



**Sunday, October 27, 2024**  
23rd Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation Sunday



**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.

To find us online, please visit our website, YouTube, Facebook:

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**Mission of the Month  
Social Justice / Prison Ministry**

“I was in prison and you came to visit me.” - Matthew 25:36



Chicagoland Prison Outreach exists to bring the love of Christ to currently or previously incarcerated men and women and their families throughout the Chicagoland region.

To provide support and guidance to these hurting people, we provide a range of Christian worship services, discipleship classes, individual counseling, vocational training and job preparation services.

*Please refer to the September-December issue of the Messenger for further information regarding the mission of the month.*

  
**Pastor Colin Cranmer - Welcome****Gathering**

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

**Gathering Song - Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

1. Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
with a liberating light;  
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,  
turning blindness into sight.  
Praise the One who preached the gospel,  
healing ev'ry dread disease,  
calming storms and feeding thousands  
with the very bread of peace.
  
3. Praise the one true love incarnate:  
Christ, who suffered in our place;  
Jesus died and rose for many  
that we may know God by grace.  
Let us sing for joy and gladness,  
seeing what our God has done.  
Praise the one redeeming glory;  
praise the One who makes us one.

**Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ✙ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## **Kyrie**

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
 Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
 Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
 Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**



For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord

**Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way,  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.**

### **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.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **Word**

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

### **First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from Acts.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon**

### **Lutheranism 101 Series Overview**

For the next three weeks, we'll be stepping away from the lectionary to focus on a special sermon series called *Lutheranism 101*. This series will explore the foundational beliefs of Lutheranism, what it means to be a follower of Jesus, and how our faith shapes our lives and mission here at St. Mark's. We'll also be leading up to a special Commitment Sunday, where we'll invite our congregation to prayerfully consider their financial support for the church's mission in the coming year. This series is designed to strengthen our understanding of who we are and where God is calling us as a church community.

### **Week 3: "Living Out Our Faith Together" (Commitment Sunday)**

## Hymn of the Day - 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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### **New Zealand Creed**

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
 You create our world and give us life.  
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
 You have always been with us.  
 You are God.  
 You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
 good beyond all measure.  
 You came to us before we came to you.  
 You have revealed and proved  
 Your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
 Who lived and died and rose again.  
 You are God.  
 You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
 You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
 You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
 You are our God. We worship You.  
 Amen.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church,  
 the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated.  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice.  
**God of grace, hear our prayer.**



Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever.

**God of grace, hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Announcements**

### **Offering Song - As The Deer**

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

I want You more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy.

You alone are the real joy-giver and the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.



You're my Friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King.  
 I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.  
 You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield.  
 You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

### **Offering Prayer**

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, 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**

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 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.**

## **Lamb of God**

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 - In Christ Alone**

In Christ alone, my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

What heights of love, what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease  
My Comforter, my All in All  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
 Fullness of God in helpless babe  
 This gift of love and righteousness  
 Scorned by the ones He came to save

'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
 The wrath of God was satisfied  
 For every sin on Him was laid  
 Here in the death of Christ I live, I live

There in the ground His body lay  
 Light of the world by darkness slain  
 Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
 Up from the grave He rose again

And as He stands in victory  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
 For I am His and He is mine  
 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
 This is the power of Christ in me  
 From life's first cry to final breath  
 Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
 Can ever pluck me from His hand  
 Till He returns or calls me home  
 Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

### **Prayer after Communion**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song - Boldly I approach

By grace alone somehow I stand  
 Where even angels fear to tread  
 Invited by redeeming love  
 Before the throne of God above  
 He pulls me close with nail scarred hands  
 Into His everlasting arms

When condemnation grips my heart  
 And Satan tempts me to despair  
 I hear the voice that scatters fear  
 The Great I Am The Lord is here  
 Oh praise the One who fights for me  
 And shields my soul eternally

Boldly I approach Your throne  
 Blameless now I'm running home  
 By Your blood I come  
 Welcomed as Your own  
 Into the arms of majesty

Behold the bright and risen Son  
 More beauty than this world has known  
 I'm face to face with Love Himself  
 His perfect spotless righteousness  
 A thousand years, a thousand tongues  
 Are not enough to sing His praise



Boldly I approach Your throne  
Blameless now I'm running home  
By Your blood I come  
Welcomed as Your own  
Into the arms of majesty

This is the art of celebration  
Knowing we're free from condemnation  
Oh praise the One, praise the One  
Who made an end to all my sin

**Dismissal:**

Go in peace, you are Christ's body.

**Thanks be to God.**



**Altar Flowers Presented By Nancy Inskip**

In memory of Nathan's Birthday



Announcements & Events

**Month of November - Sunday School Kids Collecting Items for COOL**

The Sunday school kids are collecting items for a Thanksgiving Meal that will be delivered to COOL on November 25th. The kids will gather items through November and on the 24th they will have a "Gratitude Party"

**Sunday, November 3rd**

All Saints Sunday - Join us for a heartfelt worship service.

**Thursday, November 7th**

Chili Supper to benefit the COOL Food Pantry

3:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$10 Adults / \$5 Children (10 & under)

Carry out available

**Sunday, November 10th**

Congregational Meeting after worship service.

If you have not done so in the past year, please fill out a Communion Registration card next time you are at church. This card, along with a contribution of record will allow you to vote at the meeting. Completed cards can be left in the offering plate, or in the donation box located outside the sanctuary in the narthex.

*Miss Jenny has offered to keep the kids later so parents/grandparents can attend the meeting. She can even take some of the 3-4 year olds.*

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.

**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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