

Joint Worship Service on Sunday, September 3, 2023, at 10:30am

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We love that you are here.  
The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red) and the Blue German Hymnal.  
The liturgy is printed in the worship bulletin.*

P (Pastor) L (Lector) **C (Congregation)**

**Prelude** Ringing of the Bells Organist: Shannon  
Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 527: Lord Jesus Christ, be present now**  
**Eingangslied # 155: Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'**

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

**C:** We confess that we are in bondage of sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

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

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 26:

P: Support me, O Lord, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the Lord without wavering.

**C: Prove me, O Lord, and try me; test my heart and mind.**

P: For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in faithfulness to you.

**C: I hate the company of evildoers and will not sit with the wicked.**

P: I wash my hands in innocence, and go around your altar, O Lord,

**C: singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and telling all your wondrous deeds.**

P: O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides.

**C: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with the bloodthirsty,**

P: those in whose hands are evil devices, and whose right hands are full of bribes.

**C: But as for me, I walk in my integrity; redeem me, and be gracious to me.**

P: My foot stands on level ground; in the great congregation I will bless the Lord.

Reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans, from chapter 12:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil but overcome evil with good.

**Celtic Halleluia # 174**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
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Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16, 21 – 18:

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

**Hymn of the Day: English # 858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty  
Predigtlied German # 317, 1 – 3 & 5: Lobe den Herren**

*Thank you for your offering!*

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

***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 again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

### Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God in your mercy - **C: hear our prayer**

### Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

### The Great Thanksgiving

*All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers and grape-juice are available upon request. If you are not communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If being served communion at your seat is easier, please let the usher know and servers will come to you.*

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise**



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P: It is indeed right...*concluding*: We praise your name and join their unending praise:

**C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life,  
heaven and earth declare your splendor. Praise, glory, and love are yours.**

Words of institution - The Lord's Prayer

**Vater unser im Himmel**, geheiligt werde dein Name.  
Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.  
Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schuld,  
wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.  
Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.  
Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.  
Amen.

**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 the evil one.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table – Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessing  
Sending Hymn # 547

**Postlude**

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Announcements**

September 8th, 2023 – 11:00 am Memorial Service Marga Riehs

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –10:00 am German Service

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –11:00 am Coffee Sunday

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 –11:30 am English Service