

ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Summer Worship Service 9:30 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 10

9:30 a.m.

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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.)
- Nursery Available, 5 yrs. and younger, located adjacent to the Gathering Space. The nursery is staffed with volunteers during worship. You may take your child to the nursery prior to the service or at any time during the service.
- Nursing Nook – A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator.
- 10:30 am Fellowship Hour in the John Bates FLC *Come join us for coffee and donuts!*
- Your offering may be placed inside the boxes at the entrances.
- No Communion is offered today.

GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG: *“Come, now is the Time to Worship”*

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

One day ev’ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev’ry knee will bow.
Still, the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now.

Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come. Come. Come, just as you are, come. Come.

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.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

This is God’s day and we are the body of Christ gathered in Christian community. 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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:29—12:2

The author of Hebrews presents us with rich stories of faith. In a long list of biblical heroes, we find examples of trust in God that enabled them to face the trials of life faithfully. In addition to this "cloud of witnesses," we have Jesus, the perfect model of faithful endurance.

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. ³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect. ^{12:1}Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Refiners Fire (Purify my Heart)”*

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart, let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for You my master, ready to do your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy.
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin, deep within.

Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy,
Set apart for you, Lord.
I choose to be holy, set apart for you my master,
Ready to do your will.

Please stand as you are able.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 82

¹God stands to charge the divine council assembled, giving judgment in the midst of the gods:

²**"How long will you ¹judge unjustly, and show favor to the wicked?**

³Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy;

⁴**rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked.**

⁵They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

⁶**Now I say to you, 'You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High;**

⁷nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince."

⁸**Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own.**

GOSPEL: Luke 12:49-56

Jesus delivers harsh words about the purifying and potentially divisive effects of obedience to God's call. The way of the cross often leads followers to encounter hostility and rejection, even from those they love.

[Jesus said:] ⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under

until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

The Gospel of our Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shannon Boynton

SERMON

Jeremy Lafary

WORSHIP SONG: #408 *"Come Thou Almighty King"*

vs. 1, 3 and 4

GIVING-THANKS

Your gifts and offerings make it possible for us to continue with business as usual during this time of transition. We thank you for your continued support.

Please stand as you are able.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Lord in your Mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray together

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.

BENEDICTION

The God of peace, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.



SENDING SONG: #805 *"Lead on, O' King Eternal"* Lyn Sly, organ

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



Parish Nurse Ministry

Get your blood pressure taken today by
St. Mark's Parish Nurse in the Gathering Space
during fellowship hour.

Kindred Spirit Sisters

Will be going to Cracker Barrell today in Morton
(150 E Ashland St, Morton, IL 61550) at 11:00 am.

Talk to Kathleen Peters at 309-444-2360 or Sue Madden at 309-444-3096 to
find out if there is room

*Kindred Spirit Sisters meet on the second Sunday of the month.
Widowed and single women welcome.*

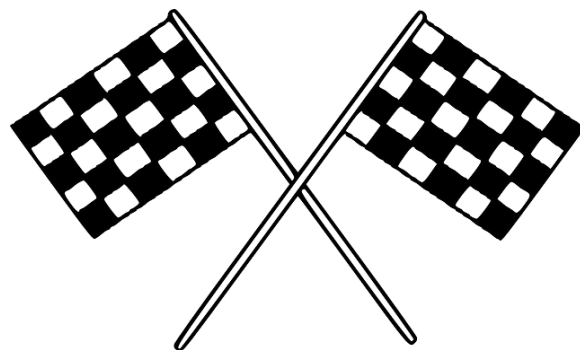
PRAYER LIST

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

PRAY FOR	REQUESTED BY	PRAYER/PRAISE
The family and friends of Marian Marshall	Friends of St. Mark's	Comfort and Strength
Stephanie Cornell	Sue Yocum	Health
Roger French's sister, Jackie	Roger French	Health
Brad Rose	Angela Rose	Health
Cheryl Lucas	Mary Hills	Health
Nancy Moore	Cindy Marshall	Health
Mike Moore	Cindy Marshall	Healing
Cheryl Bowen	Roger French	Health
Donna Bainter	Sandy Jackson	Health
Joan Flowers	Bill Flowers	Healing
Baby William Thompson	Elaine Lucas	Health
Mike Shields	Cindy Calvert	Health
Marsha Habben	Kelly Albrecht	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

Sunday School/Rally Day

Mark your calendars, Sunday School will be starting back up at St. Mark's with our kick-off on Rally Day, Sunday, **September 11, 2022.**



Sunday School registration has begun. You can register online via the QR code, or on the form in the Gathering Space. There will be a new structure that involves music, crafts, lessons, and most importantly, FUN!

New Member Inquiry Class

Interested in joining St Mark's? Perhaps you recently joined and were unable to attend a new member class in person. Maybe you just want to learn more about the Lutheran Church, the ELCA, or about St. Mark's. We are happy to announce that a three-week new member inquiry class will begin Sunday, September 11, at 9:30 am, during Fellowship Hour. The schedule is as follows:

September 11th - Lutheran History, Beliefs and Practices by Pastor Hanson

September 18th - attend the Opportunity Fair

September 25th - History and overview of St Mark's

Be An Extra!

The potluck brunch on Sunday, August 21, will be another opportunity for you to be an extra to show a potential new pastor the vibrant life of St. Mark's. Joe will once again be shooting video for the promotional video and we want to make sure as many are represented as possible. There will be a photo release available to sign at the brunch in case you weren't able to sign before the Blessing of the Backpacks. We also understand some may feel uncomfortable being in the video, and will make sure to provide space for them as well. Watch here for more details!



Potluck Brunch



Many have commented about how nice it has been to see everyone due to the blended worship service. The

Fellowship Team would like

to offer another opportunity to gather together and get reacquainted. On Sunday, August 21, in place of the regular Fellowship hour, there will be a potluck

brunch. St. Mark's will provide a ham. But, in the grand tradition of potluck's we need your help. Scan the QR code to the right to let us know you're bringing an egg casserole, a side, or a dessert. While a dish to pass is not required, it is encouraged to ensure we have enough for everyone to enjoy.



Mission Connections

Look for this new section in the Buzz!. Information on upcoming opportunities will be provided for you to be the hands and feet of Jesus by participating in projects and events in the community. It will also be a place to share pictures and information regarding recent St. Mark's Mission events. In the coming weeks and months, these are just some of the connections to our community that are available:

- Saturday, September 10, from 8 am until noon - Habitat for Humanity - Habitat build project in Peoria
- Monday, September 19, from 12:30 pm until 6:30 pm - Red Cross Blood Drive at Five Points
- October - Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection/activities
- Saturday, November 5th from 8 am until noon - Habitat for Humanity - Habitat build project in Peoria

Stay tuned for more details about each of these opportunities! We are excited to see our St. Mark's family out and about showing God's love to people in and around our community!

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

USHERS	Paul Anglin, Joey Metzloff, Deb Morse and Brad Wilson
DEACONS	No communion
FELLOWSHIP	Sandy Jackson and Kathy Jefford
NURSERY	Maureen and Bobby Radtke
AUDIO/VISUAL	Barry Moore, Erika Schierer and Andrew Crawford



*The altar flowers are sponsored today by Dee Mertens-
In honor of my daughters wedding and memory of my parents
Bob And Ellen Clarin's anniversary*

Serving next Sunday, August 21, 2022

Ushers	Steve Barton, Bill Bernson, Bret Shuckford, Jodi Walter, John Antrobus, Glen and Cindy Calvert
Deacons	Deb Morse, Roger French, Steve Barton and Joyce Zobrist
Fellowship	Doug and Cindy Marshall
Nursery	Tami Saunders and Nicole Swenson
Audio/Visual	Mark Pfeiffer, Karie Foster and Erika Schierer

Today

Sunday, August 14

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship - No Holy Communion
- 10:30 am: Blood Pressure Screening
- 12:30 pm: Kindred Spirit Sisters

The Week Ahead

Monday, August 15

- 11:00 am: Finance Team
- Marksman Article Due

Wednesday, August 17

- 1:30 pm: Hanna Circle

Sunday, August 21

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am: Fellowship Hour Potluck Brunch

Upcoming Events

Monday, August 22

- 6:00 pm: Mission Endowment Fund Team

Tuesday, August 23

- 6:30 pm: Executive Team

Sunday, August 28

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, August 29

- 6:30 pm: Church Council

Tuesday, August 30

- 9:00 am: Preschool Prep - John Bates FLC

Wednesday, August 31

- 9:00 am: Preschool Prep - John Bates FLC

Sunday, September 4

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion

Monday, September 5

- Church Offices Closed - Labor Day

Wednesday, September 7

- 8:30 am: Washington Ministerial
- 6:00 pm: Parent Meeting for Confirmation Classes

Saturday, September 10

- 8:00 am - 12:00 pm: Habitat for Humanity Build - Peoria

Sunday, September 11

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am: New Member Inquiry Class
- 10:30 am: Blood Pressure Screenings
- 10:45 am: Rally Day
- 10:45 am: Sunday School - Jr./Sr. High

Tuesday, September 13

- 8:30 am: Northern Conference Pastors' Gathering
- 9:30 am: Peace & Comfort Quilters

Wednesday, September 14

- 6:30 pm: Confirmation

Sunday, September 18

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship with Holy Communion
- 10:30 am: New Member Inquiry Class
- 10:30 am: Opportunity Fair
- 10:45 am: Sunday School