



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

Rev. Carrie Hoff, Pastor

WELCOME

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

August 3, 2025
8th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“ O, Worship the King ” by Franklin Ritter

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✙ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

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

Amen.

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. **Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God’s children through faith. In the cross of ✙ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 655

“ Son of God, Eternal Savior ”

**** 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

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

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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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo-ple. Glo - ry to God.

** PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14 2:18-23

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

We will read the Psalm responsively, starting with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

¹ Hear this, all you peoples;

give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

² **you of high degree and low,**

rich and poor together.

³ My mouth shall speak of wisdom,

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

⁴ **I will incline my ear to a proverb**

and set forth my riddle upon the harp. R

⁵ Why should I be afraid in evil days,

when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

⁶ **the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,**

and boast of their great riches?

⁷ One can never redeem another,

or give to God the ransom for another's life;

⁸ **for the ransom of a life is so great**

that there would never be enough to pay it,

⁹ in order to live forever and ever

and never see the grave.

¹⁰ **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish**

and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

¹¹ Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,

though they had named lands after themselves.

¹² **Even though honored, they cannot live forever;**

they are like the beasts that perish. R

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya,
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

a - le - lu - ya! A - le - lu - ya!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

** GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’” ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’” ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Tom Omholt

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 589

“All Depends on Our Possessing ”

**** 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 *(Please be seated)*

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear (*especially*). Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

“ You Say ”

**** OFFERTORY HYMN**

No. 188

“ Create in Me a Clean Heart ”

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **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**

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✚ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 650

“ In Christ There is No East or West ”

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God. We WILL!

POSTLUDE

“ Short Postlude ”

by Norton Charles

St. Mark's Mission Statement

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

Church Calendar August 3, 2025 – August 10, 2025

- Today** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday - No Yoga at 10:00 a.m.
Next Sunday - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
- with Holy Communion
- with Back to School Blessing
- Congregational Meeting after Worship

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nicklaus Bennett
Lector:	JoAnn Kinzy
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Special Music:	Debi Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recording:	Renate Murray
Safe Keeper:	Jana Brown
Ushers:	Terry Savage, Capt. Carol Savage, Paul LeDuc, Donna Swift

Pastor Carrie can be reached by email at pastorcarrie@stmarksoakland.com or
phone 443-974-1738 for any pastoral needs or concerns.



The altar flowers are placed in loving memory of our dear sweet friend,
Sue Liller by Dawn & Ed Panther.



Prayer Requests

Illness: Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Cheri Scheffel, Emelee DeWitt, Gary Wotherspoon, Bill Roszell, Helen Ferrell, Valerie Minor, Paul LeDuc, Dave Hoff, John Scriven, Gary, Philip, Jax, Lia Marie, Paul, Shirley, Margaret.

Special Needs: Chase, Steph & Sarah, Will Roszell, Terry, Sharron, Elaine, Cayce, Bill, Tom, Sharon, Wes.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, August 10

Back to School Blessing for Young Adults and Youth
Congregational Meeting

Sunday, September 14 Outside Worship Service at the Lewis Pavilion

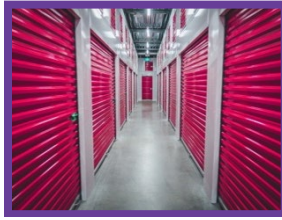
Announcements

Membership

If you're interested in becoming a member of St. Mark's, please reach out to Pastor Carrie. She would love to set up a time to talk with you about what it means to be part of our church community, to live out your faith in the Lutheran tradition, and to walk together in fellowship and service.

Congregational Meeting

A Congregational meeting will be scheduled after worship service on Sunday August 10 for the single purpose of securing approval to dedicate funds for the restoration of the Church elevator. Council Property Committee will present a review of the cost proposal for this project. Council requests that members of the Congregational plan to attend this meeting.



August 3, 2025, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Luke 12:13-21

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 all, we are so often pulled away from you by the pursuit of material things, of recognition, of what we can get from the world. Draw us back to you, and remind us that our only treasure is in your abundant grace, mercy, and love. Give us generous hearts to share with all of creation what you have first given us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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

¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." (Luke 12:15)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

When two men argued over their inheritance, Jesus taught them a better way. Fight not for what you have, but for who you are.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- If you won the lottery, what would be the first thing you would buy? What would the item mean to you? What would say about you? Can you obtain similar meaning and identity in another way?
- For the littles: How much stuff is too much?



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God bless your intangibles. Amen.



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

Make a list of your five best qualities. Which is being underutilized? Plan to use your best gifts more often.



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

Sunday, Hosea 11:1-11; Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23;

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Monday, Psalm 60; Hosea 11:12-12:14; Colossians 3:18-4:1

Tuesday, Psalm 60; Hosea 13:1-16; Colossians 4:2-6

Wednesday, Psalm 60; Hosea 14:1-9; Luke 12:22-31

Thursday, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:8-17; Romans 9:1-9

Friday, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 9:18-10:4; Acts 7:1-8

Saturday, Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Isaiah 1:2-9, 21-23; Matthew 6:19-24