

AN ATMOSPHERE OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Worship Bulletin for July 28, 2024



Sola Gratia

GRACE ALONE

**GLORIFY HIM ...
GROW IN HIM ...
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024

A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

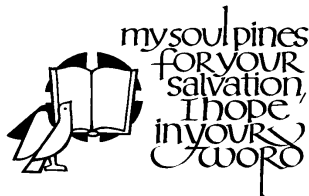
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

LARGE PRINT copies of the Service can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /
'Christian Worship Supplement' (blue soft cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

Holy Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.



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THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Focus: Who is the most generous person you know? On what evidence do you base your answer? The Lord encourages us to be generous people, and He even provides what we need to be such people. Being generous applies to every aspect of our life, not just the stewardship of money. With that in mind, let us be generous with our thanks and praise to the God who has been and is generous with us.

PRELUDE

Meditation
Lloyd Larson

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;

Congregation: His love endures forever.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Let All Things Now Living
Christian Worship Blue # 507

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us, who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light.**

M: We worship in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Let us worship Him.

(sing, intro) **His law he enforces; the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine. The hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing.
With glad adoration a song let us raise till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving: "To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"**

Installation of our new JrK-Kindergarten Teacher – Elise Matthies (10:45)

HYMN (at 10:45 only) ... Song on page 4
Musical Introduction

Send, O Lord, Your Holy Spirit
Christian Worship Blue # 898

**Send, O Lord, your Holy Spirit on your servants now, we pray;
let them all be faithful shepherds that no lamb is led astray.
Your pure teaching to proclaim, to adore your holy name,
and to feed your lambs, dear Savior, make their aim and sole endeavor.**

**You, O Lord, yourself have called them for your precious lambs to care;
but to prosper in their calling, they the Spirit's gifts must share.
Grant them wisdom from above, fill their hearts with holy love;
in their weakness, Lord, be near them, in their prayers, Good Shepherd, hear them.**

**Help, Lord Jesus, help them nourish our dear children with your Word,
that in constant love they serve you till in heav'n their song is heard.
Boundless blessings, Lord, bestow on your servants' work below
till by grace to them is given their reward, the crown of heaven.**

M: What does God tell us about ourselves in his holy Word?

C: He says that we are sinners and deserve only his punishment.

M: When we realize that we have sinned against God and deserve his punishment, what should we do?

C: We will confess before God all our sins, those which we remember as well as those of which we are unaware. We pray to God for his mercy and forgiveness.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Christian Worship Blue # 754

*Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness, for dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
for songs of praise for worldly wealthiness, while of your richer gifts we're unaware:*

*Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise, for words that speak at variance with deeds;
forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways, unmindful of a broken brother's needs:*

*Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast, for joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
for walls and wars that hide your mercies vast and blur our vision of the kingdom goal:*

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

All: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: Jesus says to his people: “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven.” His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, hear the word of Christ through his called servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

Christian Worship Blue # 754

Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace, for life and vision, for a purpose clear, for Christ, your Son, and for each human face that shows your message ever new and near.

Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine, that gives as Christ gave, never counting cost, that knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,” assured that only what’s withheld is lost.

Open our eyes to see your love’s intent, to know with mind and heart its depth and height; let thankful days in loving labor spent reflect the truly Christlike life and light.

M: Let us pray. O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus’ name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised;

C: through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 16:1-15

God gives us our daily bread and yet ‘we’ still find reasons to complain.

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. ²In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.” ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. ⁵On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.” ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?” ⁸Moses

also said, “You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD.”⁹ Then Moses told Aaron, “Say to the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.’”

¹⁰ While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD said to Moses, ¹² “I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, ‘At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’” ¹³ That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp.

¹⁴ When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor.

¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN

Musical Introduction

For the Fruits of His Creation

Christian Worship Blue # 506

For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to ev’ry nation, thanks be to God.

**For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done.

**In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God’s will is done.**

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

**For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 9:8-11

You are rich, so you can be generous; God does not just mean with physical wealth.

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSIVE SENTENCES ... Romans 11

M: Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

C: Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

M: Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?

C: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:35-44

Jesus again makes the impossible possible – He has concern for body and soul.

By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. ³⁶ Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” ³⁷ But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” ³⁸ “How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” ³⁹ Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. ⁴⁰ So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. ⁴¹ Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. ⁴² They all ate and were satisfied, ⁴³ and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. ⁴⁴ The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

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My Worth Is Not in What I Own

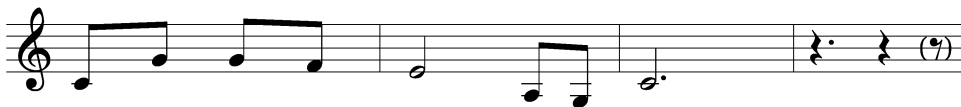
Christian Worship Blue # 753



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
 blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain
 ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

Refrain



I re-joyce in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

**4 I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light.
 But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. Refrain**

**5 Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
 My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. Refrain**

FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES

Based on 2 Corinthians 9:8-11

“Be Generous Always”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – Based on the 2nd Article of the Apostles’ Creed

All: I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: What are we meaning to say with these words?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed us, lost and condemned creatures, purchased and won us from all sins, from

death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

All: This is most certainly true.

OUR THANK OFFERING

Thank you for continuing to support our ministry. Your thank offering can be received in the following ways: placed in the box on the wall as you enter the Sanctuary, mail your thank offering to the church, give online through our website under the "Resources" tab, or give by texting 916.915.9552. The QR Code to the web giving link is at the end of the bulletin.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.

C: Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit.

M: Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works.

C: Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need.

M: Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.

C: Strengthen our faith so that we unflinchingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs.

M: Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid.

C: Help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior.

C: Amen.

And we also pray ...

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Christian Worship Blue # 749



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your



end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,



cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,



songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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till by grace to them is given their reward, the crown of heaven.**

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may hold firmly to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Musical Introduction

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

Christian Worship Blue # 751



2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine, all tal - ents you have sent;
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims, true stew - ards we would be;



in - spire us now to use them well your king - dom to ex - tend.
en - dow us with a deep de - sire to live un - self - ish - ly.



We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own;
A full ac - count - ing we must give and see you face to face;



we grate - ful - ly ac - knowl - edge, Lord, all things are yours a - lone.
let us ap - proach your throne with joy, sup - port - ed by your grace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & POSTLUDE

Recessional on “Sine Nomine”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanists: Marty Puckett, Vincent Beiderbecke, Don Black

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For Reflection based on Today’s Scripture Readings ...

1st: What are the patterns which can be seen in connection with this account? How did, and does, God make His presence known? What is the perspective we are to keep in mind as we go through this life? Read Psalm 118.

2nd: What is the motivation behind ‘generous’ living? How do you respond to the person who says “I am not rich so I cannot be generous”? What are ways ‘you’ can be generous? Read 2 Corinthians 8-9.

3rd: What were the disciples missing in connection with this event? What are situations you have experienced thinking there is no way ‘I’ have enough only to look back and see ‘the plenty’ that was supplied? Read Psalm 145.

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service --- Installation of Elise Matthies
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Monday	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Office Building Chapel)
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship
	6:30 p.m.	Digging Deeper Discussion (Luther Room)
Next Sunday		LWMS Mission Box Offering
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Melissa Van Hooser	<i>July 28</i>	
Jack Fox	<i>July 29</i>	
Don Klug		
Julie Dushane	<i>August 1</i>	
Anne Conway	<i>August 2</i>	Don & Linda Black
Carolyn Delgado	<i>August 3</i>	
Pamela Drennon		
David Kaul		
Jake Rettig		

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