



**My help comes
from the LORD,
who made heaven
and earth.**

Psalm 121:2

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022

Sunday, Oct. 16, 2022

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Our Vision for St. Mark's:

Our church is a vibrant family of Christians committed to growing the love of Christ by welcoming and inspiring ALL people, through worship, fellowship, service and outreach.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Please welcome guest Pastor Wittmus.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen

Pastor : If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

People : **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor : Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People : **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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**

Pastor : In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING HYMN : “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” (Blue#1)

Please open the BLUE hymnal, #1 to sing verses 1, 2, and verse 3

APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ who saves us through faith, the love of the Father who gifts us with every good gift, and the communion of the Holy Spirit who fills us with all wisdom, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Come Into His Presence”

Come into His presence with thanksgiving

In your heart and give Him praise

And give him praise

Come into His presence with thanksgiving

In your heart, your voices raise

Your voices raise

Give glory and honor

And power unto Him

Jesus, the name above all names (REPEAT ALL)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

SPECIAL MUSIC: “For The Beauty Of The Earth” (Red#879)

For Women’s weekend, we invite all the women to join together to sing. Please bring up the RED hymnal to sing hymn number #879, verse 1, 4, and 5

FIRST READING: GENESIS 32:22-30

²²The same night {Jacob} arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

³He will not let your foot be moved

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵The Lord himself watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶So that the sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;

it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,

from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

¹I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “ *Create In Me A Clean Heart*”

**Create in me a clean heart O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from your presence
And take not Your Holy Spirit from me
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
And uphold me with your free Spirit**

GOSPEL : Luke 18:1-8

Pastor : The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

People : Glory to You O God.

¹{Jesus} told {his disciples} a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Pastor : The Gospel of the Lord.

People : Praise you, O Christ!

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

CHORUS:

My chains are gone
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood, his mercy reigns
Unending love, amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures (CHORUS)

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day He rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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 INTERCESSION

Pastor: Lord in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY HYMN : “We Give Thee But Thine Own”

**We give Thee but Thine own
Whate'er the gift may be
All that we have is Thine alone
A trust O Lord from Thee**

**May we thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly as Thou blessest us
To Thee our first fruits give**

**And we believe Thy Word
Though dim our faith may be
Whate'er we do for yours O Lord
We do it unto Thee**

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Pastor : The Lord be with you.

People : **And also with you**

Pastor : Lift up your hearts

People : **We lift them to the Lord**

Pastor : Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People : **It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

Pastor: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father almighty and everlasting God for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns for all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life.

People : **Amen**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation

COMMUNION HYMN: “O Living Bread From Heaven” (RED #542)

O living Bread from heaven
How well you feed your guest
The gifts that you have given
Have filled my heart with rest
O wondrous food of blessing
O cup that heals our woes
My heart, this gift possessing
In thankful song o'er flows

Pastor: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

People : **Amen**

BENEDICTION

Pastor : The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People : **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: “Lift High The Cross” (RED #660)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world, adore his sacred name
Come Christians follow, where our captain trod
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore, his sacred name

Pastor : Go in peace and serve the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

In Our Prayers This Week

Please continue to keep John Kylmanen, Sue & Dennis Van Den Einde, Dale Brunk, Jane Sayre, Pat Dobbs, Bob Lord, Leo Koebler, Greg Douthwaite, Don Parlow, Marion Streich, Brenda Moura, Reggie Threat, Kris Curtis, Ricky Raymond, Kathy Lehman, Bruce Bishop, Ron & Elaine Kreklow, Beverly Kraus, Betty Buelow, and in your prayers for healing and comfort.

Council Members

We have 3 council positions open if your interested in joining the council please contact the church office at 920-674-2370 or Dick Kassner at 920-674-2577. Thank you

Apple Pies

Attention, apple pie makers! Due to low supple and price increase, we will be making just apple pie filling soon. Please continue to watch for updates for dates.

Quilts

All of the quilts you see are for sale. We would appreciate a \$20 donation for the full- sized ones, and a free will donation for the smaller ones. Some of the more intricate ones are marked with a price. (Two of them won “ best Of Show “ at this year’s Jefferson County Fair)

If you see a quilt you’d like to buy, take it with you. Place your donation in an envelope marked “quilts.” If paying by check, please make it out to Janet Gaugert.

Mary Magdalene Circle

Mary Magdalene will be Tuesday, Oct. 18th at 1:00pm, at the home of Shirley Niederwerfer. Woman of the church are invited.

Fellowship on Sundays

Starting Sunday Oct. 2nd and through Oct. 30 we will have coffee and sweet rolls available at 8:15 till the time of the service.

St . Mark's to Host Grief Share® Seminar

St Mark's Lutheran Church in Jefferson along with Olsen Gibson funeral home is sponsoring a Grief Share® grief recovery seminar and support group. The 1 ¾ hour sessions will be held Wednesday and Sunday evenings beginning Wednesday October 5 for 13 sessions ending Wednesday November 16. Wednesday sessions begin at 5:30 and Sunday sessions begin at 4:00. Grief Share® features nationally recognized experts on grief recovery topics. Seminar sessions include "Is This Normal?" "The Challenges of Grief," "Grief and Your Relationships," "Why?" and "Guilt and Anger." These sessions will be followed by Grief Share® For the Holidays on Saturday November 19 at 10:00 a.m. For more information, call St. Mark's Church at 920-674-2370.

Envelopes

We are currently working on updating and changing offering envelopes. If you have switched to sending your offering online or would like to switch please contact the office at 920-674-2370. This will help figure out who will be needing envelopes in the future. Thank you

Scrip News

News regarding the Kwik Trip scrip cards: Effective November 1, Kwik Trip will no longer offer a 10% rebate on in-store purchases on cards previously purchased through the Scrip program. Instead a new Grocery Only/In-Store card will be available at a 15% discount/rebate. This card can be used toward in-store products and will be valid for the same items that earned 10% previously. (Non eligible items include alcohol, tobacco, gift cards, lotto tickets and stamps). Regular and fuel cards will still be offered at 5% Cards purchased on the previous program will continue to earn the eligible rebates until further notice. More details will follow as we near November 1st.

It's time to start thinking about those Christmas gift card orders. Its an easy way to give gifts! To insure that cards are received in ample time for Christmas giving, orders should be placed by Thanksgiving. Check out the wide array of companies offering gift cards on www.RaiseRight.com or pick up an order form on the church office door. As always, I'm happy to answer any of your questions regarding Scrip cards. Patty Heckart 712.490.7394 or pheckart94@gmail.com

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This Week's Worship Helpers

	5:00pm	9:00am
Readers	Jan Simmons	Vicki Schicker
Usher	Janet Gaugert Alice Pinnow	Shirley Niederwefer Linda Belzer
Communion Helper	Dale Gaugert Scott Howard	Kathy Dorn

Upcoming events

Mon. Oct. 17	Manna Monday - 5:30pm
Tues. Oct. 18	Quilters -9am Men's Bible Study 8am Dartball—6:50 (Fort Methodist)
Wed. Oct. 19	Choir Practice -7pm
Thurs. Oct. 20	Adult Bible Study— 9am
Fri. Oct. 21	
Sat. Oct. 22	Worship Service-5pm
Sun. Oct. 23	Worship Service— 9 am Sunday School— 10:15am

Last Week's offering

Offering	\$,1617.0 0
Benevolence	\$81.00
Memorial for Mae Palm	\$40.00
Total	\$1,738.00

Worship Service Attendance

Saturday Oct 8	27
Sunday Oct 9	44

