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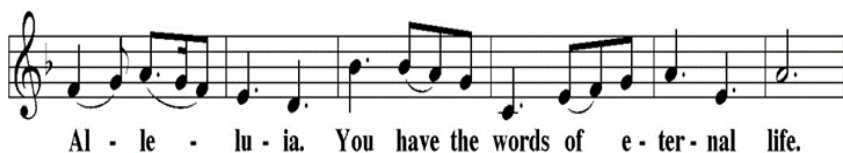
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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025

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.





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Sit **8:15—Sermon**



Stand **Hymn #510** *Word of God, Come Down to Earth*

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**

Having been reminded of God's perfect law, we now confess our sins, seek and receive forgiveness by God's grace.

KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Q** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Q** Christ, have mer - cy.
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Confession and Forgiveness

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

P In the name of the Father,
and of the +Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Sit or kneel as able

P Merciful God,

C 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.

P 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.
C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE—*Glory to God*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of 11 staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across lines. There are three distinct musical phrases, each marked with a circled number (I, II, III) at the beginning of the staff. The first phrase (I) spans the first three staves. The second phrase (II) spans the next three staves. The third phrase (III) spans the final five staves. The music includes various note values (quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes), rests, and triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracketed group of notes). The final note of the piece is a whole note G4.

I Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

II Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

III Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

III Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.
 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther, A - men.
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Stand **Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

Sit **First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9**

The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.

A reading from Isaiah

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"
to a nation that did not call on my name.

² I held out my hands all day long
to a rebellious people,
who walk in a way that is not good,
following their own devices;

³ a people who provoke me
to my face continually,
sacrificing in gardens
and offering incense on bricks;

⁴ who sit inside tombs,
and spend the night in secret places;
who eat swine's flesh,
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself,
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."

These are a smoke in my nostrils,
a fire that burns all day long.

⁶ See, it is written before me:

I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their laps

⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,

says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains

and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps

full payment for their actions.

⁸ Thus says the Lord:

As the wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, "Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,"
so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.

⁹ I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
my chosen shall inherit it,
and my servants shall settle there.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹⁹ But you, O Lord, be not far away;
O my help, hasten to my aid.

²⁰ **Deliver me from the sword,
my life from the power of the dog.**

²¹ Save me from the lion's mouth!
From the horns of wild bulls you have rescued me.

²² **I will declare your name to my people;
in the midst of the assembly I will praise you.**

²³ You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of
Jacob's line,
give glory.
Stand in awe of the Lord, all you offspring of Israel.

²⁴ **For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their**

poverty; neither is the Lord's face hidden from them; but when they cry out, the Lord hears them.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who fear the Lord.

²⁶ **The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts live forever!**

²⁷ All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; all the families of nations shall bow before God.

²⁸ **For dominion belongs to the Lord,
who rules over the nations.**

Second Lesson Galatians 3:23-29

For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.

A reading from Galatians

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with

Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise

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11:00 Stand Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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Sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON/YOUTH MESSAGE**

11:00 SERMON

Stand **Hymn #843** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*

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

P God of grace,

C **Hear our prayer.**

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

C **Amen**

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 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Sit **OFFERTORY** *Chancel Musings* Chester Nordman

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER— Let us Pray

A Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good
and the harvest is plentiful.
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth
and our labor,
that we may work for the good of all;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
C Amen.

Blessing

P 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.
C Amen.

Hymn #798 *Will You Come and Follow Me*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
C We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *March of the Noble* Frederick Keats

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Altar Flowers are to the Glory of the Lord

A great big heartfelt Thank You for remembering and helping to celebrate the 25th anniversary of my ordination. The sentiment and generosity were overwhelming, another instance of St. Mark's being a blessing to me and my family ever since we first came here almost 30 years ago.

Pr. Jim

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	06/22	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	06/23	
TUESDAY	06/24	
WEDNESDAY	06/25	
THURSDAY	06/26	10.00 am Book Club (Parlor) 1:00 pm Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	06/27	
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