



# THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 1, 2024  
10:00 A.M.

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader.  
**Bold text indicates the congregational response.**

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the  
cranberry-colored *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

Our offertory hymn this week closes with the phrase: "Give us strength, Lord, to accomplish what you set our hands to do, that by serving those around us, we return the gift to you." The hymn reminds us that our vocation - whether sacred or secular - calls us to service to each other. Martin Luther said much the same in a sermon from 1522: "When a prince sees his neighbor oppressed, he should think: That concerns me! I must protect and shield my neighbor....The same is true for shoemaker, tailor, scribe, or reader. If he is a Christian tailor, he will say: I make these clothes because God has bidden me do so, so that I can earn a living, so that I can help and serve my neighbor. *When a Christian does not serve the other, God is not present; that is not Christian living*" (emphasis added). This Labor Day week, especially, as you go out in to the world - whether to work, to seek work, to learn, or to enjoy retirement - take to heart the words that close our worship service: Go in peace, loving God and loving your neighbor.

Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

Mark Sedio

*We stand as we are able.*

Opening Dialog (from Psalm 15)

P LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?  
Who may abide upon your holy hill?

C **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right,  
who speak the truth from their heart**

Hymn 818

*O Master, Let Me Walk with You*

*Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18*

*The apostolic greeting quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)*

*The Song of Praise, or Gloria ("Glory to God..."), is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Je-sus Christ. (Luke 2:14).*

## Greeting

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** And also with you.

## Song of Praise

*Glory to God*

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



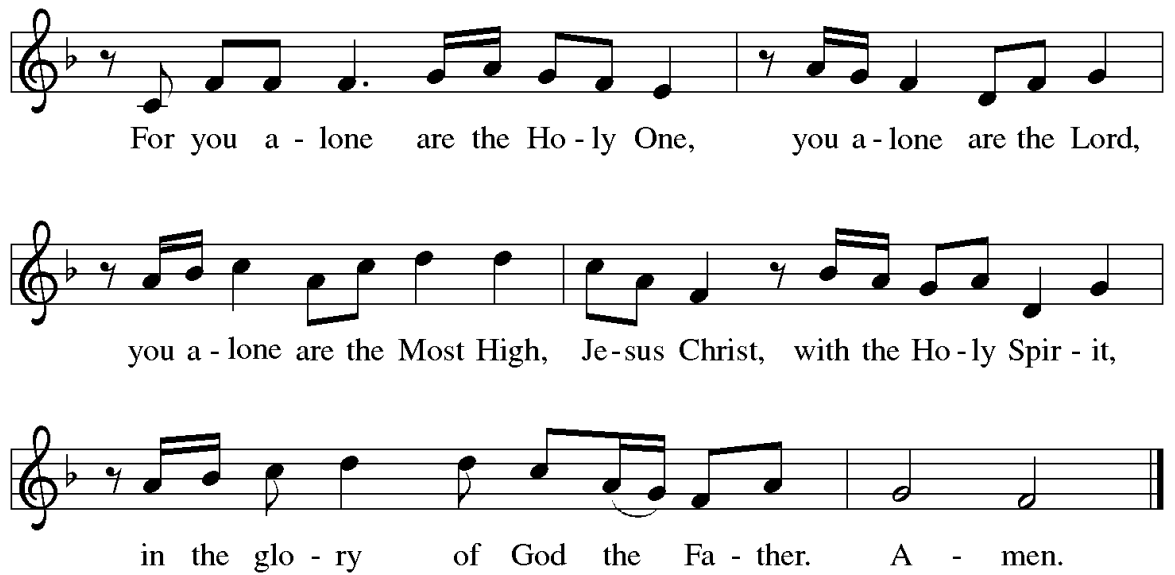
Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



*The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar.*

**Prayer of the Day**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen**

*We are seated.*

*The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. 1 Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.*

*The first reading is from the Old Testament.*

*The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

L A reading from Deuteronomy.

<sup>1</sup> So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you.

<sup>2</sup> You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the LORD your God with which I am charging you.

<sup>6</sup> You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, “Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!” <sup>7</sup> For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is whenever we call to him? <sup>8</sup> And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

<sup>9</sup> But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children’s children.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: James 1:17-24

L A reading from James.

<sup>17</sup> Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup> In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup> You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for your anger does not produce God’s righteousness. <sup>21</sup> Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup> For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup> for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup> But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup> If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

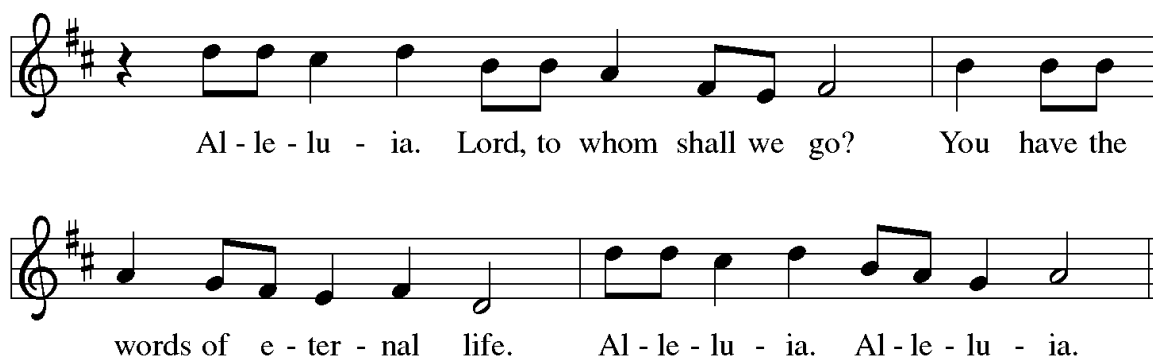
L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel Acclamation gives special focus to the Gospel, the principal and climactic biblical reading in the liturgy.*

*We stand.*

### Gospel Acclamation



*The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.*

The Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup> they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup> (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup> and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) <sup>5</sup> So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;

<sup>7</sup> in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup> You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup> there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.

<sup>21</sup> "For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup> adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit.*

## Sermon

Pastor James Armentrout

*This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.*

*We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.*

## Hymn

*Awake, My Soul*



1 A - wake, my soul, and with the sun thy  
2 All praise to thee, who safe hast kept and  
3 Lord, I my vows to thee re - new. Dis -  
4 Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, all  
5 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise



dai - ly stage of du - ty run; shake off dull sloth, and  
hast re - freshed me while I slept. Grant, Lord, when I from  
perse my sins as morn - ing dew; guard my first springs of  
I de - sign or do or say, that all my pow'rs, with  
God, all crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye



joy - ful rise to pay thy morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
death shall wake, I may of end - less light par - take.  
thought and will; and with thy self my spir - it fill.  
all their might, in thy sole glo - ry may u - nite.  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2*

## The Prayers



*Each petition concludes:*

P Lord, in your mercy,  
C **hear our prayer.**

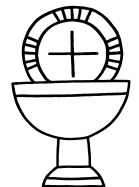
## THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

### The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."*

### The Offering



*Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11*


# Offertory Hymn

## All Our Work and All Our Being

*We are seated for the first two stanzas; we stand as we are able and sing together stanza 3.*

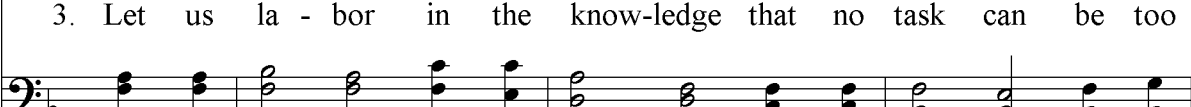
*Our gifts are received and dedicated to our Lord's service. These offerings support the ministries of this congregation, the Virginia Synod, ELCA, and our global mission partners.*

*As our gifts of offerings and tithes are brought forward we sing a canticle of thanksgiving for God's generous goodness.*

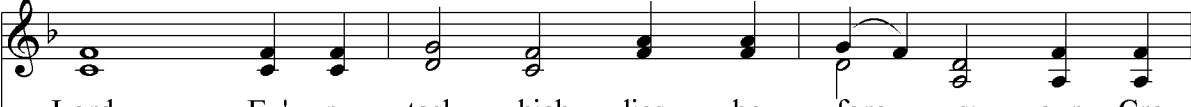


1. All our work and all our be - ing come from you, most gra-cious  
2. Some may nur - ture those who hun - ger, tend and heal the bro - ken

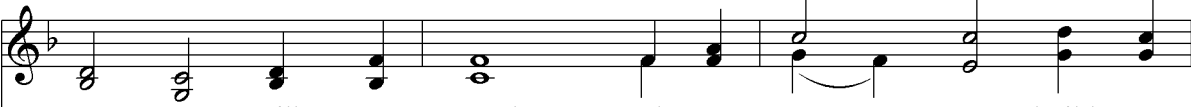
*We stand as we are able and sing together stanza 3.*




3. Let us la - bor in the know-ledge that no task can be too



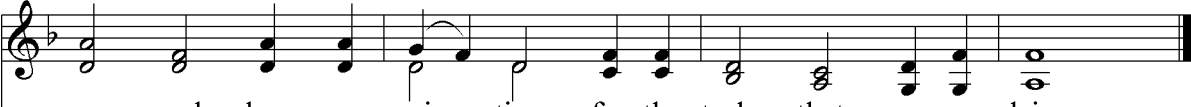
Lord. Ev' - ry task which lies be - fore us: our Cre-  
heart; set our flag - ging spir - its danc - ing, spark our  
small; that the God who stretched the heav - ens no less



- a - tor's will out - poured. Help us as we build your  
vis - ion through their art. Oth - ers teach and of - fer  
shaped the least of all. Give us strength, Lord, to ac -



king - dom know we la - bor not in vain; give us  
coun - sel, bear life's bur - dens, ease its care; strive for  
- com - plish what you set our hands to do, that by



sure and deep con - vic - tion for the tasks that you or - dain.  
jus - tice, peace, and free - dom for all peo - ple ev' - ry - where.  
serv - ing those a - round us, we re - turn the gift to you.

*Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.*

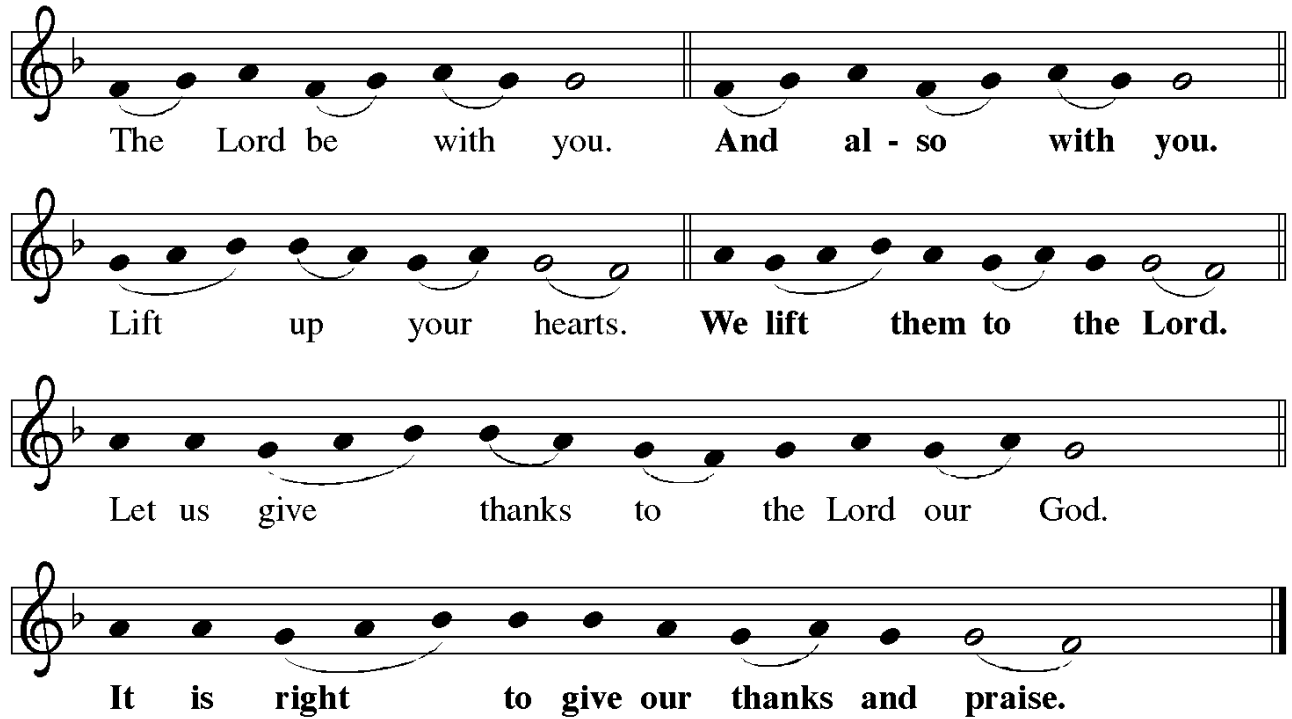
*The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.*

*The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.*

### Offertory Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,  
**C** **source of every gift of your creation.**  
**By these gifts and with our lives,**  
**help us to serve one another and all in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen**

### Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

### The Proper Preface

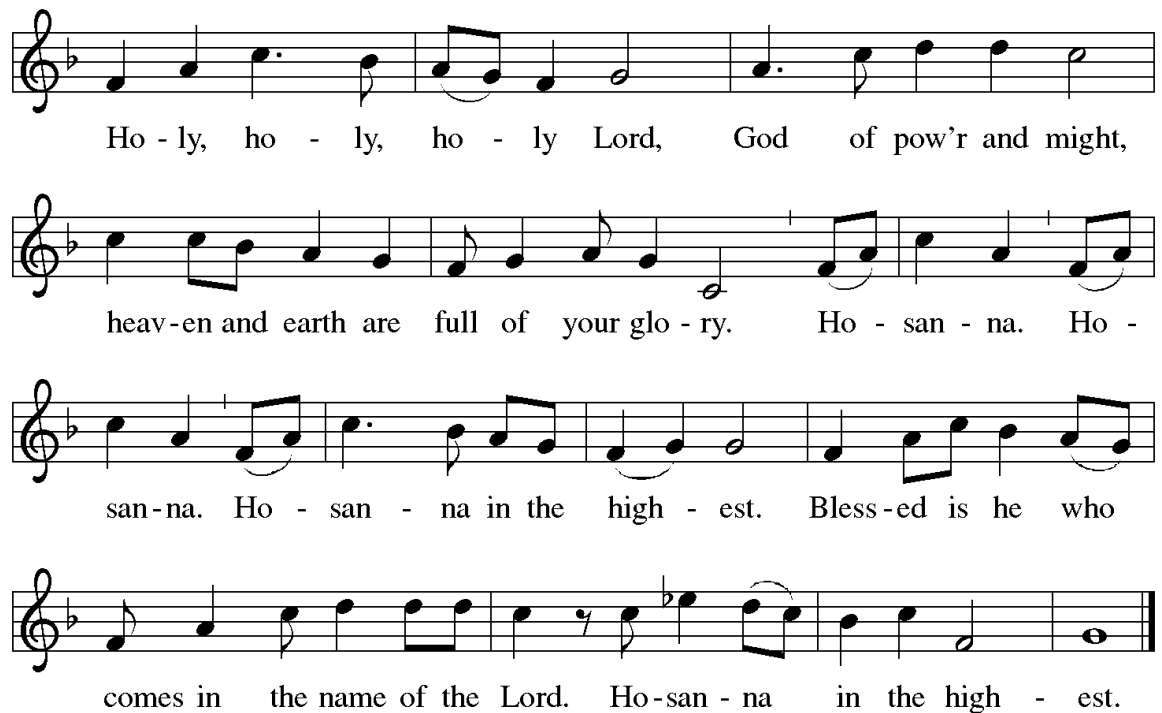
*The presiding minister continues:* "It is indeed right ..."

*The proper preface concludes:* "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."



*The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.*

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.*

## Eucharistic Prayer

**P** Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C Amen**

*The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15*

### The Lord's Prayer

P Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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,**

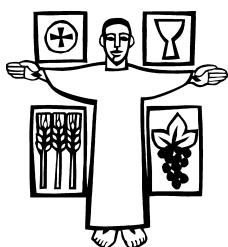
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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**

*We are seated.*



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD  
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle to receive communion at the altar rail. We return to our pews by way of the side aisles.



*Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.*

### Post-Communion Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

P Let us pray. Holy God,

**C you have welcomed us to this meal  
and fed us with dignity at your table.**

**Send us now to welcome others**

**and to be at peace with one another,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

### Blessing

P The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

**C Amen**

### Hymn

### Guide My Feet

1 Guide my feet  
2 Hold my hand  
3 Stand by me while I run this race.  
4 I'm your child  
5 Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race.  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

Yes, my Lord!

Guide my feet  
Hold my hand  
Stand by me while I run this race,  
I'm your child  
Search my heart

for I don't want to run this race in vain.

*We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.*

#### Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

C **Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

11:00 am worship resumes next week!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, September 1	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, September 2	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, September 3		
Wednesday, September 4	6:30PM—8PM	Choir rehearsal (Nave)
Thursday, September 5		
Friday, September 6	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, September 7	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, September 8	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion

### SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Lector</b>		
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

Attendance Last Sunday

Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)

Budget (Pledges/Loose)

\$3,531.00



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**Lutheran Church**  
*Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor*

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