



Sunday, July 7, 2024
7th 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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**July Mission of the Month
Waukegan to College**

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



Waukegan to College creates brighter futures for students, families and communities by preparing students to enroll in and graduate from college. For more info visit <https://www.waukegantocollege.org/>


Pastor Cranmer - Welcome**Gathering**

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of cleansing water. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

People of God, in the waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our mistakes, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

You, O God, wash us clean.

Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

You, O God, give us new life.

The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the people of Christ.

You, O God, give us new life

Rejoice that God has claimed us in this grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

You, O God, give us new life

And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of cleansing that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life and new possibilities. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathering Song - How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

4 "Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne."

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.

God of grace and glory, you call us to share the good news of your kingdom. Grant us the courage and faithfulness of the apostles, that we may bear witness to your love and peace in every aspect of our lives. Empower us to proclaim your presence with confidence and compassion, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

A reading from Ezekiel.

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Halle Halle Hallelujah
 Halle Halle Hallelujah
 Halle Halle Hallelujah
 Hallelujah, Hallelujah

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great commission:
 "Heal the sick and preach the word."
 Lest the church neglect its mission,
 and the gospel go unheard,
 help us witness to your purpose
 with renewed integrity: Refrain

[Refrain]

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:
 "In my name baptize and teach."
 That the world may trust your promise,
 life abundant meant for each,
 give us all new fervor, draw us
 closer in community: Refrain

[Refrain]

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us for the work of ministry.

4 Lord, you show us love's true measure:
 "Father, what they do, forgive."
 Yet we hoard as private treasure
 all that you so freely give.
 May your care and mercy lead us
 to a just society: Refrain

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

One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit,
 we join our voices in prayer.

A moment of silence.

Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are marginalized by church or society.

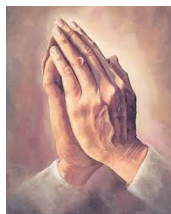
In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end.

In your mercy, hear our prayer.

Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



Announcements

Offertory Song - Here I Am, Lord

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?"

[Refrain]

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?" [Refrain]

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?" [Refrain]



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 - Unbroken Family: Sarah Kroger / Village Lights

Praise to the Father and the Son
And with the Spirit, they are one
United by a common love
They are family

O Savior, come and make a home
With stubborn hearts of sin and stone
Made humbled by Your kindness shown
Lord have mercy, have mercy

You became our transgressions
 To give the kiss of peace
 Lifted high upon the cross
 You dared to dream

For a world that is broken
 Your heart was torn open
 So that we could be
 An unbroken family

Father, receive Your wayward child
 Untamed and fully reconciled
 You mend our hearts and leave them wild
 For Your glory, Your glory

You became our transgressions
 To give the kiss of peace
 Lifted high upon the cross
 You dared to dream

For a world that is broken
 Your heart was torn open
 So that we could be
 An unbroken family
 Oh, that we could be
 Your unbroken family

Undivided
 Nothing can separate us now
 Reunited
 There is no height, no depth
 There's nothing else

Undivided
 Nothing can separate us now
 Reunited
 There is no height, no depth
 There's nothing else

That we could be
 An unbroken family
 Oh, that we could be
 Your unbroken family
 For a world that is broken
 Your heart was torn open

So that we could be
 An unbroken family
 Oh, that we could be
 Your unbroken family

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ 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 God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

Amen.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song - The House of the Lord

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 We won't be quiet
 We shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
We won't be quiet
Oh we shout out Your praise
We shout out Your praise

We worship the God who was
We worship the God who is
We worship the God who evermore will be

He opened the prison doors
He parted the raging sea
Our God He holds the victory

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
We won't be quiet
Oh we shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
Our God is surely in this place
We won't be quiet
Oh we shout out Your praise
Oh we shout out Your praise

We sing to the God who heals
We sing to the God who saves
We sing to the God who always makes a way

'Cause He hung upon that cross
And He rose up from that grave
My God's still rolling stones away

There's joy in the house of the Lord
There's joy in the house of the Lord today
We won't be quiet
Oh we shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 We won't be quiet
 Oh we shout out Your praise

We were the beggars and now we're royalty
 We were the prisoners and now we're running free
 We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace
 Let the house of the Lord sing praise

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 Let the house of the Lord sing praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 We won't be quiet
 Oh we shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
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 Oh we shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 There's joy in the house of the Lord today
 We won't be quiet
 Oh we shout out Your praise

There's joy in the house of the Lord
 Our God is surely in this place
 We won't be quiet
 Oh we shout out Your praise

Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



Announcements & Events

July 2nd, July 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

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 Hawaiian Luau

<https://www.stmarkslutheran.us/sunday-funday-hawaiian-luau.html>

July 19th

COOL 20th Annual Golf Outing—Bonnie Brook Golf Course
www.coolministries.org

July 21st

Aaron Arnold, Executive Director at Waukegan College will be preaching.

Pray, Praise, & Play from **10:15 - 11 AM**

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.

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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