

# SAINT MARK-GOOD SHEPHERD WORSHIP SERVICES

Joint Service

In-Person - Saint Mark - 9:00 am

In-Person & Virtual - Good Shepherd—11:00 am

September 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Whoever is faithful  
in a very little  
is faithful also in much ...

Luke 16:10, NRSV

## IN-PERSON & VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**  
**Florham Park, NJ**



**Saint Mark Lutheran Church**  
**Morristown, NJ**



### IN-PERSON WORSHIP GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE JOINT **GOOD SHEPHERD-SAINT MARK COUNCIL - 6/15/21**

- **Social Distancing** - Seating every other pew.
- **Masks** - To allow singing within the Service and help protect those who are unvaccinated, extra disposable masks provided at entry by Usher for those who may have forgotten to bring theirs.
- **Offering** – Will be collected at back of church in offering plate before/after service

**We thank you for your cooperation!**

## Introduction

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

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## GATHERING

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### Prelude

### Welcome

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.

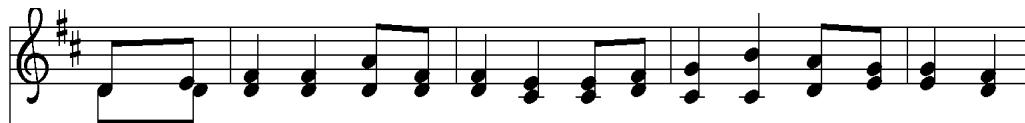
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water

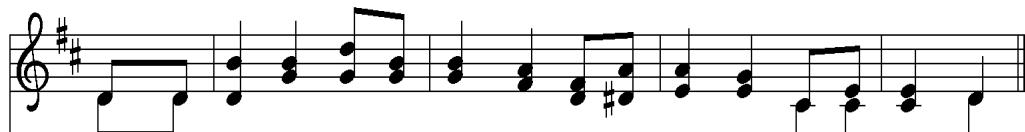
and awaken your church once more.  
 Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
 To you, our Beginning and our End,  
 our Shepherd and Lamb,  
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
 now and forever.  
 Amen.

**Gathering Song - ELW 781**

***“Children of the Heavenly Father”***



Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,  
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;  
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;  
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;



stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.  
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.



***Apostolic 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.**

***Prayer of the Day***

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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***Reading: Amos 8:4-7***

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you that trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, “When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain;  
and the sabbath,  
so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals,  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: **Thanks be to God**

***Psalm 113***

**Refrain: The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes. (Ps. 113:7)**

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;  
praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>**Let the name of the LORD be blessed,  
from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its going down

let the name of the LORD be praised.

**4The LORD is high above all nations;  
God's glory above the heavens.**

**Refrain: The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

**5Who is like the LORD our God,  
who sits enthroned on high,**

**6but stoops to behold  
the heavens and the earth?**

**7The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust  
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,**

**8enthroning them with the rulers,  
with the rulers of the people.**

**9The LORD makes the woman of a childless house  
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!**

**Refrain: The LORD lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***Gospel: Luke 16:1-13***

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 16th Chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’ <sup>3</sup>Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’ <sup>5</sup>So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ <sup>6</sup>He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’ <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup>“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

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

***Children’s Sermon***

***Sermon: Rev. Beau D. Nelson***

*Hymn of the Day: ELW #732 "Born-ing Cry"*

1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.  
 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;  
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold.  
 you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
 I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
 If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,  
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
 I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
 I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

*Praise Reports*

***Prayers of Intercession***

God of grace,  
hear our prayer.

***Confession and Forgiveness***

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\dagger$  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  $\dagger$  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.**

***Hymn: “Let There Be Peace on Earth”***

Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me  
Let There Be Peace on Earth  
The peace that was meant to be  
With God as our Father  
Family are we  
Let us walk with each other  
In perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me  
Let this be the moment now.  
With ev'ry step I take  
Let this be my solemn vow  
To take each moment and live  
Each moment in peace eternally  
Let there be peace on earth  
And let it begin with me

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***MEAL***

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***Offering—There are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary - one for each congregation.***

*Offering Song- ELW #182 “Let The Vineyards Be Fruitful”*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath - er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*Receiving of Gifts**Setting the Table**Offertory 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.

**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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,....And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Holy Holy Holy***

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

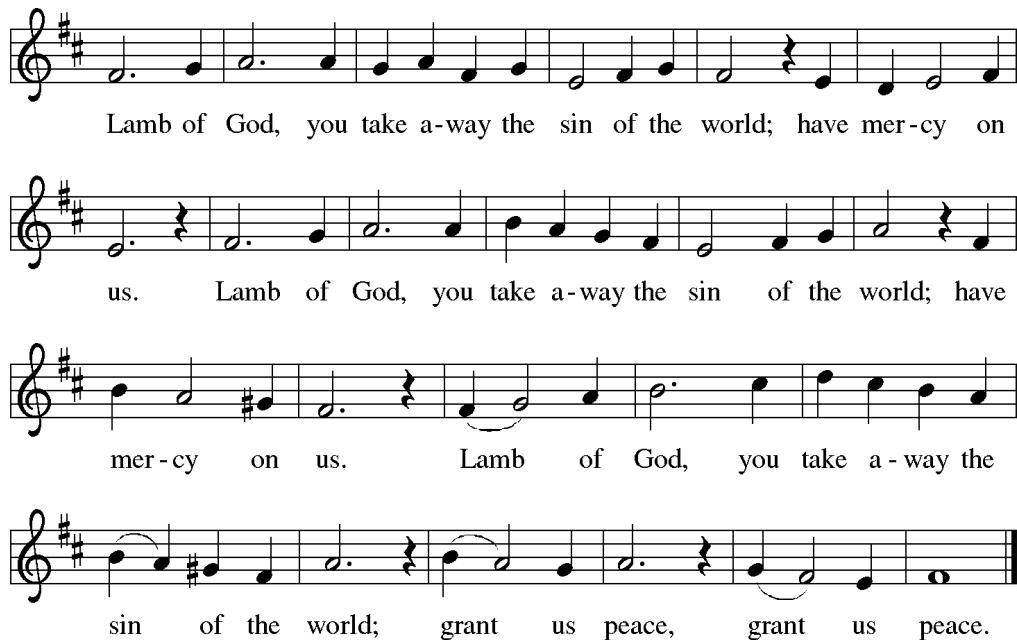
***The Lord's Prayer***

**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.**

***Invitation to Communion***

Christ invites you to this table.

Come, taste and see.

***Lamb of God***

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

***Distribution of Communion******Communion Music******Post-Communion Blessing******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.

----- ***SENDING*** -----

***Announcements***

***Benediction***

God, who gives life to all things  
and frees us from despair,  
bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, <sup>☩</sup> one God,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

***Sending Song: ELW 714 “O God of Mercy”***

***(See Page 16)***

***Dismissal***

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Song: ELW 714 "O God of Mercy"

1 O God of mercy, God of light,  
2 You sent your Son to die for all,  
3 Teach us the lesson Je-sus taught:  
4 For all are kindred, far and wide,

mer - cy in - fi - nite, teach us, as ev - er  
world might hear your call; oh, hear us lest we  
those his blood has bought, that ev - 'ry deed and  
Christ for all has died; grant us the will, and

in your sight, to live our lives in you.  
stray and fall! We rest our hope in you.  
word and thought may work a work for you.  
grace pro - vide, to love them all in you.

5 In sickness, sorrow, want, or care,  
may we each other's burdens share;  
may we, where help is needed, there  
give help as though to you.

6 And may your Holy Spirit move  
all those who live to live in love,  
till you receive in heav'n above  
all those who live in you.

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Presiding Minister:** The Rev. Beau D. Nelson

**Organist:** Ralph Petersen

**Media Tech:** Tara Kevorkian

**SAINT MARK**

**Lector:** Judy Geller

**Worship Asst.:** Paul Dodenhoff

**Usher:** Judy Geller

**Altar Guild:** Judy Geller

**Teller:** Bob Burkhardt

**GOOD SHEPHERD**

Larry Rehm

Alice Schwartz

Glen Derner

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Photo Directory Appointments - Sept 21st at Saint Mark and Sept 26th at Good Shepherd - It's easy to make an online appointment:

- Use Universal Church Directories url: [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com)
- Click on “Photography Appointment Scheduling Login” square located on the right side of the page just under the banner
- Use Church Code “nj161” (lower case)
- Use "photos" (lower case) as password for church members- Note: Both St Mark and Good Shepherd use same password..
- **Members can choose either date depending on their availability.**
- To select an appointment time, click Edit Entry next to the time slot you want and then proceed to fill in your information.
- Click “Schedule Appointment” button when you are done.

### Collections to Fight Hunger:

Please feel free to mail a check to your congregation with either of the food pantries indicated below on the memo line.

Let's see how much we can give collectively to help feed people locally.

- Interfaith Food Pantry of Morris County
- Holy Family Food Pantry of Florham Park

**Church Offerings:** Thank you to everyone who continues to make contributions to support our mission. Online giving is available for both congregations. Envelopes that are mailed to the church continue to be deposited. For those attending in person, there are offering plates located in the back of the sanctuary.

**PRAYER LISTS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18th**  
**(Note: New entries appear in Bold Font)**

**GOOD SHEPHERD:**

**Our Church Family:** Pat Roehrer; Alice Schwartz; Walt Strohmaier; Connie Gleichman; Dick Zeien; Ron and Irene Nagle; Kathy Briedis

**Friends and Family:** Peter Rinaldi; Wendy Estes; Ed Denton; Vince Bober; Doris Felmore; Melissa Kelly; Herbert Holly; Ralph Swinburne; Joe Mihalko; Joe Caparo; Cathy Caparo; Ginna Zukswert; Gene & Al Clelland; Ruth Moolin; Bob Swanson; Nancy and Jeff Martin; John Holl; Joy Griffith; Leslie Spohn; Pauline Morris; Wendy Wyll; Winnie A. Maroney; Lina Petrullo; Janice Bitondo; Charles Tobias; Eileen & Dave Word; John West; Brian Goldrich & Barbara Gemma; and Robert Zeien

**Family Of:** Russell White; Glenn Jones; Robin Pluciniak

**SAINT MARK:**

**Our Church Family:** Carla & Wolf Bauer; Patty Chadwick

**Friends and Family:** Robert Nixon (friend of Cookie Davidsen); Kurt Ziem (Brother-In-Law of Cookie Davidsen); Evelyn Stock (Sister of Henry Stock); Jim Topor (Friend of Judy Geller); Rev. Paul Strockbine; Larry Lane (friend of Judy Geller); Geri Monetti (Former Member); Patty Barnes & Family (Daughter of Carla & Wolf Bauer); Bonny and Bob Caridad (Bob Burkhardt's Sister and Husband); Janet (Friend of Carla Bauer); June Mueller (Cousin of Donna Mertz-Burkhardt); Stanley Nagy (Brother of Carla Bauer); Brian Vohs (Nephew of Gail Glennon)

**Family of:** Peter Bauer (Brother of Wolf Bauer)

**IN THE WORLD:**

**The People of Ukraine; All** who are suffering from the Coronavirus Pandemic

**NOTE:** If you have any announcements or prayer requests to add or delete, please call 973-538-3939 or email: [secretary@saint-mark-lutheran-church.org](mailto:secretary@saint-mark-lutheran-church.org)

