryer,  
Cori & family, extended family of Amy Hackler,  
Liz Sutlick, friend of Amy Hackler,  
Julia Wise, sister-in-law of Amy Hackler,  
Nancy Harris, daughter-in-law of Nancy & Ron Brown,  
Marilou Osborne, cousin of Joni Benz,  
Jim Severson, friend of Joe VanKempen,  
Carol, stepmom of Tom Bryer,  
Liz Zybko, friend of Pam Wilson,  
Tony Berg, son of Arlyn & Jan Berg,  
Marlin Weidler, friend of St. Mark's,  
Donna Trester, Mother of Linda Cagle,  
Kerry O'Rourke, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Fran Besser, friend of Joni & Steve Benz,  
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
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,

Doug & Kathy Thee, cousins of Barbara Strampe,  
Sheryl Thompson, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer,  
Harry Cagle, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Janice, sister of Jenny Wheeler,  
Dr. Owens, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Mike and Susan Becker, friends of St. Mark's,  
Elizabeth Applebaum, friend of Kathy Hinkle  
Stan, friend of Pete Cagle,  
Chris, brother of Pete Cagle,  
Joetta Eagle & family, friends of Linda Bayer,  
Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rowan Espey, family of Barbara Strampe,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Joanne, Amy Fisher's sister,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
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,