

ST. MARK'S  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

***Worship Service 9:30 am***

# **St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

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**Pentecost 16**

**9:30 a.m.**

**September 25, 2022**

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*The time of gathering music provides us with an opportunity to visit with God. Please take these moments to prepare your hearts for worship. Thank you for joining us for worship today, and please, remember to fill in the welcome pad.*

- 9:30 am Worship Service (live-streamed and broadcast to our YouTube page.)
- 10:30 am Fellowship Hour in the John Bates FLC *Come join us for coffee and donuts!*
- 10:45 am Sunday School for 3-year-old through High School
- Nursery Available, 5 yrs. and younger, located adjacent to the Gathering Space. The nursery is staffed with volunteers during worship.
- Nursing Nook – A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator.
- Your offering may be placed inside the boxes at the entrances.
- Communion is in the pew or at the altar (disposables can be placed inside the plastic bags clipped on the pews' book holders)

**PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:**

Lyn Sly, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

**Amen.**

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and**

**strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

We invite you to greet one another, introduce yourselves, and say good morning and share God's peace. The peace of the Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG:** #532                      *"Gather Us In"*                      Lyn Sly, organ

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

**SONG OF PRAISE:**                      *"Great is the Lord"*                      Lyn Sly, piano

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;  
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord, He is holy and just;  
by His power we trust in His love.  
Great is the Lord, He is faithful and true;  
by His mercy He proves He is love.

Great is the Lord and worthy of glory!  
Great is the Lord and worthy of praise.  
Great is the Lord; now lift up your voice,  
now lift up your voice:  
Great is the Lord! Great is the Lord!

Great are You, Lord, and worthy of glory!  
Great are You, Lord, and worthy of praise.  
Great are You, Lord; I lift up my voice,  
I lift up my voice:  
Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**SCRIPTURE:** 1 Timothy 6:6-19

*Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.*

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Shannon Boynton  
Director of Children and Family Ministries

## **CHANGE FOR CHARITY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**ALLELUIA VERSE:** #172

*"Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"*

Lyn Sly, piano

**GOSPEL:** Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus tells a parable in which the poor one is "lifted up" and the rich one is "sent away empty." Jesus makes it clear that this ethic of merciful reversal is not new but is as old as Moses and the prophets.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup>"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' <sup>27</sup>He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' <sup>30</sup>He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' <sup>31</sup>He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of our Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

**SERMON**

Jeremy Lafary

**WORSHIP SONG**

*"Heart of Worship"* (Redman)

Lyn Sly, piano

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come;  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required.  
You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.  
I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve.  
Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, every single breath.

I'll bring You more than a song, for a song in itself is not what You have required. You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart.

I'm coming back to the heart of worship and it's all about You, all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, all about You, Jesus.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## **THE 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH** God of grace, **Hear our prayer**

*Congregation may be seated.*

## **GIVING-THANKS**

Your gifts and offerings make it possible for 20 youth to gather together to eat pizza and enjoy a video game truck! Thank you!

**OFFERING MUSIC:** "Wonderful Merciful Savior" Choir, Lyn Sly piano

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs,  
**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able*

## **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 God thanks and praise.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregation may be seated.*

## COMMUNION IN THE PEW

*If you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you.*

## COMMUNION AT THE ALTAR

*St. Mark's welcomes all baptized persons to the Lord's Table who believe our Lord is truly present in the sacrament. **Children** who have not been confirmed or received instruction in Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing from the pastor. **Adults** who are not baptized and others who choose not to receive the sacrament are invited to come forward for a blessing. **Please indicate that you desire a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest.** The ushers will direct you from your row toward the aisle. Come forward to the serving stations. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor, who will give you a wafer. Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor where you will be offered a tray with wine (dark colored) or grape juice (light colored) and in disposable cups which can be thrown away in receptacles, after which you may return to your pew.*

**COMMUNION SONG: #483**

*"Here is Bread"*

Lyn Sly, piano

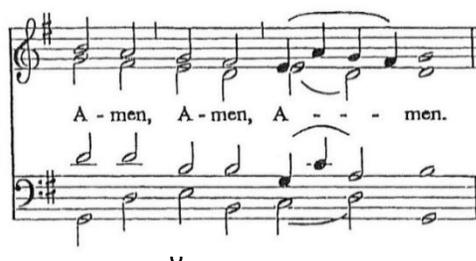
*Please stand as you are able.*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.



**SENDING SONG:** #715

“*Christ Be Our Light*”  
Verses 1, 2 and 5

Lyn Sly, organ

**DISMISSAL** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God!**

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**PRAYER LIST**

*Prayer requests are left on the prayer list for three weeks. Please call the office to add or remove names. 444-4618 or send emails to [office@stmarkswashington.org](mailto:office@stmarkswashington.org)*

<b>PRAY FOR</b>	<b>REQUESTED BY</b>	<b>PRAYER/PRAISE</b>
Mary Hills	St. Mark's Staff	Healing
Pastor Hanson	Pastor Kendra	Healing
Justin Robinson	Dee Mertens	Healing
Sheila	Karie Foster	Health
Stephanie Cornell	Sue Yocum	Health
Cheryl Lucas	Mary Hills	Health
Nancy Moore	Cindy Marshall	Health
Donna Bainter	Sandy Jackson	Health
Joan Flowers	Bill Flowers	Healing
Baby William Thompson	Elaine Lucas	Health
Mike Shields	Cindy Calvert	Health
Sean Sullivan	Elaine Lucas	Health
Jim Essig	Elaine Lucas	Health
Reed Fry	Joe & Carol Madden	Health
Marilyn McCoy	Deb McCoy	Health
Bob & Pat Page	Laurie Mathes	Health
Joanne Hofford	Donald Hofford	Health
Judy Hester	Gary Hester	Health

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**Youth Service Day**

Today, our youth group is looking to serve those who could use a little extra help this fall. This could include pulling weeds, raking leaves, cleaning windows, painting, or other work around the house or yard! If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact Jeremy at [jlafary@stmarkswashington.org](mailto:jlafary@stmarkswashington.org) or sign up using the form in the Gathering Space.

## 2022 MEF Grant Applications

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1*

The members of *St. Mark's Lutheran Church* in Washington, IL and the *Mission Endowment Fund* team are blessed to announce that grant applications are being accepted for 2022

The MEF is made possible through the generous gifts and bequests of the members and friends of St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Through its annual returns, the Fund is able to support organizations locally and globally that; are consistent with the values and mission of the church, are 501(c)(3), and - if a faith-based organization - is well-aligned with the theological principles of St. Mark's Lutheran Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The grant application can be completed online [here](#) or via [www.stmarkswashington.org](http://www.stmarkswashington.org) using the MEF Grant Application button. For more information, please contact the church office at 309-444-4618 or [operations.director@stmarkswashington.org](mailto:operations.director@stmarkswashington.org).

**The application deadline is November 4, 2022.**

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### Members Helping Members

Looking for an opportunity to help out other some members of St. Mark's? For more information please contact the Parish Nurse at (309) 444-4618 or email [parishnurse@stmarkswashington.org](mailto:parishnurse@stmarkswashington.org).



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Build Date  
**Saturday, November 5th, 2022**  
**8:00 am until 12:00 pm**



We are looking forward to heading back out again to help Linda and Aaron build their new home and share in ministry to the community.

To sign up for this volunteer opportunity, create a quick profile on Habitat for Humanity's volunteer website. The required 'join code is: stmarks.

## St. Mark's Fall Apparel is Here!



Gildan Dryblend® T-Shirt



With the wide range of temperatures that come with fall, St. Mark's has got you covered. Cool mornings or evenings? Throw on a hoodie. An overcast day? Enjoy it in your long-sleeved t-shirt. A bit of Indian summer? A short-sleeved t-shirt it is. All styles come in three colors, except the youth long-sleeve t-shirt which is not available in maroon. So show your St. Mark's love with fall apparel!

\$10.00

3 Colors



Gildan 8400 Dryblend 50/50 Long Sleeve T-Shirt

\$15.00

3 Colors



Gildan Heavy Blend Hooded Sweatshirt

\$25.00

3 Colors

To order, scan the QR code, or sign up on the sheet in the Gathering Space. Please make sure you have your order in by Friday, October 21, as no orders will be accepted after that date. Youth Sizes are small, medium, large, and XL. Adult sizes are small through 3XL. There is an additional \$3 charge for 2XL and \$4 for 3XL. Payments should be made out to St. Mark's and can be left with the Church office.

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## Parish News

Grief Share is being postponed. Flu Shots will not be offered at St. Mark's this year but we strongly encourage everyone to get a flu shot from their doctor or one of the local pharmacies that offer them. Be safe and stay healthy!

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### Today's **Change for Charity** was collected for Piece and Comfort Quilters

Donations of the following materials can be left at the church office:

- Fabric
- Lightly used or new clean sheets (full size or larger)



## Farewell

Sometimes paths cross for long stretches and sometimes it's for short seasons. In each situation God has a plan and puts people together for a purpose greater than we know. My time here at St. Mark's has been short, but it will not be easily forgotten. Everyone one I have had the pleasure of working with has been so kind, helpful, and gracious. I thank you all. Monday I will start a position with the City of Peoria that gives me an opportunity to work in a field that has long been a passion of mine, and build into the community I live in. Again, St. Mark's, thank you for everything. May God richly bless each of you. ~ Rob Whitney



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### Serving at St. Mark's Today - 9:30 am

USHERS	Dee Mertens, Brad Wilson, Bret Shuckford, Steve Barton, John Spring
DEACONS	Dee Mertens, Case Pudik, Cindy Calvert, Roger French
FELLOWSHIP	Sam Waddell and Gina Williams
NURSERY	Kim Metzloff and Abby Swanson
AUDIO/VISUAL	Andrew Crawford, Allison Osborn, Bill Osborn
READER	Angela Rose



*The altar flowers are sponsored today by Mike Kleiber  
in memory of Kathleen Kleiber*

**Serving next Sunday, October 2, 2022**

Ushers	Dee Mertens, Brad Wilson, Bret Shuckford, Steve Barton, John Spring
Deacons	Debra Morse, Joyce Zobrist, Linda Keys, Diana Lindahl
Fellowship	Glen and Cindy Calvert
Nursery	Kim Metzloff and Marsha Rigg
Audio/Visual	Andrew Crawford, Barry Moore, Erika Schierer
Reader	Mike Griffith

***Today***

**Sunday, September 25**

- 8:30 am: Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion and Change for Charity
- 10:30 am: New Member Inquiry Class
- 10:45 am: Sunday School
- Youth Service Day

***This Week***

**Monday, September 26**

- 3rd Quarter Council Reports Due
- 5:00 pm: Stewardship Team

**Tuesday, September 27**

- 12:00 pm: Visitation for Bob Lange
- 1:00 pm: Funeral for Bob Lange
- 4:30 pm: Via de Christo

**Wednesday, September 28**

- 6:30 pm: Confirmation and Cross Trainers
- 6:30 pm: Executive Team

**Sunday, October 2**

- 8:30 am: Choir Rehearsal
- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion & Baptism
- New Member Reception
- 10:45 am: Sunday School