

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost



St. Mark Lutheran Church
One North Road
Circle Pines, MN 55014

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9:30am

PRELUDE

MEDITATION

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life" (John 6:63). Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We who were washed in the word when we were born in the font return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

L: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We turn away from your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

L: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

+GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Great Thou Art"

FIRST READING

Psalm 15

¹Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill? ²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart; ³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor. ⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the Lord. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word. ⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

+GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

L: The holy gospel according to Mark C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." ¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

L: The gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Jenny Sung

+HYMN OF DAY

"This Is My Father's World"

+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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again 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 INTERCESSION

L: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers: L: God in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

L: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

+PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

The congregation may share a social distance sign of peace with one another.

OFFERING

An offering basket is in the back of the sanctuary for you to drop off your offering. At this time we will not be passing the plates but we continue to be grateful for your generosity.

+OFFERING PRAYER

L: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we
receive here, your body for the life of the world

C: Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+WORDS OF INSTITUTION

+LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The sacrament of Holy Communion is offered as part of our worship. If you did not grab an individual cup of Communion, please let an usher know and they will get you one. We will take communion together in our seats and Pastor Mollie will instruct us.

All are welcome to receive the bread and the grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

L: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

+BENEDICTION

L: Filled to the brim with the goodness of God; the nourishment of Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, and the power of the Holy Spirit, go now in peace to serve God in all that you think, do and say. God's peace will always be with you

C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to Pastor Jenny Sung for leading us in worship this morning!

Fall Registration

It's that time of year! Registration for Sunday School and Confirmation are now available. Registration is all online now and the links can be found on our website or digital announcements. If you have questions, contact Jenny.

Backpack and School Supply Project

If you are interested in helping purchase school supplies for students, please head to www.adpotabackpack.org to find out more information. You may also donate cash/gift cards - those can be mailed or dropped off at Our Savior's Lutheran Church. If you have any questions, please contact Cheryl Collard. Thanks for your support!

September It's the Little Things Experiment

September's experiment is ready for pick up! Prayer is an important part of our faith and this month we're giving you some resources to say some prayers for our neighbors. Enjoy a walk around our community while praying. If you have missed any experiments, we have some extras!

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars for September 12th! We'll worship together at 9:30, and then head outside for fun, games, and food! All are welcome to join and we encourage you to invite your neighbors and friends! Come celebrate the start of the program year!

A new addition to this year's Fall Festival - Beer/Wine/Seltzer Pull! Take your chances, buy a ticket and choose your bag! But we need some donations. Can you spare a six pack of beer/seltzers, or a bottle of wine? We're looking for all kinds - cheap, expensive, IPA's, light and all flavors. If you can, please drop them off at church by September 8th.

Holiday Bazaar

We are so glad to be able to once again hold the Holiday Bazaar at St Mark on Nov. 13 after the pandemic cancellation last year. The coordinators this year will once again be Susan Koosmann, Nora Hemquist and Cindy Huseby. Consistent with our past schedule, letters were emailed to our loyal vendors last week and we are eagerly awaiting their responses. We are also very grateful for the long list of volunteers willing to help with the Bazaar this year. We will be contacting the volunteers in the weeks to come. If you wanted to help and haven't yet signed up just let us know what you would like to do. More hands can always be used for signs, set up and clean up. If you should have any questions or concerns please address them directly to Susan, Nora or Cindy.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector & Prayers: Cindy Huseby
Ushers/Greeters: Barb and Floyd Saunders

PRAYER AND CONCERN

Don Pouchnik and family as they grieve the loss of his cousin, Bill Vornwald.
Christine Nelson and family as they grieve the loss of her father, Denny Johnson.

Robbin Sonnenberg, in her new diagnosis of colon cancer and perforated bowel.

Karen Willy and family as they grieve the loss of Karen's sister-in-law, Jeanette.

Yvonne Guptill

Lisa Hutchinson's sister-in-law, Susan Bushey (and family) who's being treated for cancer.

We also pray for: Verna, Sherry, Sue Friburg, Wendy, Kelly, Sandy, Mashell, Shannon, Larry, Leslie, Dave, Sandie, and Mark.

Please contact the office with any updates to this prayer and concern list—thank you!

St. Mark Giving

August 16th through August 22nd giving totaled: \$6,056

Needed to cover Plan for Ministry: \$5,490

Worship Attendance

August 15: 164

August 8: 139

August 1: 134

July 25: 123

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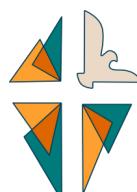
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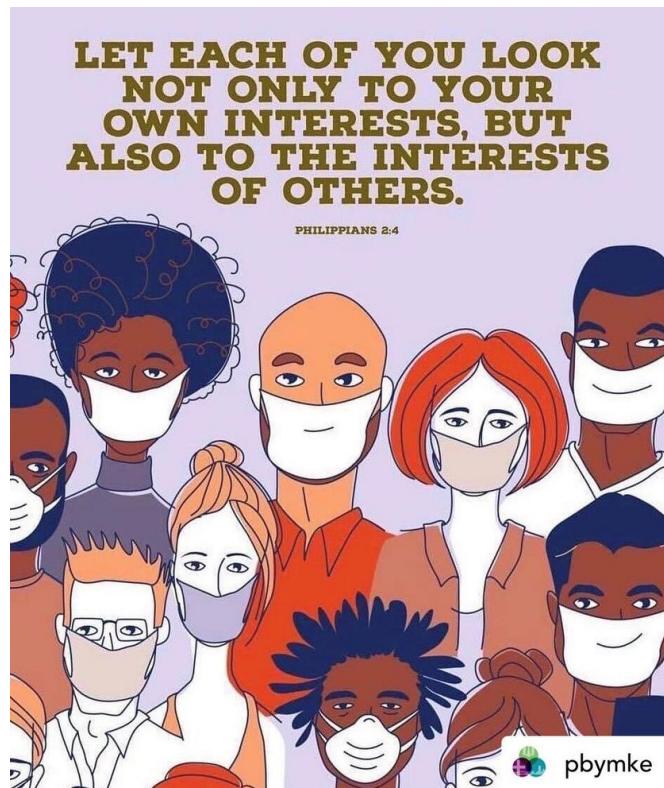
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God's Love to
Serve Others***



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This week at St. Mark

Monday 8/30	Office hours: 10-3pm
Tuesday 8/31	Office hours: 10-3pm Staff Meeting: 10:30am
Wednesday 9/1	Office hours: 10-3pm
Thursday 9/2	Morning Quilters: 9:30am
Saturday 9/4	AA: 10:30am
Sunday 9/5	Worship at 9:30am
Monday 9/6	Office Closed: Labor Day