

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m. Our Daily Ministers are The People of St. Mark's Reverend Thomas Omholt, Interim Pastor Vicar Carrie Hoff, Intern

WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship. Please sign the Attendance Sheets located in the pews.

October 2, 2022 17th Sunday after Pentecost Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days. **Amen.** Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen. Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

** SHARING OF THE PEACE The peace of the Lord be with you always And also with you.

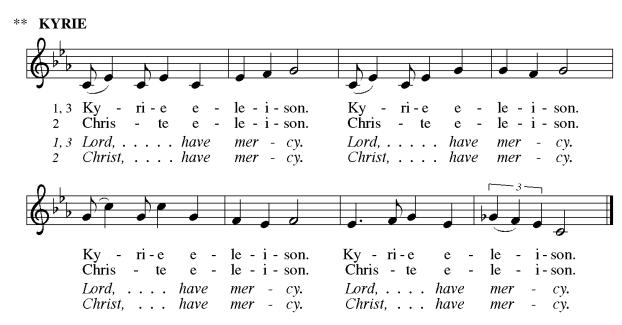
** PROCESSION HYMN

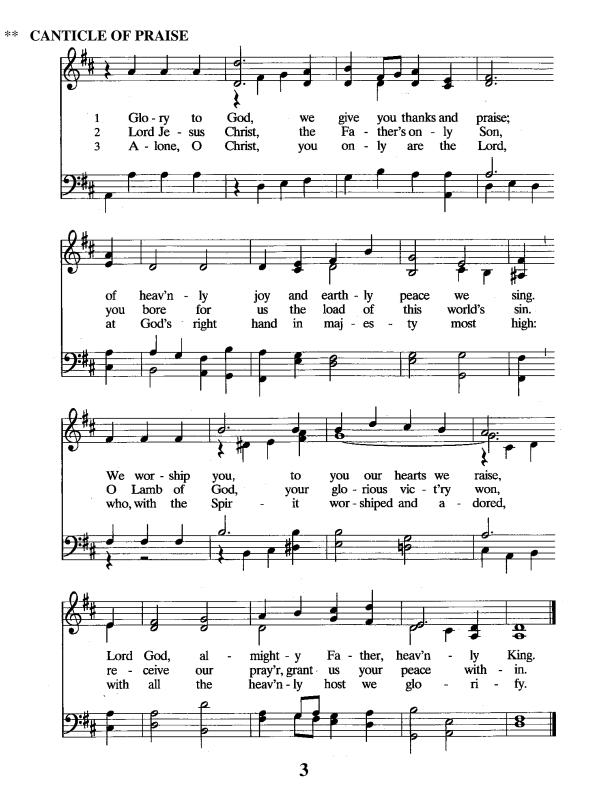
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** **GREETING**

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.**

" God Is Here!"





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** PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgment comes forth perverted. ^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. ²Then the LORD answered me and said: Write the vision: make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. ³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. ⁴Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD. (Ps. 37:5)

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers; do not be jealous of those who do wrong. ²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away. ³Put your trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture. ⁴Take delight in the LORD, who shall give you your heart's desire. R ⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD, and see what God will do. ⁶The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun. ⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes. ⁸Refrain from anger, leaverage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil. ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land. **R**

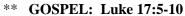
SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





The Holy Gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

⁷"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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

SERMON

Vicar Carrie Hoff

** HYMN OF THE DAY

No. 804

" Come Down, O Love Divine "

** APOSTLE'S 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

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ (*rostered and lay leaders may be named*). Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster (*especially*): relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (*especially*). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died (*especially*). Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

" The Music of Creation "

** OFFERTORY HYMN

No. 188

" Create in Me a Clean Heart "

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Gracious God, In your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, And make us ready to share with all in need; Through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Amen.**

** LORD'S PRAYER Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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. ** BLESSING

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **Amen.**

** RECESSIONAL HYMN

" My Faith Looks Up to Thee "

** **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



St. Mark's Mission Statement

"United in Christ, Sharing his Good News, we invite all people to grow in God's love."

Church Calendar October 2, 2022 – October 9, 2022

Today	- Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
	- Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.
	- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday - Yoga 6 p.m.

- **Thursday** Bell Choir Practice at 7 p.m.
 - Choir Practice at 8 p.m.
- Next Sunday Sunday School at 8:45 a.m.
 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
 - with Holy Communion
 - Discussion with Pastor Tom and Bishop Riegel

Serving Today

Acolyte:

Lector:

Organist:

Recording:

Safekeeper:

Ushers:

Music Directors:

Hank Lewis Gary Wotherspoon Debi and Sean Beachy Mike Broderick Kathy Johnson Joyce Anderson Paul Lewis, Capt, Liz Lewis, David Hoff, Bob Dempsey



The Altar flowers are sponsored by Don & Suzie Sincell, in honor of Hannah Sincell.

Prayer Requests



Illness: Linda Thomas, Judy Sconyers, Peter Finni, Dianne Goller, Ann DeBerry, David Lewis, Larue Lewis, Nancy Nemith, Marilyn Filemyr, Fletcher Layne, Ted Garrett, Griffith Rees, Paula Redinger, Carson Stocks, Elizabeth Regina, Loretta Baille, Bill Skinner

Special Needs: Brady

Announcements

Contact Update

We are sharing information by email, OneCall, Facebook, and Newsletter. If you have had a change in your current information that would allow us to stay connected, please contact the church office. If you don't receive a particular avenue for this information, again, contact the office to make sure we have what works best for you.

Autumn Glory Mums

It is time to start thinking about our Mum orders for Autumn Glory Weekend decoration. If you are interested in ordering mums, please reach out to the church office to discuss options this year.

The Festival of Reformation

We are having a reformation party here at St. Mark's. Let's go all out to celebrate by wearing period clothing and fellowshipping with authentic German food. Reach out to the office with any questions or help that interests you. There will be some activities planned for the day as well!

Coffee Hours in October

There are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for various coffee hours that will be happening in October. Stop by and see if you are able to help out with any of them. We are having a full breakfast on the 9th, snacks on the 16th, and German cuisine on the 30th! We need help setting up and clean-up, too. We are always in need of bottle water, as well. Without your help, we couldn't make each of these fellowshipping opportunities work. Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Now, Lord





Upcoming Events

- Today Blessing of the Animals
- October 9 4th Focus Point Connections
- October 15 Autumn Glory with booth before the parade
- October 16 Stewardship Sunday
- October 30 Reformation Sunday & St. Mark's Inaugural Reformation Party
- November 27 Advent begins
- December 24 Christmas Eve Service
- December 25 Lessons & Carols Worship Service

*** It is time to order flowers for Autumn Glory 2022!*** They will be ordered in an assortment of colors Name: ______ Phone or Email:_____ Dedication(s): Cost is \$5.00 for 8" pot #_____ \$20.00 for Tri-Color in 24" pot Payment of \$______ enclosed Cash or Check Can also do a direct debit Would you like to sponsor some of the pumpkins, gourds, and other foliage? Contact Ellda