

**The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 9, 2022**

in the 169^h Year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!

Our Mission: *“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.

We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.



Our COVID-19 Guidelines:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Face masks are optional.

Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.

Please continue to observe social distancing when passing the peace.

An Order for Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, “Green Book”)

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Jesus, meine Zuversicht* Johann Gottfried Walther (1684-1748)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK, Philip Thomas

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

P In the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination. The congregation may kneel.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your**

Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

The pastor stands and gives words of assurance.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN Praise My Soul the King of Heaven LBW, “Green”, 549**

***THE GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**



*KYRIE



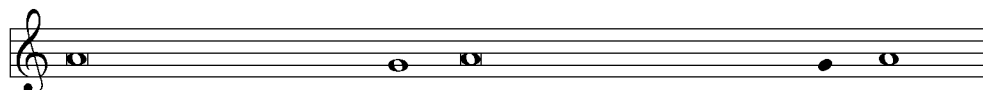
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



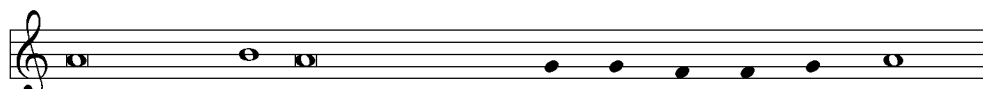
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **C** A - men

*GLORY TO GOD



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

THE FIRST LESSON.....2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

1Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. 2Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. 3She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." 7When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

8But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." 9So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. 10Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." 11But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! 12Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. 13But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" 14So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

15a-cThen he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 111

1Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

**2Great are your | works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- | light in them.**

3Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

**4You cause your wonders to | be remembered;
you are gracious and full | of compassion.**

5You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

**6You have shown your people the power | of your works
in giving them the lands | of the nations.**

7The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

**8They stand fast forev- | er and ever,
because they are done in | truth and equity.**

9You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

**10The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures
forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON.....2 Timothy 8-15

8Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, 9for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. 10Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 11The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

12if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

13if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

14Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. 15Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord
C Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 17:11-19**
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

11On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. 12As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, 13they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” 14When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. 15Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. 16He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. 17Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? 18Was none of them found to return and give praise to God accept this foreigner?” 19Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come LBW, “Green”, 360**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith, the faith in which we baptize:

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

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**

After each petition, "Hear us, O God/Your Mercy is Great".

***THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words,
and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*

ANTHEM

Kyrie from Mass for Peace


Karl Jenkins (b. 1944)

Our anthem today *Kyrie* is by Karl Jenkins from his *Mass for Peace* (1999). The text of this movement translates to “Lord, have mercy”. Jenkins begins with a simple melody sung by the sopranos and altos accompanied by an intricate organ line. Toward the conclusion, all voices enter singing the different musical ideas from the opening organ accompaniment. This is a beautiful anthem to pair with today’s Gospel lesson from Luke and the idea of mercy.


*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

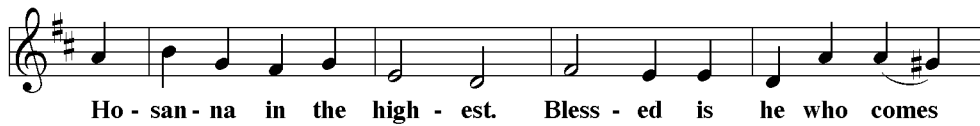
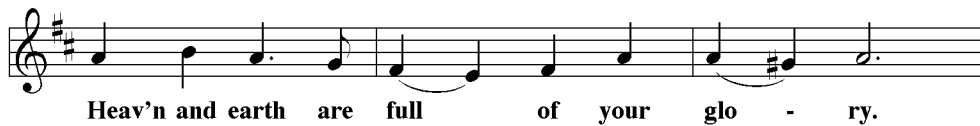


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P 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.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C 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**

***LAMB OF GOD**



C 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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:

- *Communicants as directed by ushers are asked to come forward by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

Please do not kneel at the rail.

P Christ invites you to his table. Come, taste and see.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

***AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. 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.

C Amen.

***THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with truth and peace, free you from despair,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C Amen.

***HYMN** **My Hope is Built on Nothing Less** **LBW, “Green”, 293**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace with Christ beside you.

C Amen. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Gothic Fanfare* Lester Groom (1929-2000)

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Storm and Hurricane Victims, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah.



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

Thank You

for your Kindness

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
+In Loving Memory of parents, Myron and Florence Ditchfield, husband, Charles Ditchfield and Daughter-in-law, Mary Ditchfield by Bunny Ditchfield and family.
+In Loving Memory of my daughter, Sally Ann Millikan, on her birthday, by Sally Bjornstad.



WORSHIP LEADERS (October 9, 2022)

Lectors: 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor
10:30 a.m. Ray Huff

Communion Assistants: 8:00 a.m. Jackie Kinney
10:30 a.m. Audrey and Carl Albright

Organist: Sam Robinson

Ushers: 8:00 a.m. Richard Miller / Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Carl Albright – Captain, Brenda,
Owen and Levi Gair

Altar Guild October Cindy Huff and Linda Rosini

OUR STEWARDSHIP (October 2, 2022)

Regular Offering	\$7,402.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Miscellaneous	90.00
Sunday School Offering	4.00
Blanket Appeal	80.00
Operation Christmas Child	80.00
Disaster Relief	40.00
Flower Memorials / Tributes	30.00
Synod Benevolence	75.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,861.00



BULLETIN SPONSOR

Thank You Charles and Ann Kuntz for sponsoring this week's bulletin.



**HARVEST HOME SUNDAY
DAY OF THANSGING
Sunday, October 16, 2022**

Our congregation will be celebrating a “Day of Thanksgiving "by bringing nonperishable food items for local United Churches Food Pantry. Items should be brought to church Sunday, October 9th and 16th 2022.

Bags will be available. People are given a three day supply of food. We pray you and your family will be part of this annual celebration as we thank God for what he has given us through both our offering of food and returning of our 2023 pledges.



PUMPKIN CARVING

On Saturday, October 22, 2022 we will gather in Fellowship hall for a good old fashion “Pumpkin Carving Party”. Fun, Fellowship, Creativity and Candy Corn will be the order of the evening. Pizza will fuel your creative juices to take a pumpkin from plain to amazing. The carving will begin at 5:00 p.m. Some pumpkins will be available but please feel free to bring a few to share.



**REFORMATION SUNDAY
Sunday, October 30, 2022**

Martin Luther will “make an appearance” at both our 8 and 10:30 services. Come and witness “Pastor Luther” nailing his 95 Theses to the Church Door proclaiming the “just shall live by faith”.



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God's work. Our hands.

GRATITUDE FOR "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS."

Thank you to all who participated in "God's work. Our hands." Sunday on Sept. 11! Share your photos and stories about your congregation's day of service by sending them to livinglutheran@elca.org. Check out #GodsWorkOurHands on social media to see how other congregations participated, or join the conversation by using the hashtag on your post. This annual day of service builds on the work you do in your communities every day to share God's love with your neighbors.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, November 6, All Saints Day

Sunday November 13, Shoebox Sunday

Saturday, November 19, Billtown Brass in the Nave
at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 20, Christ the King Sunday

Thursday, November 24, A National Day of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27, First Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 4, Second Sunday of Advent. Saint Nicholas visits in worship.

Sunday, December 4, **ANNUAL MEETING** following worship service.

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday, December 4 there is only ONE worship service at 9:30 a.m.



COMMEMORATIONS



Massie L. Kennard, renewer of the church, died 1996

Monday, October 10, 2022

A native of Chicago, Kennard was a major figure in supporting and working toward ethnic and racial inclusiveness in the former Lutheran Church in America.

Ordained in 1958, he served in positions including Director for Minority Concerns of the Division for Mission in North America.



Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Saturday, October 15, 2022

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

