

CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for October 27, 2024



Deo Gratias

THANKS BE TO GOD

GLORIFY HIM ...

GROW IN HIM ...

GO WITH HIS GOSPEL

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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:

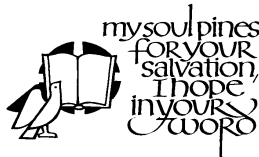
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

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

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Dark 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: What do you expect from a friend? Do you expect them to remain loyal to you? Do you expect them to betray your confidence? If you described a friend as being 'lukewarm,' is that a positive remark? Jesus has called us to be His friends (we are more than that). He truly is a friend of friends. Are we that back? If not, why not? Who or what needs to change? Ponder such as we hear the Word of our Lord today.

PRELUDE

In Christ There Is No East or West

David Dahl

Greeting & Invocation

Minister: The grace of our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

(Ps 100)

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

M: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

C: we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

M: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;

C: give thanks to him and praise his name.

M: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

C: his faithfulness continues through all generations.

M: Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end.

C: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart.

M: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

C: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

HYMN

This Is the Threefold Truth

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Christian Worship Red # 406

This is the threefold truth on which our faith depends;

And with this joyful cry worship begins and ends:

Refrain Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

Made sacred by long use, new-minted for our time,

Our liturgies sum up the hope we have in him: Refrain

**By this we are upheld when doubt or grief assails
Our Christian faith and love, and only grace avails:**
Refrain Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!

**This is the threefold truth which, if we hold it fast,
Changes the world and us and brings us home at last:** *Refrain*

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Jesus has said, as recorded in Matthew 22:

C: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

M: This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it:

C: Love your neighbor as yourself.”

M: But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

All: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

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

(musical introduction, see page 5)



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

M: Let us pray. God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness;
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

Jeremiah 31:7-9

God makes and keeps His promises. Faith in Him offers and leads to a sure thing.

This is what the Lord says: “Sing with joy for Jacob; shout for the foremost of the nations. Make your praises heard, and say, ‘Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.’⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north and gather them from the ends of the earth. Among them will be the blind and the lame, expectant mothers and women in labor; a great throng will return.⁹ They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble, because I am Israel’s father, and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HYMN*Musical Introduction***Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening***Christian Worship Red # 283*

**Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.
 Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.
 Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;
 Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unailing.**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.
 May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
 May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
 Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.**

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**Revelation 3:14-22**

Faith can fade away. Strong encouragement here to avoid becoming 'cold' or even 'lukewarm' when it comes to Jesus.

“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. ¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see. ¹⁹ Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent. ²⁰ Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me. ²¹ To the one who is victorious, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²² Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!**Song ... by the Quartet****Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy***Words Joseph Hart (1759), Arr by Keith Christopher, Lorenz Publ 2014*

*Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
 Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.*

*I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in His arms,
 In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.*

*I will arise and go... I will arise and glorify!
 Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
 True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.*

*I will arise and go...
 Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;*

If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all.

*I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior, Oh, there are ten thousand charms.
Oh, there are ten thousand charms. Oh, there are ten thousand charms.
I will arise...*

Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

Another reminder of who Jesus is, backed up by what He did. Faith in Jesus is on track.

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸ Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹ Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰ Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” ⁵² “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Musical Introduction

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink

Christian Worship Red # 405

**Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,**

**That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast’ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God,**

**A faith that shines more bright and clear When tempests rage without,
That, when in danger, knows no fear, In darkness feels no doubt,**

**That bears unmoved the world’s dread frown Nor heeds its scornful smile,
That sin’s wild ocean cannot drown Nor Satan’s arts beguile,**

**A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life’s last spark is fled
And with a pure and heav’nly ray Lights up the dying bed.**

**Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate’er may come,
We’ll taste e’en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.**

“A Love Letter To The Lukewarm”

A CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

OUR THANK OFFERING

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us each day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us.

Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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

Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven

Christian Worship Red # 404

**Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown, Fixed heartily on Christ alone.**

**Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne And humbly sharing cross and crown.**

**Faith in the Savior brings us peace And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim And give all honor to one name.**

**We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament To trust the one whom you have sent.**

**As you have promised, grant each soul Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy, Eternal love and light and joy.**

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Brothers and sisters go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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

Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Christian Worship Red # 471

**Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from your holy face.**

**Destroy in me the lust of sin; From all impureness make me clean.
Oh, grant me pow'r and strength, my God, To strive against my flesh and blood.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word.
Oh, let your will be my desire And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may love And seek those things which are above
Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

Recessional on "Sine Nomine"

Greg Sewell



TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Wayne Uhlhorn ...

 serves as Mission Counselor to the Arizona-California District Mission Board

Musical Accompanist: Marty Puckett; Rosemarie Boushek

Violin: Vince Beiderbecke Percussion: Don Black

Vocalists: Elaine Kaul, Greg Meyer, Cameron Rowe, Jodi Rowe

Flowers: The flowers at the altar have been provided by WAC in honor of Reformation Sunday.

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

1st: What is one of your favorite God-focused songs, and why does it make your list? What promises do you see (or believe) God has kept? How does this knowledge impact your day to day life? Read Acts 2.

2nd: How is Jesus described here, and why is that fitting if you were answering that question from a friend? Give an example of someone who has become 'lukewarm.' What is the solution to avoid losing or gaining back a relationship with Jesus? Read Psalm 100.

3rd: What do you appreciate about Bartimaeus? How does Jesus nurture this man's faith? How does Jesus nurture your faith, in Him? Read 2 Peter 1:1-11.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	4:00 p.m.	Area Reformation Service
Monday	10:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
	11:00 a.m.	Victory Service for Stacy Moller
	6:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Worship Service (Office Building Chapel)
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare #8 (Luther Room)
Wednesday	8:20 p.m.	School Chapel Service
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study
Friday		Vote Center Location – in our MPC through the 6th
Next Sunday		LWMS Offering Box
	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service with Holy Communion
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares Worship

<i>Birthdays</i>		<i>Anniversaries</i>
Toni Wright	<i>Oct 27</i>	
Gordon Flowers	<i>Oct 28</i>	
Emma Jones		
Heather Donoho	<i>Nov 1</i>	Jason & Danielle Covey

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