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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

P This is the day the Lord has made.

C Let us rejoice & be glad in it.

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live. Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

Ver ujier para boletín en español

Voir l'huissier pour le bulletin français

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

CONSIDER THIS

The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

GATHERING

Announcements

Prelude *Praise Him, Praise Him* Humphrey Turner



Begin 8:15 Only

Stand *Gospel Acclamation*

Congregation:

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go? You have the words of e - ter - nal

Optional Repeat

life. Al - le - lu - ia!

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8:15 Sermon Lesson—Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

SERMON

End 8:15 Only



Stand **Hymn# 641** *All are Welcome*

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther’s Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God’s commandments.

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God's commands.

C You shall have no other Gods

**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of
the Lord your God**

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

You shall not covet your neighbor's house

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or anything that
belongs to your neighbor**

Kyrie

Leader



In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly



Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have



For the reign of God, and for



mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.



peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the



Lord. For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Hymn of Praise *Now the Feast & Celebration*



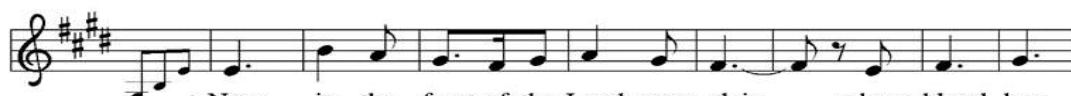
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

Refrain



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Sit or kneel **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Sit or kneel Silence is kept for reflection.

P Compassionate God,

C we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

P Jesus says, "Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

C Amen.

Stand **Salutation**

P The Lord be With You

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY...Let us Pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

sit **First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27).

Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17)

A reading from Jeremiah

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord, ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³"I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**'I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.'** "

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

**¹⁶They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

**¹⁸Truly, our shield belongs to the Lord;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin's final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin's slavery to live obediently under God's grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.

A reading from Romans

¹²Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience,

which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification.

²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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CHILDREN'S SERMON/YOUTH MESSAGE

11:00 SERMON

Hymn# 676 *Lord, Speak, to Us, That We May Speak*

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.**

THE PRAYERS

A God of grace,

C **hear our prayer**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

C Amen

MEAL

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other.

P May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you**

Sit **OFFERTORY** *Thy Word* Michael W. Smith

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #465** *As the Grains of Wheat*

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first three staves are the main melody with lyrics. The fourth staff contains two alternative lyrics. The fifth staff is a repeat of the first staff, labeled 'Refrain'.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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OFFERTORY PRAYER— Let us Pray

A Loving God,

we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.

Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,

so that all creation can taste your abundance.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,

through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever

C Amen

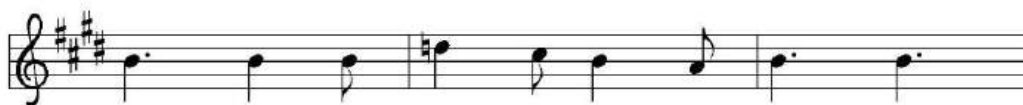
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

LAMB OF GOD

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:




mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Distribution

We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us, the communion assistant will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice into a cup you may pick up at the front of the aisle. If you are unable to take either the bread or wine, gluten-free host, and grape juice are available upon request.. Those not

receiving communion are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing.
 Parents of young children; please direct the pastor as to whether your child usually receives communion or not.

Communion Hymns

ACS Hymn #1062 *Build a Longer Table*



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Hymn #802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.
C **Amen**

Blessing

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
+ one God, bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.
C **Amen.**

Hymn #575 *In Christ Called to Baptize*

DISMISSAL

P Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
C **We will. Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE ~ *Postlude in D* *A. Louis Scarmolin*

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THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE – Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,

Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Jessica Broome; Zara Bennertt

WORSHIP ASSISTANT—

LECTOR - Evan Williams; Barb Dudek

FLOWER DELIVERY - Peggy Davis

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Dave Stanton

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SEXTON - Don Young

The Child Advocacy Center staff continues to be very appreciative of your generous support. As well as the toys at Christmas, two deliveries of healthcare supplies have already been taken to the center for children and families impacted by child abuse. The need is ongoing, so the collection box will remain in the narthex for you to donate needed items as you wish.

Here are the most needed items:

Deodorant for men and women

Shampoo/conditioner for African American families

(Pantene Classic Clean 2 in 1 is a good example)

Adult toothpaste

Child toothpaste

Alcohol free mouthwash

NEW "stuffies", such as Squishmallows or stuffed plush

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OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	06/28	8:15 am Worship
		9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am Worship
		7:00 pm AA
		7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	06/29	
TUESDAY	06/30	
WEDNESDAY	07/01	10:00 am Bible Study
THURSDAY	07/02	1:00 pm Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	07/03	
SATURDAY	07/04	Happy 250th Birthday America
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