



God's Work ~ Our Hands

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
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Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor*

WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

September 8, 2024
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“ Fairest Lord Jesus ” arr. Gail Smith

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

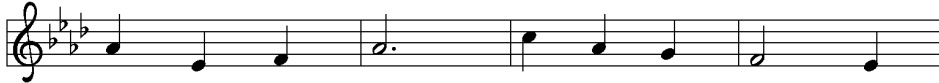
God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always
And also with you.

**** OPENING HYMN**

“ Earth and All Stars ”



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class - rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl - edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to	the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Hail,	wind,	and	rain!	Loud	blow - ing	snow - storm!
Harp,	lute,	and	lyre!	Loud	hum - ming	cel - los!
Lime - stone	and	beams!	Loud	build - ing	work - ers!	
Ath - lete	and	band!	Loud	cheer - ing	peo - ple!	
Daugh - ter	and	son!	Loud	pray - ing	mem - bers!	



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Refrain



God	has	done	mar	-	vel - ous	things.
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I	too	sing	prais - es	with	a	new	song!
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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.

** KYRIE



Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer-cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.



Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Christ, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Christ, have . .



so - tros. Cris - to, Cris - to, ten pie -
mer - cy. Christ, . . have mer - cy on



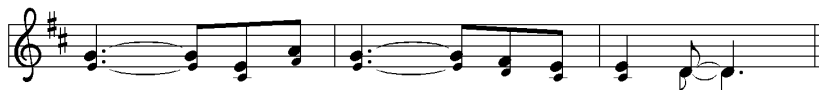
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Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie - dad; ten pie - dad de no -
Lord, . . have mer - cy on us; O . . . Lord, have . . .



so - tros. Se - ñor, Se - ñor, ten pie -
mer - cy. Lord, . . have mer - cy on



dad; ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
us; O . . . Lord, have . . mer - cy.

**** CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



Y en la tie - rra paz pa - ra a - que - llos que a - ma el Se - ñor.
And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A reading from Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, “Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.” ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

PSALM: Psalm 146

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: I will praise the LORD as long as I live. (Ps. 146:2)

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

²**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish. R**

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous. R**

⁹The LORD cares for the stranger;

the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰**The LORD shall reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah! R

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A reading from James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? ⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor

of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.] ¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical score consists of four staves of music in a treble clef, key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#), and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are written below the notes.

Staff 1:
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Staff 2:
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Staff 3:
¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Staff 4:
a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le - lu - ya!
 al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**** GOSPEL: Mark 7:24-37**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. ³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking

up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

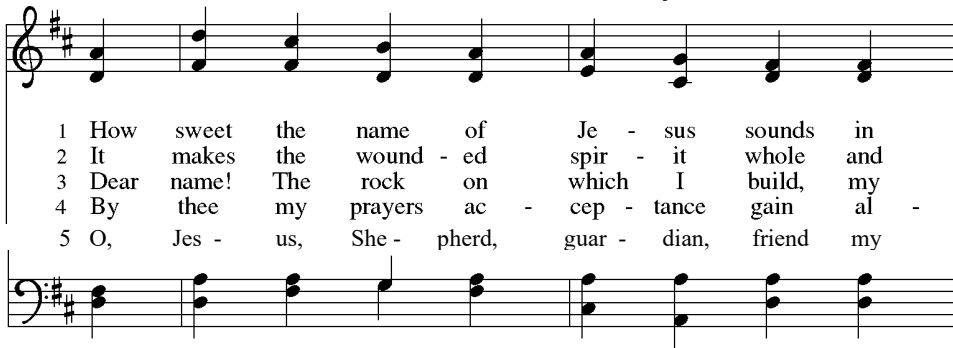
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

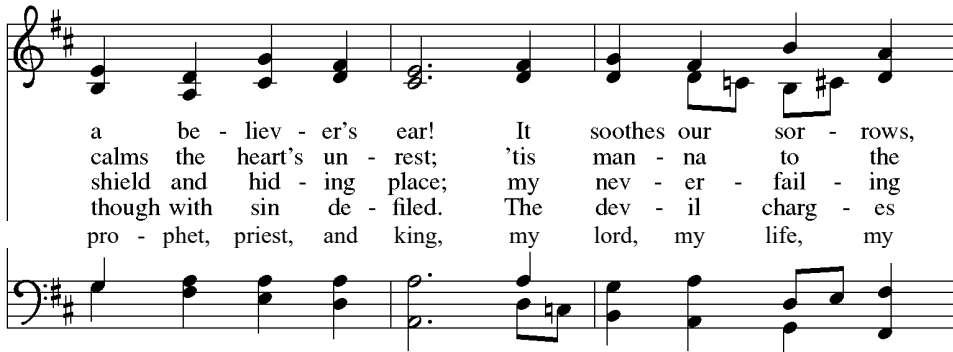
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** HYMN OF THE DAY

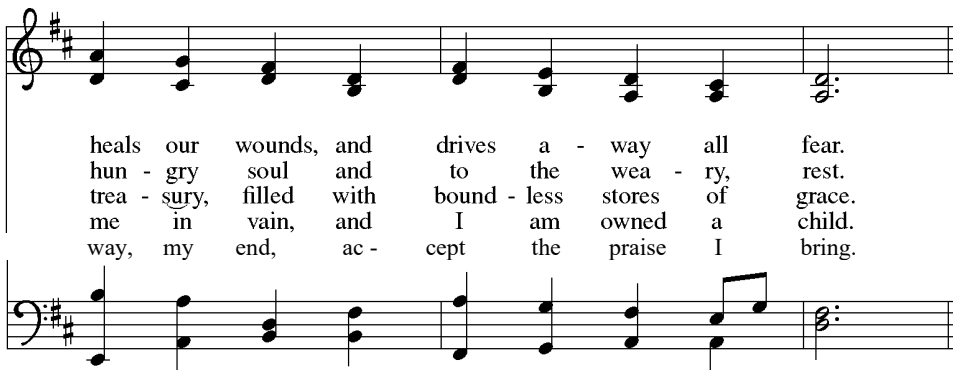
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2 It makes the woun - ed spir - it whole and
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, my
4 By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -
5 O, Jes - us, She - pherd, guar - dian, friend my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my nev - er - fail - ing
though with sin de - filed. The dev - il charg - es
pro - phet, priest, and king, my lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
treas - ure, filled with bound - less stores of grace.
me in vain, and I am owned a child.
way, my end, ac - cept the praise I bring.

**** APOSTLES 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**

Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Awaken in our communities of faith a spirit of radical hospitality. Encourage our churches to celebrate and embrace people of diverse backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. Deepen our commitment to ecumenical and interreligious partnerships (*local partners may be named*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bring forth water to nourish plants and animals in places suffering from drought. Renew our commitments to protect rivers, lakes, and streams, and make us good stewards of water in our homes and communities. Preserve wetland habitats and the creatures that make their homes there. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire leaders of cities, nations, and tribes to lead with wisdom and humility. Bring peace among peoples in conflict (*especially*) and strengthen global commitments to nonviolent solutions. Guide all who seek refuge from war to a safe haven. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Comfort all who live with chronic illness. Surround them in your tender embrace and sustain all who provide ongoing care and support. Bring hope and healing to people struggling with addiction and nourish the spirits of all who are in recovery. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Nurture in all people the gift of your creating Spirit. Inspire artists and musicians, woodworkers and quilters, poets and dancers. Revive those whose artistic wells have run dry and enliven all who doubt their creative talents. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We give you thanks for all who have died and now find their rest in you. May their faithful witness guide us in our daily life with you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“ Gather By The River To Pray ”

** OFFERTORY HYMN

“ Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow ”

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

** OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

** BLESSING

God all mighty, God most merciful ✠ bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

Amen.

**** CLOSING HYMN***“ O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing ”*

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;
5 Look un - to him, your sav - ior own, oh fall - en hu - man race!

the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri - umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
sings mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
Look and be saved through faith a - lone, be jus - ti - fied by grace!

The musical score consists of four systems. The first system has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system has a bass clef and the same key signature. The third system has a treble clef and the same key signature. The fourth system has a bass clef and the same key signature. The lyrics are placed between the systems.

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.**POSTLUDE***“ Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ”* arr. John Kraus



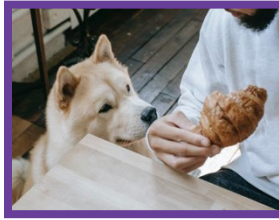
Prayer Requests

Illness: Shirley & Carl Spiker, Joshua Wilhelm, Cheri Himes, Janice, Uncle Bill, Charles Long, Roy Gilbert, Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Susie, Jim Bloom, Fred, Sara, Sandra, Darryl, Merrily Clark, Carl (Devin Swift's friend), Ann Lee Colaw, Dalton S., Hannah Sincell, Donna Hanline, Joe Cook, Phillip, Terry Helbig, Cara Upole

Special Needs: Mark Weeks, Amy Bacha, Heather Scriven, Addison Reyna, Riley, Eddie & Baby Ada, Jim, Gary Wotherspoon, Chase

Upcoming Events

Today	Congregational Picnic
Tuesday, September 10	Yoga Begins 5-6 pm
Sunday, September 22	Adult Forum at 8:30am
	Ministry Teams Spotlight Coffee Hour
Sunday, September 29	New Member's Sunday
Sunday, October 6	Blessing of the Pets
Saturday, October 12	Autumn Glory Booths
Sunday, October 27	Reformation



September 8, 2024, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Mark 7:24-37

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of grace and mercy, you call us to lives of faith, yet we often forget that living our faith means taking action on behalf of those whose daily needs are not met, who face oppression, or who we would rather not think about. Shake us out of our complacency and walk alongside us as we strive to put our faith in you into action on behalf of others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." (Mark 7:27-28)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

A Gentile woman in the region of Tyre went to Jesus for help for her demon-possessed daughter. When Jesus replied to her request with a prejudiced comment against gentiles, the woman shrewdly gave an answer that led to her daughter's recovery.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Do you think Jesus made a mistake when he turned down the Gentile woman's request for healing for her daughter? Why or why not? What would it mean if Jesus made a mistake?
- For the littles: Do you like dogs or cats more? Why?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God hear your pleas and respond with "yes!" Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Consider who in your local community are considered outcasts. Find out if there's an organization in your area to support relations with them. Reach out and learn what you can. Take steps to bridge the gap.



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 8:32-9:6; Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Tuesday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 11:1-31; Hebrews 12:3-13

Wednesday, Psalm 73:1-20; Proverbs 14:1-9; Matthew 17:14-21

Thursday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 15:1-17; Hebrews 11:17-22

Friday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 19:24-29; James 2:17-26

Saturday, Psalm 19; Proverbs 21:1-17; Matthew 21:23-32

St. Mark's Mission Statement

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

Church Calendar September 8, 2024 – September 15, 2024

- Today** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- St. Mark's Congregational Picnic
- Tuesday** - Yoga 5:00-6:00 p.m.
- Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion

Serving Today

Acolyte:

Riley Feathers

Lector:

Betsy Dempsey

Music Directors:

Sean & Debi Beachy

Recording:

Nicole Bosley

Ushers:

Paul Lewis, Capt.

Liz Lewis, Bob Dempsey, Dave Hoff

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at carriehoff@outlook.com or
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Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers are given by Terry & Carol Savage
in honor of Miles 1st birthday today and Cole's 13th birthday Thursday!