



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 2, 2023
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.



Welcome

Prayer Requests

Prelude

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Mark Sedio

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog (from Psalm 89)

L I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

C with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

L I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

C your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Hymn 641

All Are Welcome

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 Jesus Christ. (Luke 2:14).

Greeting

- L 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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we



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



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 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.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

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

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us pray.

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen**

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Jeremiah 28:5-9

L A reading from Jeremiah.

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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.

Second Lesson: Romans 6:12-23

L A reading from Romans.

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

Hymn

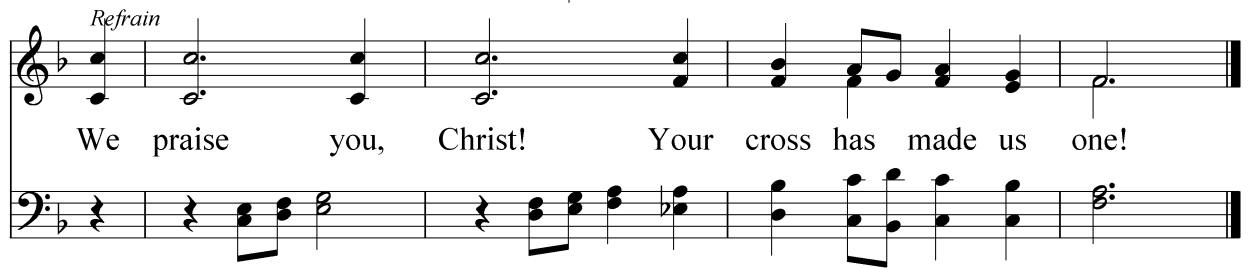
Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

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

1. Oh, praise the gra-cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
2. Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
3. Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
4. Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore
5. Oh, praise the liv - ing Christ with faith's bright song - ful voice!

and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone.
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no long - er bled by war:
An - nounce the gos - pel to the world and with these words re - joice:

The hymn continues on the next page.



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: Matthew 10:40-42

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 10th chapter.

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

L The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit.

Sermon

Jacob Gordon

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

This hymn complements the day’s scripture readings and sermon.

Hymn 719

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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 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.”

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

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 Hymn

Help Us Accept Each Other

We are seated for the first three stanzas; we stand as we are able and sing together stanza 4.



1. Help us ac - cept each oth - er as Christ ac - cept - ed us;
2. Teach us, O Lord, your les - sons, as in our dai - ly life
3. Let your ac - cep - tance change us, so that we may be moved

We stand as we are able and sing together stanza 4.

4. Lord, for to - day's en - coun - ters with all who are in need,



teach us as sis - ter, broth - er, each per - son to em - brace.
we strug - gle to be hu - man and search for hope and faith.
in liv - ing sit - u - a - tions to do the truth in love,
who hun - ger for ac - cep - tance, for righ - teous - ness and bread,



Be pres - ent, Lord, a - mong us and bring us to be - lieve
Teach us to care for peo - ple, for all, not just for some,
to prac - tice your ac - cep - tance un - til we know by heart
we need new eyes for see - ing, new hands for hold - ing on;



we are our - selves ac - cept - ed, and meant to love and live.
to love them as we find them, or as they may be - come.
the ta - ble of for - give - ness, and laugh - ter's heal - ing art.
re - new us with your Spir - it, Lord, free us, make us one!



*We give thanks
for the Word of
God—Jesus
Christ.*

Thanksgiving for the Word

L The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L Holy God, our Maker, our Healer, our Teacher,
your magnificent creation springs forth from your Word.

All that has life and breath praises your name.

For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

C **We thank you, O God.**

L You sent us Jesus, your Word, to renew the world.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry,

preached your mercy, and called us to faith.

For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

C **We praise you, O God.**

L Nourish us with the Spirit of your Word,

that we may grow in grace, bearing the fruits of redemption,
and sharing your strength and beauty with all the world.

For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

C **We entreat you, O God.**

L Accept our thanksgiving and receive our prayer,

for the sake of your living Word, Jesus our Savior.

C **Amen**

*The Lord's
Prayer brings
our thanksgiving
to a close. Luke
11:1-13; Mat-
thew 6:5-15*

The Lord's Prayer

L 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

Blessing

L The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon
us and remain with us for ever.

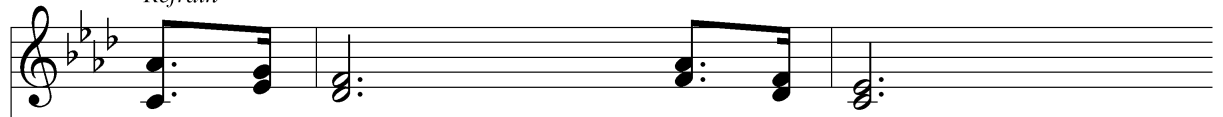
C **Amen**



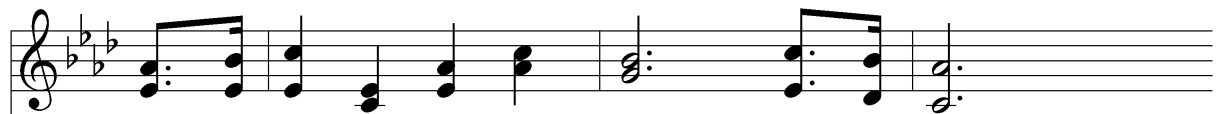
- 1 Take the name of Je - sus with you, child of sor - row and of woe;
 2 Take the name of Je - sus ev - er as a shield from ev - 'ry snare;
 3 Oh, the pre-cious name of Je - sus! How it thrills our souls with joy,
 4 At the name of Je - sus bow-ing, fall-ing pros-trate at his feet,



it will joy and com-fort give you; take it then, wher-e'er you go.
 if temp-ta-tions round you gath - er, breathe that ho - ly name in prayer.
 when his lov-ing arms re - ceive us, and his songs our tongues em-ploy!
 King of kings in heav'n we'll crown him, when our jour-ney is com-plete.

*Refrain*

Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name, oh, how sweet! oh, how sweet!



Hope of earth and joy of heav'n. Pre - cious name, Pre - cious name,



oh, how sweet! Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.
 oh, how sweet, how sweet!



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

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power

David Cherwien

Pastor Armentrout is away on vacation today.
Thanks to Jacob Gordon for preaching today.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S		
Sunday, June 28	10AM	Service of the Word
Monday, June 29	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open
Tuesday, June 30		
Wednesday, July 1		
Thursday, July 2		
Friday, July 3	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, July 4	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)
Sunday, July 5	10AM	Worship with Holy Communion A Liturgy for the Semiquincentennial of the United States

SERVING IN WORSHIP		
	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Greeter		
Lector		
Communion Assistant		
Coffee Hour		



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