



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 27, 2025  
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 a congregational response.

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

Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.



*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*

Welcome  
Prayer Requests

Prelude

*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

Healey Willan

Opening Dialog (from Psalm 138)

L I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;

**C On the day I called, you answered me; you increased my strength of soul.**

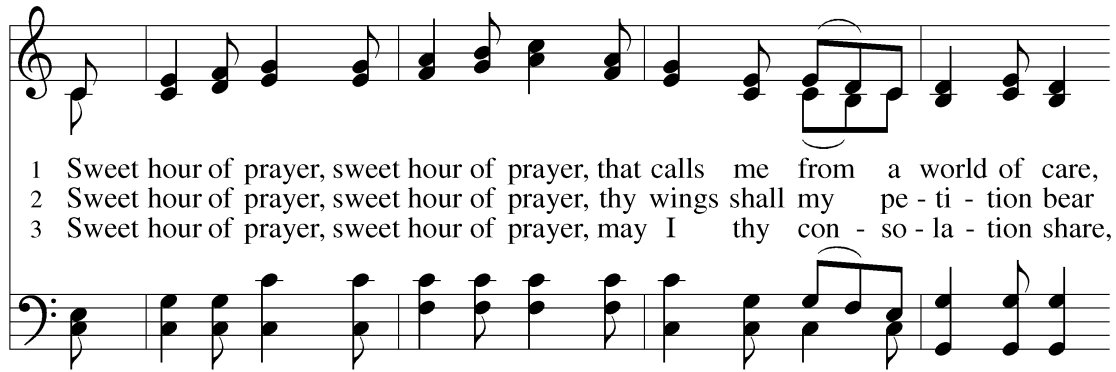
L All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.

**C They shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.**

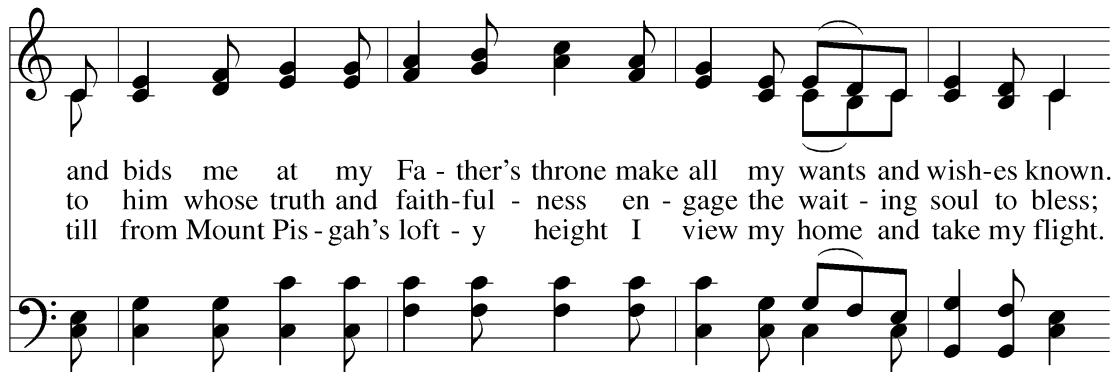
L The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;

**C your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.**

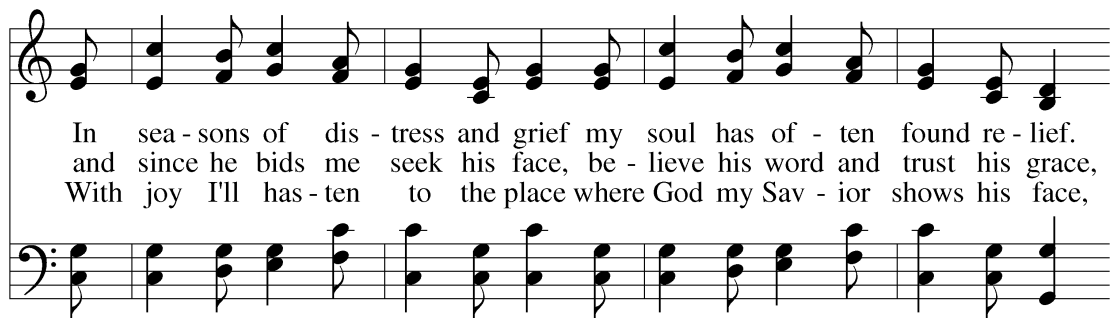
*We stand as we are able and sing the hymn on the following page.*



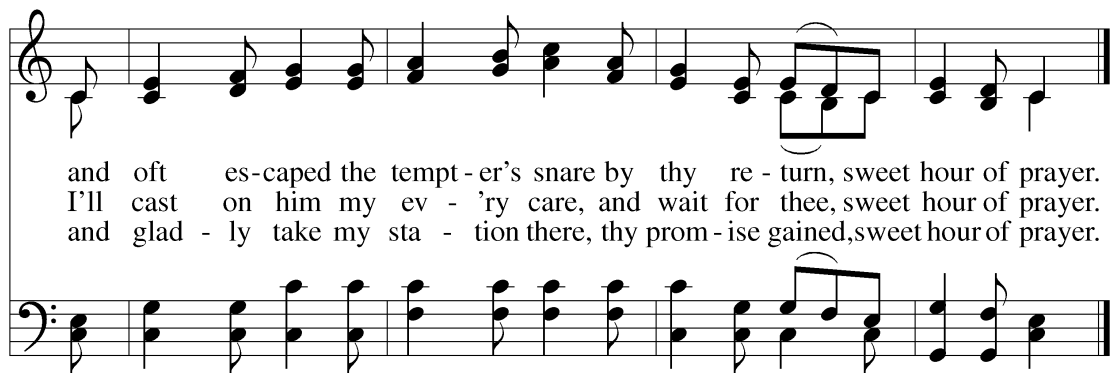
1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
 2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear  
 3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.  
 to him whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
 till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
 and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,  
 With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es-caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
 I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
 and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

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

#### 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.

*The Gloria ("Glory to God...") is a continuation of resurrection praise. With the angels we sing God's glory revealed in Jesus Christ. (Luke 2:14).*

## Hymn 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.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*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.*

*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 lesson is normally from the Old Testament.*

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

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen**

*We are seated.*



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Lesson: Genesis 18:20-32**

**L** A reading from Genesis.

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson: Colossians 2:6-19**

**L** A reading from Colossians.

<sup>6</sup>As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup>when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised

him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. <sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

L The word of the Lord.  
C **Thanks be to God.**

*We stand as we are able.*

#### Gospel Acclamation



#### The Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."<sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P The Gospel of the Lord.  
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

*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.*

*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 745

*Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright*

*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

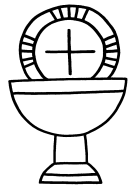
*Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11*

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



*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.*

Offertory Anthem

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

For text, see Hymn 605.

# Offertory Response

*Breathe on Us, Spirit*



Breathe on us, Spir - it, strength - en us in grace,  
 help us to serve in this and ev' - ry place,  
 in - crease our faith, as we your work pur - sue;  
 lov - ing our neigh - bor, God, and lov - ing you.

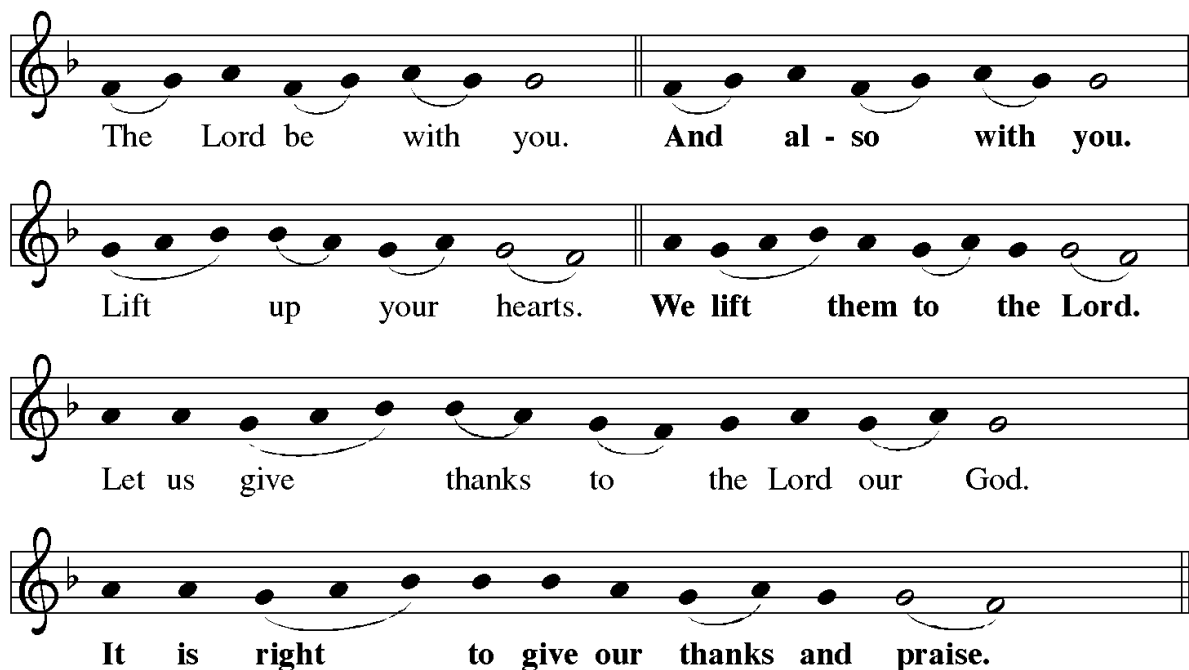
*Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.*

## Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Creator God,  
 C **in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
 and the harvest is plentiful.  
 Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
 and our labor,  
 that we may work for the good of all;  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
 Amen**

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

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

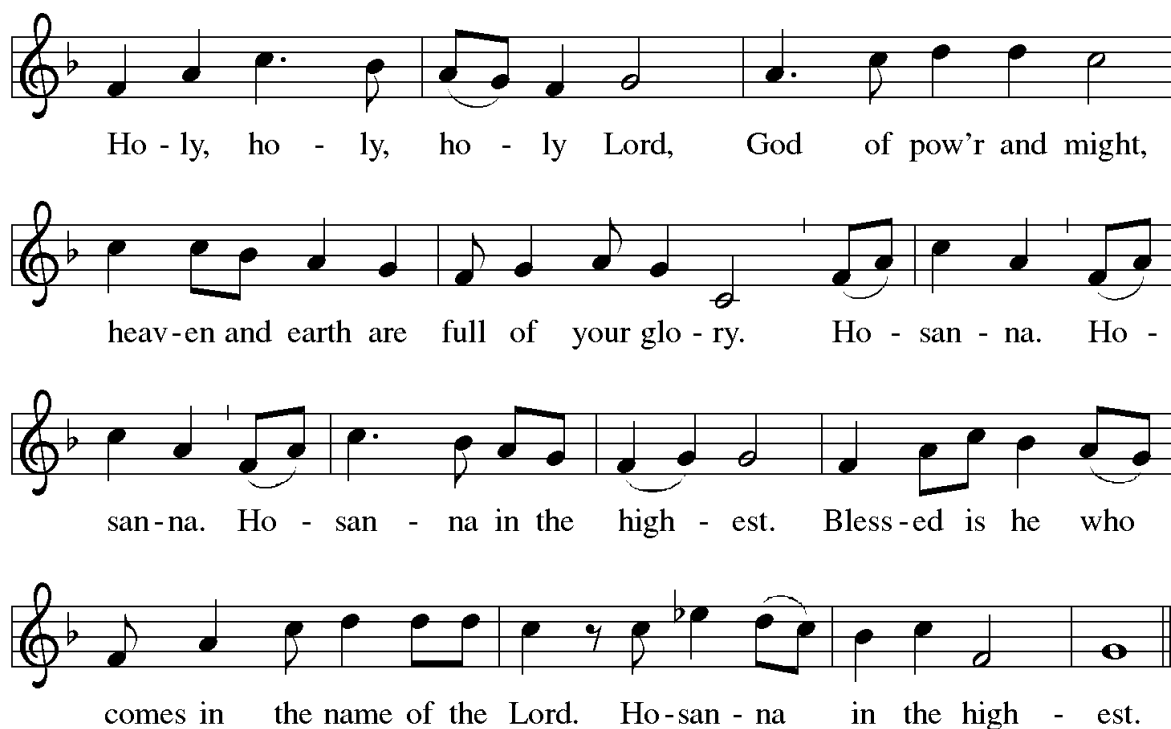
## The Proper Preface

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

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

## Sanctus

*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.*



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.*

*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*

## 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

**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,**

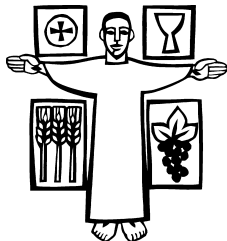
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**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**

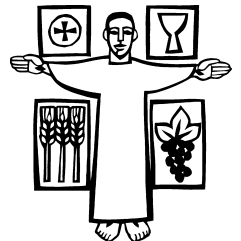
*We are seated.*



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD  
WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return  
to our pews by way of the side aisles.



*Once we have  
all received the  
sacrament and  
returned to our  
seats, we cele-  
brate the per-  
sonal 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. Mothering God,

**C you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
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**

*We are dis-  
missed from  
worship know-  
ing that our ser-  
vice does not  
end. Rather,  
having been in  
the presence of  
the risen Lord,  
we leave so that  
our service may  
truly begin.*

#### Hymn 742

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

#### Dismissal

P Go in peace loving God and loving your neighbor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

#### Postlude

*Prelude in A Major*

J. S. Bach

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Sunday, July 27	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion
Monday, July 28	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, July 29		
Wednesday, July 30		
Thursday, July 31		
Friday, August 1	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)
Saturday, August 2	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, August 3	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<b>Greeter</b>	Carol Jensen	
<b>Lector</b>	Mary Anne Meloy	Gary Feazelle
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

Attendance Last Sunday	38
Offering Received (Pledges/Loose)	\$1485.00
Budget (Pledges/Loose)	\$3173.00



# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

*Loving God, Loving Our Neighbor*

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*Sweet Hour of Prayer*—text by William Walford; music: SWEET HOUR by William B. Bradbury.

*Breathe on Us, Spirit*—text and music by Jacob Gordon. Written for the 150th anniversary of St. Mark's in 2019.