



ST. MARK'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Summer Worship Service 9:30 am

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Pentecost 9

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 today.

GATHERING MUSIC:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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: #733 *“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”* Lyn Sly, piano

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 always. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Congregation may be seated.

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a

place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." ¹³All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

SPECIAL MUSIC:

"Above All"

soloist, Samantha Reatherford
accompanist Lyn Sly, piano

Please stand as you are able.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

¹³**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

¹⁴God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

¹⁵**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

¹⁶A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

¹⁷**The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.**

¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

¹⁹**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

²⁰Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

²¹**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

²²Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.

[Jesus said:] ³²"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

Congregation may be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Shannon Boynton

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Shannon Boynton

Director of Children and Family Ministries

SERMON

Jeremy Lafary

WORSHIP SONG: #785

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Lyn Sly, organ

GIVING-THANKS

Your gifts and offerings make it possible for the youth to go to the Dream Center where they were able to pack backpacks with school supplies and deep clean the kitchen that St. Mark's helped 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: #841

"Lift Every Voice"

Lyn Sly, piano

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

A Bountiful Harvest

A big thank you to Karen Kremer for organizing the collection and those who came out on Tuesday, August 2, to help with the harvest at the Washington Food Pantry Garden. This is just some of the produce that was picked to benefit WHIP.



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
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

St. Mark's Staffing Needs

Perhaps you or someone you know is looking for a new opportunity and possess the skills needed for one of our open positions. There are both ministry staff and childcare/preschool positions available. The following are areas of need:

- Contemporary Music Director
- Child Care/Preschool Substitute Teacher's Aide
- Child Care/Preschool Substitute Teacher



July Youth News 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, 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

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.



St. Mark's Promotional Video

As St. Mark's continues its journey finding a new Sr. Pastor, a promotional video has been proposed. Not only could this video help attract a Sr. Pastor, it could also be used to share with new members, on the website for visitors, on Facebook. On Sunday, August 7,

Joe Gleason will be recording video and would love to have people who agreed to being recorded sit in the front rows of the sanctuary. It would also be great to get some shots of children having their backpack's blessed. For those willing to be identifiable in the video there will be a photo/video release at the back of the sanctuary next to the bulletins, or you can download it.



Next Sunday-

PARISH NURSE MINISTRY



St. Mark's Parish Nurse will be offering blood pressure screenings in the Gathering Space during fellowship hour.

KINDRED SPIRIT SISTERS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

We will be going to Cracker Barrel in Morton
(150 E Ashland St, Morton, IL 61550) at 11:00 am.

To make a reservation please call Kathleen Peters at 309-444-2360
or Sue Madden at 309-444-3096

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

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

USHERS	Paul Anglin, John Spring, Dee Mertens, Deb McCoy, Dave Horwath
DEACONS	No communion today
FELLOWSHIP	Sandy Jackson and Kathy Jefford
NURSERY	Abby Swanson and Jayne Fisher
AUDIO/VISUAL	Erika Schierer, Karie Foster and Andrew Crawford
READER	Bethany Marshall

*The altar flowers are sponsored today by Don and Joanne Hofford
In thanksgiving of 70 years of marriage as of August 2, 2022*

Happy Anniversary!

Serving next Sunday, August 14, 2022

Ushers	Paul Anglin, Joey Metzloff, Deb Morse, Brad Wilson
Deacons	No communion
Fellowship	Doug and Cindy Marshall
Nursery	Maureen and Bobby Radtke
Audio/Visual	Barry Moore, Andrew Crawford and Erika Schierer

Schedule of Events

Today –

Sunday, August 7

- 9:30 am: Blended Worship - No Holy Communion

The Week Ahead –

Tuesday, August 9

- 8:00 am: Northern Conference Pastors' Gathering
- 9:30 am: Peace & Comfort Quilters

Wednesday, August 10

- 7:00 pm: Evangelism Team Meeting

Friday, August 12

- Quarter 3 Council Reports Due

Sunday, August 14

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

Upcoming Events –

Monday, August 15

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

Tuesday, August 16

- 5:30 pm: Childcare Board

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

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

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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

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

Monday, September 19

- 12:30 pm - 6:30 pm: Red Cross Blood Drive at Five Points



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AT WORK

St. Mark's Mission Endowment Fund supports mission work within St. Mark's, our community, and national & international efforts. Each year the St. Mark's Mission Endowment Team distributes around \$21,000 in grants to organizations and ministries, and by supporting them we help spread the word of God.

A FEW THINGS OUR MISSION FUND IS SUPPORTING THIS YEAR

SPONSORING a missionary in Madagascar and **FUNDING** the digging of wells in Africa,

HOT MEALS delivered to seniors, **SEWING MATERIALS** for quilts that will be given to shelters,

SUPPORTING programs for incarcerated individuals transitioning to their new lives.

Please consider a gift in honor or in memory of someone to further our mission work throughout the world.

You can help by sending a check to St. Mark's Mission Endowment Fund, 200 N Main Street, Washington, IL 61571