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9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 2020

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 sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

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

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee/ Rondeau*
arr. Robert Lau

HYMN #689 *Praise and Thanksgiving*
Organ Only—No Singing

Stand **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

C Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

C Amen.

P Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Greeting

p The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

Spoken Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.

Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;

we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **FIRST READING— Isaiah 55:1-5**

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
A The Word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

READ IN UNISON

**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.
The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.
You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

**You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.
You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.
You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

SECOND READING — Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are
stirred.**

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 14th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Sit **HYMN #515** *Break Now the Bread of Life*

Organ Only

Stand Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic
Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A Jesus Christ our Lord

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. **“Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a “non-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of goodness and growth,

C all creation is yours,

and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens. Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P 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

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right. . .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P Friends of Jesus.

Receive nourishment for your journey

Spoken **Lamb Of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit **Communion Distribution**

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray. .

A God of the welcome table,
in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gift so that we
may share your neighborly love with all, through Jesus
Christ, the giver of abundant life.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers nor things
present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ
Jesus.

God, the creator, + Jesus, the Christ,
and the Holy Spirit, the comforter,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

C Amen

Sit **HYMN #674** *Let Us Talents and Tongues*

Employ

Organ Only

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

POSTLUDE *Soli Deo Gloria*

~ Marty Haugen

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FOR VISITORS AND OTHERS not on our mailing list:
There are copies of St. Mark's Newsletter "The Parish Post" available in the narthex along with other information in the literature racks.

Operating Receipts thru May: \$118,014

Payments made thru May: \$114,336

Attendance: 07/26/2020 48

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

Altar Flowers are in Honor of all doctors, nurses, and medical staff who are saving lives in this pandemic, given by Joyce & Bill Van Nieuwkuyk.

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE SANCTUARY. In order to try and save on paper and an overload of inserts in the Sunday Bulletins, we are placing the following, order forms on a bulletin board (located at both entrances to the sanctuary) where you can pick-up the forms that specifically interest you.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

Opening Now for a TEACHER AIDE!

* We're looking to fill
a spot in our
2 year old class.
Part time TUESDAY
and
THURSDAY mornings.



Experience preferred but not necessary.

Please send resume to:



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PLEASE JOIN US AT YOUR HOUSE FOR

BOLT

BACKWARD

TOWARDS FAITH IN JESUS

VBS

KICK OFF JULY 26 @ 5 PM
EXPLORE NEW LESSONS WEEKLY
THROUGH AUGUST 12TH

During BOLT, we're going to play games,
do origami, eat snack, and learn what it
means to listen, focus on, and follow Jesus.

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ST. MARK'S MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS -
Cost \$35.00 per brick (no limit). Order forms are
available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Bricks can
be purchased anytime throughout the year.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTORS - Jay Snyder; Dave Featherman

FLOWER DELIVERY - Sandy Dinger

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIRECTOR - Pam Baranowski 671-4855

SEXTON - Don Young

ST. MARK'S AGAPE' FUND, from which we provide help for members and others in immediate need, is running low on funds. This is a designated fund supported by members' contributions. If you would like to contribute to the Agape' fund, please mark your check or envelope "AGAPE FUND and place it in the offering plate, drop it off or mail it to the office, or give it to Pastor Jim. Thank you.

READINGS for August 9, 2020:

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew Matthew 14:22-33