



**Sunday, July 21, 2024**  
9th 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**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**Amen.**

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 baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

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 - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
 Christ, our head and cornerstone,  
 chosen of the Lord and precious,  
 binding all the church in one;  
 holy Zion's help forever  
 and our confidence alone.

2 To this temple, where we call you,  
 come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
 come, with all your lovingkindness,  
 hear your people as they pray;  
 and your fullest benediction  
 shed within these walls today.

4 Praise and honor to the Father,  
 praise and honor to the Son,  
 praise and honor to the Spirit,  
 ever three and ever one:  
 one in might and one in glory  
 while unending ages run!

### **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, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word

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

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-4**

A reading from Jeremiah.

*Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BCE. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the “flock” of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David’s line to save Israel and Judah.*

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22**

A reading from Ephesians.

*The author of this letter reminds his audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.*

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that

he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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: 6:30-34, 53-56**

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

*When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.*

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at

once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day - My Soul Has Found a Resting Place

1 My faith has found a resting place,  
from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One,  
his wounds for me shall plead.

[Refrain]

I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
it is enough that Jesus died,  
and that he died for me.

2 Enough for me that Jesus saves,  
this ends my fear and doubt;  
a sinful soul, I come to him,  
he'll never cast me out. [Refrain]

3 My heart is leaning on the Word,  
the written Word of God,  
salvation by my Savior's name,  
salvation thro' his blood. [Refrain]

4 My great Physician heals the sick,  
the lost he came to save;  
for me his precious blood he shed,  
for me his life he gave. [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.*

For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

For this assembly and for the faith communities of all the church: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age.

**In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving for those who have died: Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God.

**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 - Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want  
 He makes me lie down in green pastures  
 He leads me beside still waters  
 He restores my soul

He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name-sake

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
 I will fear no evil

For you are with me Your rod and your staff they comfort me  
 They comfort me



You prepare a table before me  
 In the presence of my enemies You anoint my head with oil,  
 my cup overflows  
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
 All the days of my life  
 And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever  
 Forever

Forever (I shall dwell in the house of the Lord)  
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I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
 I shall dwell

In the house of the Lord is my shepherd I shall not want

### **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.**

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 - The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth  
and, where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me,  
thy rod and staff my comfort still;  
thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.



## 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

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song - Shall Not Want

Will You be my light, when I cannot see?  
 And when I can't take another step  
 Lord, would You carry me?  
 And when I've lost my fight, will You be my strength?  
 Will You set me a table in the presence of my enemies?

I shall not want, I shall not want  
 Oh, my soul's got a shepherd in the valley and I shall not want  
 I shall not want, I shall not want  
 'Cause my cup's running over, running over and I shall not want

And I will lift my eyes to where my help comes from  
 And I won't be afraid of the shadow  
 'Cause I've seen the sun  
 No, I will not stop, when the way gets hard  
 'Cause the green only grows in the valley  
 And that's where You are

I shall not want, I shall not want  
 Oh, my soul's got a shepherd in the valley and I shall not want  
 I shall not want, I shall not want  
 'Cause my cup's running over, running over and I shall not want

I've got everything that I need  
 Your goodness and Your mercy  
 I've got everything that I need  
 Your goodness and Your mercy  
 I've got everything that I need  
 Your goodness and Your mercy

I've got goodness and I've got mercy  
 Hallelu, glory hallelujah  
 I've got goodness and I've got mercy  
 halleu, glory hallelujah

I've got goodness and I've got mercy  
 hallelu, glory hallelujah  
 The Good Shepherd leads me to the waters  
 Hallelu, glory hallelujah

And He anoints me, anoints me with His oil  
 hallelu, glory hallelujah  
 now my cup is  
 my cup is running over  
 hallelu, glory hallelujah

I won't fear no, fear no evil  
 hallelu, glory hallelujah  
 I will dwell in His house forever  
 hallelu, glory hallelujah  
 hallelujah, hallelujah

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**



Announcements & Events

July 23rd, 30th and Aug. 6th

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!

July 28th

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

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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