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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.

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

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The peace is shared

PRELUDE ~ *Giving of Thanks and Praise*

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

America the Beautiful

We Praise You, O God

Now Thank We All Our God

RESPONSIVE READING

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

C **with ever thankful hearts!**

P Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord

C **with ever thankful hearts!**

P Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving

C **with ever thankful hearts**

Sit **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

C Almighty God, with ever thankful hearts we are to live and receive from you. We confess, however, that our hearts are not always thankful. We are a sinful people. We have neglected your work of goodness in our lives. We have resisted your hand of blessing. Loving God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and lead us to everlasting life and ever thankful hearts.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P God gives good gifts to his people. He has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Receive God's mercy anew with ever thankful hearts. **Amen.**

Stand **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Bountiful love flows from your heart to ours, O Lord. Bountiful gifts pour from your hand each and every day, O God. Bless us with your presence here in this place of worship. As we thank you in prayer and song, fill our hearts to overflowing with gratitude for your good gifts. Turn our hearts of stone into ever thankful hearts beating for you and singing your praises. **Amen.**

Sit **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of

olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 100

P Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C Come into his presence with singing!

P Know that the Lord, he is God!

C It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

P Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

C Give thanks to him; bless his name!

P For the Lord is good.

C His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

EPISTLE READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15:

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 17th Chapter.

C Glory to you O Lord

Stand **GOSPEL READING** Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sit **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

HYMN #879 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

C For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Stand **PRAYERS**

Each petition ends with the following response:

P Lord, we come to you

C with ever thankful hearts.

Sit **OFFERING**

Organ Offertory—We Praise You, O God ~H. Willan

OFFERTORY #870 We Praise You O God vs 1

Stand **THE 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.

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

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and
ascension, we await his coming in glory.
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Invitation to Communion

**P Come to Christ's banquet.
Feast on God's gift of grace.**

Communion Distribution

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

**A Most High God,
you have come among us at this table.
By the Spirit's power, form us to be bearers of your word,
sharing gifts of mercy and grace with all,
through Christ Jesus, our host and our guest.**

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

BENEDICTION

With ever thankful hearts receive this blessing: The author of all good gifts bless you and keep you. The Lord of life make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The healer of your heart, Christ Jesus, look upon you with favor and + give you peace. **Amen.**

HYMN #733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness ~ vs1*

**C Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Sung by Congregation with Mask On!

DISMISSAL

With ever thankful hearts, go in peace to serve the Lord
We will, thanks be to God!

Postlude—*Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow*

~ L. Bourgeois