



**Sunday, June 23, 2024**  
5th Sunday after Pentecost



**WELCOME TO  
ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

St. Mark's is a member of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. We welcome you to our worship today & hope you will worship with us again soon!

Our worship service is also available online each Sunday at 10 AM as well.

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**June Mission of the Month  
Love INC**

*Please refer to the May/June/July/August issue of the Messenger for further information regarding the mission of the month.*



**Love INC**  
**Love In the Name of Christ**  
*of Lake County*

Love INC's network of volunteers from churches are helping disadvantaged individuals to rebuild their lives and create new relationships all in the Name of Christ.

For additional information, please visit: <https://loveinclakecounty.org/>



## Welcome Pastor Dennis Kelly

### Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who creates, saves, and sends us with love that lives forever.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

**Thanks be to God.**

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the great flood that revealed nature's power and God's commitment to life after death.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the One who turned water to wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken

places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed.**

God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God.

**Amen.**

### **Gathering Song - Praise the Father, Praise the Son**

O sov'reign God, O matchless King  
The saints adore, the angels sing  
And fall before the throne on grace  
To you belongs the highest praise

These sufferings, this passing tide  
Under Your wings I will abide  
And every enemy shall flee  
You are my hope and victory

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

To the valley, for my soul  
Thy great descent has made me whole!  
You word my heart has welcomed home  
Now peace like water ever flows

Oh, praise the Father, Praise the Son  
Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
Clothed in power and in grace  
The name above all other names

Oh, praise the Father, Praise the Son  
 Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
 Clothed in power and in grace  
 The name above all other names

Yours is the kingdom  
 Yours is the power  
 Yours is the glory forever  
 Yours is the kingdom  
 Yours is the power  
 Yours is the glory forever

Praise the Father, Praise the Son  
 Praise the Spirit, Three in One  
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### **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.**

### **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Word**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

## First Reading: Job 38:1-11

A reading from Job.

*At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.*

The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Hitch up your belt like the fighter you are, I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from my womb?— when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band, and prescribed bounds for it, and set bars and doors, and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Song - Praise to You, O God of Mercy

1 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
 thanks be to you forever!  
 Raising high the weak and lowly:  
 thanks be to you forever!

2 From of old you loved and sought us:  
 thanks be to you forever!  
 Truth and justice you have taught us:  
 thanks be to you forever!

Bridge  
 Strong is your faithfulness,  
 strong is your love,  
 rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.

3 Praise to you, O God of mercy:  
 thanks be to you forever!  
 Raising high the weak and lowly:  
 thanks be to you forever!  
 Thanks be to you forever!

### **Gospel: Mark 4:35-41**

The holy gospel according to Mark. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion, and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And waking up, he rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Be silent! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

1 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 and our eternal home:

2 Under the shadow of your throne  
 your saints have dwelt secure;  
 sufficient is your arm alone,  
 and our defense is sure.

3 Before the hills in order stood  
 or earth received its frame,  
 from everlasting you are God,  
 to endless years the same.

4 A thousand ages in your sight  
 are like an evening gone,  
 short as the watch that ends the night  
 before the rising sun.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 still be our guard while troubles last  
 and our eternal home.

## **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.**

## Prayers of Intercession

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works.

**Merciful God, receive our prayer.**



Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Offertory Song - Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,  
whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
who bade the mighty ocean deep  
its own appointed limits keep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Savior, whose almighty word  
the winds and waves submissive heard,  
who walked upon the foaming deep,  
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

3 O Holy Spirit, who didst brood  
upon the chaos dark and rude,  
and bid its angry tumult cease,  
and give, for wild confusion, peace:  
oh, hear us when we cry to thee  
for those in peril on the sea.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,  
all trav'lers guard in danger's hour  
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,  
protect them wheresoe'er they go;  
thus evermore shall rise to thee  
glad hymns and praise from land and sea.



## Offering Prayer

Let us pray.

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving / Dialogue

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.**

## Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; 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 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 Lord,  
God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory, full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**



## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

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.

## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

### **Communion Song - Your Hands**

I have unanswered prayers  
I have trouble I wish wasn't there  
And I have asked a thousand ways  
That you would take my pain away  
You would take my pain away



I am trying to understand  
How to walk this weary land  
Make straight the paths that crookedly lie  
Oh Lord, before these feet of mine  
Oh Lord, before these feet of mine

When my world is shaking  
Heaven stands  
When my heart is breaking  
I never leave your hands

When you walked upon the earth  
You healed the broken, lost, and hurt  
I know you hate to see me cry  
One day you will set all things right  
Yeah, one day you will set all things right

When my world is shaking  
Heaven stands  
When my heart is breaking  
I never leave your hands

Your hands  
Your hands that shape the world  
Are holding me, they hold me still  
Your hands that shape the world  
Are holding me, they hold me still

When my world is shaking  
Heaven stands  
When my heart is breaking  
I never leave you when

When my world is shaking  
Heaven stands  
When my heart is breaking  
I never leave  
I never leave your hands

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ✠ be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song - We Praise You, O God

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
With you, Lord, beside us,  
your strong arm will guide us.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!



## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



### *Announcements & Events*

#### June 25th

St. Mark's is heading over to Stiner Pavilion for a free concert starting at 7:30 PM. If you're thinking of coming, let us know so we can get an idea of headcount. Feel free to bring treats/snacks to share.

It's all about community and enjoying good company!

<https://www.stmarkslutheran.us/the-mystery-of-the-maestro-stiner-pavilion.html>

#### July 14th

Sunday Funday

Stay tuned for additional details.

*Please feel free to join the following small groups:*

**Women of St. Mark's** - 1st Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

**Yarns of Compassion** - 3rd Monday of the month @ 7 PM.

**Reflections in the Spirit** - 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 PM.

**Reflections of the Seasons** - 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 12 PM

*(September thru May)*

**Zoom Weekly Bible Study** - Wednesday Night @ 7 PM

**Gather Bible Study** - 2nd Friday of the month @ 5:30 PM.

**Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting** - Fri. Night @ 7 PM in the fellowship hall.

## Come as You Are, Whoever You Are

**Everyone is welcome at St. Mark's, no matter what you have done, what has been done to you, what darkness or struggles you have faced, and regardless of whether you have been marginalized by society or denied involvement by other churches.**

**All are worthy of God's love and grace. We celebrate diversity, and seek to be inclusive of every race, ethnicity, faith background, age, economic status, political affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental ability, or anything else that divides us.**

**Christ's church is not ours to control, nor is it our job to sort, divide, categorize or exclude. But it is our place to love all our neighbors, aid the less fortunate, and to be a voice on their behalf.**

**Welcome!**

**“Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” Romans 15:7**

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