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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 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.

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

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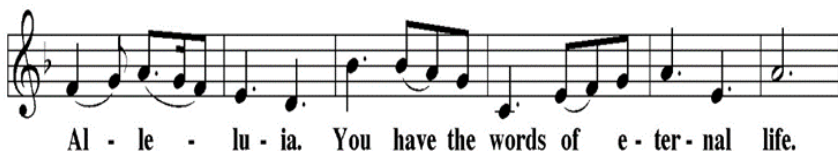
We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE— *Here I Am Lord Schutte Setting by Janet Linker*

Stand **Gospel Acclamation**





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P The Gospel of the Lord

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Sit **8:15— Temple Talks—Faith Smeck & Dave Stanton**



Stand **Hymn #645** *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, 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,

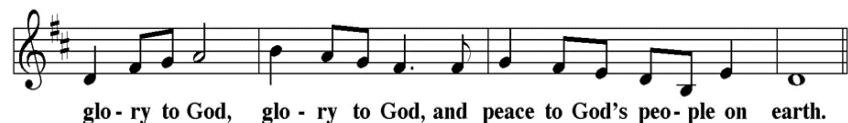
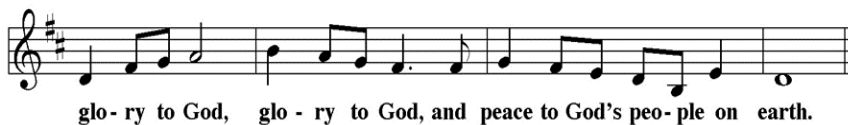
your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE—*Glory to God*







Spir- it, in the glo- ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.



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,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Stand **Salutation**

P The Lord be with you

C And also with you

Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A 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.

C Amen

Sit **First Lesson:** 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.

A reading from 1 Kings

¹⁵ 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. ¹⁶ 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.”

¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ 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?” ²¹ 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.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 16

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

- ¹ 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.”
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,**

never take their names upon my lips.

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.

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

⁷ I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

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

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

¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your
right
hand are pleasures for-evermore.

Second Lesson 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.

A reading from Galatians

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

¹³ 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. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as

yourself.” ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

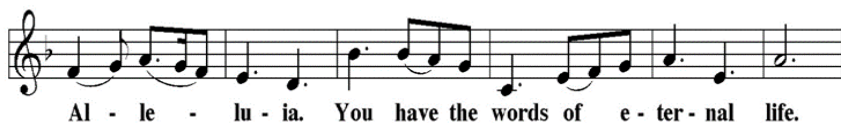
¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ 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.

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

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

11:00 Temple Talks—Faith Smeck & Dave Stanton

Stand **Hymn #812** *Faith of Our Fathers*

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

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 As the Father has sent the Son, so the Son sends us.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

Sit **OFFERTORY** *Arietta*

Franz J. Haydn

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.

Spoken **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise..

PREFACE

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise your
name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





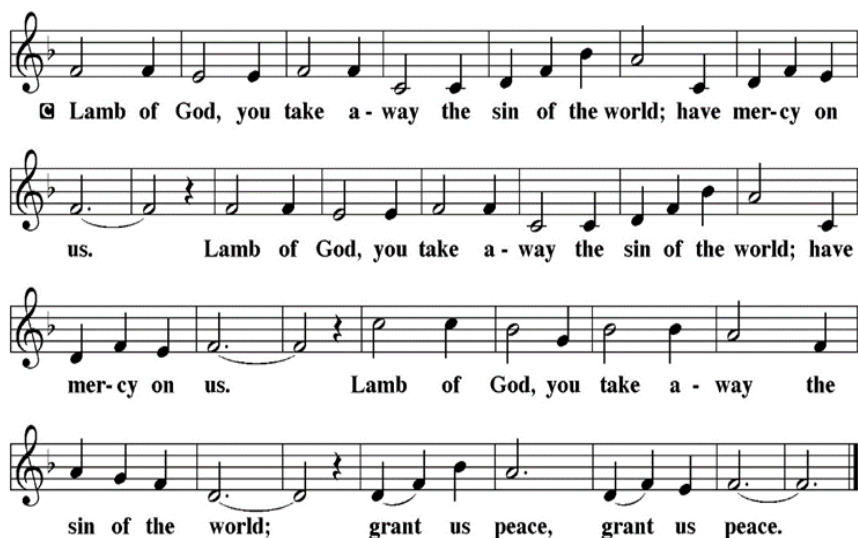
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P The kingdom of God is set before you.
Eat and rejoice.

LAMB OF GOD



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, be assured that the sacrament is complete. 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

#667 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

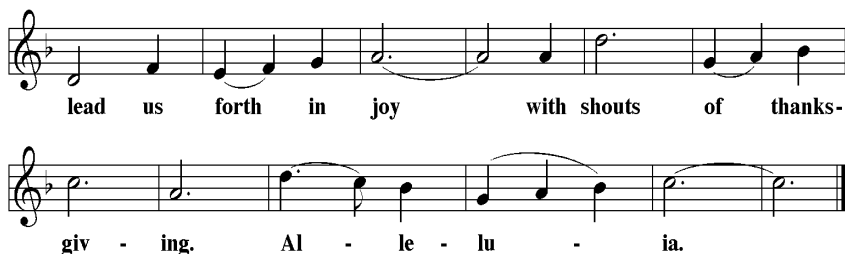
Sung to ELW 323

#324 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

Thankful Hearts

☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and



POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A 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.

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 #427 *For All Your Saints O Lord*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ *Postlude*

Henry Purcell

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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; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,

Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Randy Whitaker; Zara Bennett

CANTOR—

WORSHIP ASST— Randy Whitaker; Sandy Sherwood

LECTOR - Randy Whitaker; Sandy Sherwood

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SEXTON - Don Young

Altar Flowers are to the Glory of God. Given by
Evan and Sue Williams.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	06/29	8:15 am Worship 9:45 am Intergenerational Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 5:00 pm VBS 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	06/30	5:00 pm VBS
TUESDAY	07/01	8:00 am Men's Breakfast 5:00 pm VBS 6:00 pm Worship, Music & Arts Ministry
WEDNESDAY	07/02	10:00 am Bible Study 5:00 pm VBS
THURSDAY	07/03	1:00 pm Craft Artisans 1:30 pm Christian Education
FRIDAY	07/04	Happy 4th of July
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