



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, August 24, 2025

### 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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#### INTRODUCTION

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

#### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



#### Upcoming Commemorations

##### **Bartholomew, Apostle**

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John's gospel by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some traditions place him later in India or Armenia.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

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 ELW 556

### Morning Has Broken

1 Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morn-  
ing!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the  
Word!

2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heav-  
en,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet gar-  
den,

sprung in completeness where God's feet  
pass.

3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

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### 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

O God,  
mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great  
dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and  
body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious  
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

*God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy  
prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for  
new beginnings.*

<sup>9b</sup> If you remove the yoke from among you,  
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,  
<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry  
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,  
then your light shall rise in the darkness  
and your gloom be like the noonday.  
<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually  
and satisfy your needs in parched places  
and make your bones strong,  
and you shall be like a watered garden,  
like a spring of water  
whose waters never fail.  
<sup>12</sup> Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;  
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;  
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,  
the restorer of streets to live in.  
  
<sup>13</sup> If you refrain from trampling the Sabbath,  
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;  
if you call the Sabbath a delight  
and the holy day of the LORD honorable;  
if you honor it, not going your own ways,  
serving your own interests or pursuing your own affairs;  
<sup>14</sup> then you shall take delight in the LORD,  
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;  
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,  
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

### **Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8**

*The LORD crowns you with mercy and steadfast love. (Ps. 103:4)*

<sup>1</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.  
<sup>2</sup> **Bless the LORD, O my soul,**

- and forget not all God's benefits—**
- <sup>3</sup> who forgives all your sins  
and heals all your diseases;
- <sup>4</sup> **who redeems your life from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy;**
- <sup>5</sup> who satisfies your desires with good things  
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- <sup>6</sup> **O LORD, you provide vindication**  
**and justice for all who are oppressed.**
- <sup>7</sup> You made known your ways to Moses  
and your works to the children of Israel.
- <sup>8</sup> **LORD, you are full of compassion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## **Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29**

*Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.*

<sup>18</sup> You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, <sup>19</sup> and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup> (For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.") <sup>21</sup> Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear.") <sup>22</sup> But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup> and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup> and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

<sup>25</sup> See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking, for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! <sup>26</sup> At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, "Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven." <sup>27</sup> This phrase, "Yet once more," indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. <sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shak-

en, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe,<sup>29</sup> for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation** p.124

*Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the 13th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

<sup>10</sup> Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. <sup>11</sup> And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. <sup>12</sup> When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” <sup>13</sup> When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. <sup>14</sup> But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the Sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured and not on the Sabbath day.” <sup>15</sup> But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it to water? <sup>16</sup> And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the Sabbath day?” <sup>17</sup> When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame, and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things being done by him.



**CHILDREN’S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen

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## **HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 647**

### **Glorious Things of You Are Spoken**

- 1 Glorious things of you are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God!  
He whose word cannot be broken  
formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
you may smile at all your foes.
- 2 See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters,  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint, while such a river  
ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,  
never fails from age to age.
- 3 Round each habitation hov'ring,  
see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring,  
showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner  
light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna  
which God gives them on their way.
- 4 Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures,  
all their boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know.

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, 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**

Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole people of God, for God is near.

*A brief silence.*

You call your church to proclaim liberation and freedom to all. Give wisdom to bishops, synod councils and staff, and congregation leaders as they pursue a more just and equitable church and society. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You inspire all creation to sing and bless your holy name. Send healing rains to parched places and relief to flooded lands. Lead us to enact policies to rebuild ruined ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You work vindication and justice for all who are oppressed. Strengthen the resolve of world leaders and local officials in the way of love and mercy, so that all persons may experience abundant life. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You satisfy your people with good things. In your steadfast love, receive the cries of all who are bent over under the weight of addiction, isolation, and mental or physical illness (*especially*). Manifest your healing presence in their midst. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Invigorate worship planners and leaders with creativity to aid this assembly in fresh and faithful prayer and praise. Enable all who gather here to be nourished and renewed. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With *Bartholomew and* all your apostles, prophets, and saints, we give thanks and bless your holy name. As they now rest from their labors, guide us by the witness of their lives to pursue your reign, which can never be shaken. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our wisdom and companion.

**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 ELW 712

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

- 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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## ELW 472

### Eat This Bread

"Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst."

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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 ELW 537

### On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

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## 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 Dee Iverson, friend of St. Mark's,  
Barry Hansen, cousin of Paula Quade,  
Family of Irene, Mother of Janet Krievins,  
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,  
Lilian, great granddaughter of Jenny Wheeler's sister,  
Susan Galyen, friend of Joyce Johnson,  
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Steve, cousin of Tom Bryer,  
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Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewki,  
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Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Donna McCarthy, friend of Ginny Schwartzbeck,  
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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,