

**Holy Communion**  
**19th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 15, 2017**

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*



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

St. Mark's Mission: *St. Mark's Lutheran Church exists to embrace all persons we meet with the Good News of God's unconditional love in Jesus Christ and to empower all for joyful service in the church and the world.*

Thank you for joining us today in worship, whether you're a life-time member of this congregation or a first-time visitor looking for a new spiritual home.  
Communion at St. Mark's is open to all.

**About this service:** Everything you need for this service is either in the booklet, the insert, or in one of our hymnals:

**Worship & Praise Songbook (W&P) - Purple**

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) - Red**

*If you have questions, a member sitting near you will be glad to help.*

**Please stay after worship** to share in refreshments and fellowship in our Gathering Room.

## CHURCH STAFF

*Pastor Hannah Benedict*

*Deacons David Grindle, Tom Henry & Sue Sterner*

*Youth Coordinator & Office Manager Megan Wolling*

*Organist Julie Grindle*

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9a-12p

## Pastor Hannah Benedict

Pastor Benedict will be available by appointment.

Please contact the office or email her at

[Rev.StMarks@gmail.com](mailto:Rev.StMarks@gmail.com) to schedule an appointment.

In case of an emergency she can be reached on her cell at

**563-213-3204**

# GATHERING

## WELCOME/PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

### CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Stand As You Are Able*

Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

Source of all life, **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

*ELW 522 As We Gather at Your Table*

### GREETING

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

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

# WORD

## INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

### FIRST READING

*Isaiah 25:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. <sup>2</sup>For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. <sup>3</sup>Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup>For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, <sup>5</sup>the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled.

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. <sup>7</sup>And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; <sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of God's people God will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. <sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for the Lord, so that God might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 23

*Spoken Together*

**<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;  
I shall not be in want.**

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures  
and leads me beside still waters.**

**<sup>3</sup>You restore my soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.**

**<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

**<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

**<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

## SECOND READING

*Philippians 4:1-9*

<sup>1</sup>My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

<sup>2</sup>I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

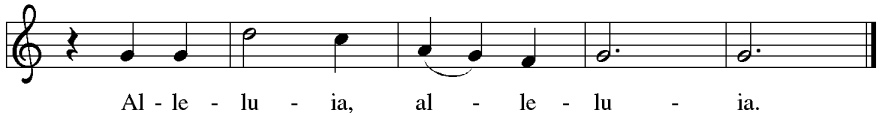
<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Stand As You Are Able*



### HOLY GOSPEL:

*Matthew 22:1-14*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

<sup>1</sup>Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: <sup>2</sup>“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. <sup>3</sup>He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. <sup>4</sup>Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>5</sup>But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, <sup>6</sup>while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. <sup>7</sup>The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy.

<sup>9</sup>Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ <sup>10</sup>Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

<sup>11</sup>“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, <sup>12</sup>and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. <sup>13</sup>Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ <sup>14</sup>For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

## SERMON

*You're Invited*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 462 *Now We Join in Celebration*

## APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*Response:* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## PEACE

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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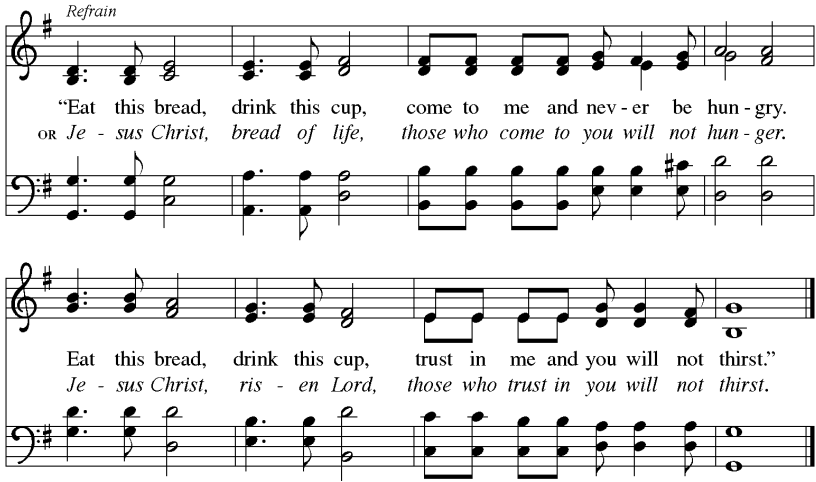
## ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING

Anthem: *Jesus, Alegria dos Homens* by JS Bach

## OFFERTORY HYMN

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

*Refrain*



“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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## OFFERING PRAYER

*Stand As You Are Able*

Let us pray...**God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light. Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

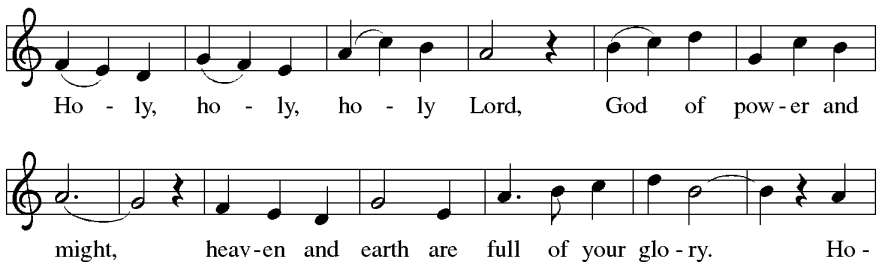
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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 thank and praise.**

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth. From age to age your creation sings your praises. You feed even the birds of the air, and you clothe the fields with lilies. You gave your blessing to Abraham and his descendants, and you spoke with Moses, Elijah, and David. Blessed are you, Lord our God:

**Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

You fulfilled your covenant with us in Jesus. He is Emmanuel, your beloved Son, the star that guides us to wisdom, the treasure hidden in a field. He is the landowner who overpays the workers, the judge who separates good from evil. Blessed are you, Lord our God: **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

For us he lived, for us he died, for us he rose to eternal life. Then and now he invites us to your banquet. On the night in which he was betrayed, he 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.

We hear his call, we repent our ways, and we enter with joy into the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you, Lord our God: **Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

Send your Holy Spirit here on your gathered disciples. Make of this meal the body and blood of forgiveness. Heal us and grant us your righteousness, that we may love you and serve our neighbors. Blessed are you, Lord our God:

**Blessed are you, Lord our God.**

Blessed are you, Lord our God, our Father in heaven, the Rock on which we build, the Dove alighting on us all. We worship you and sing our praises, today and to the end of the age. Amen. **Amen.**



## LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father...**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

## COMMUNION

Everyone is welcome to Christ's communion table at St. Mark's; all are invited to learn more about God's gift of grace through communion, word and baptism.

*We receive communion kneeling at the altar, and by intinction – taking the host (bread), and dipping it into the red wine or white grape juice in the chalice (cup). We also have gluten-free wafers upon request. Please approach the table beginning with those in the front pews, from the side aisle, and return via the center aisle.*

## HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

*Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup*

*Refrain*

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**ELW 471** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Stand As You Are Able*

Let us pray... **Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

## BLESSING

God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being;  
 Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead;  
 Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church:  
 Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

**ELW 542** *O Living Bread from Heaven*

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the love of Christ to the world. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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*Thank you to Ann Kohler  
 for sharing her musical gifts  
 with us while Julie is away.*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MARK'S

### THIS WEEK:

#### **TODAY**

#### *Noisy Sunday*

- 8a** Worship
- 9:15a** Faith Formations
- 10:30a** Worship
- 1-4p** Ensemble Rehearsal
- 2p** Trip to Bountiful
- 3-5p** Girl Scouts
- 5p** Evening Worship
- 5:45p** Confirmation

#### **Tuesday**

- 11a** Bible Study
- 7-10p** Ensemble Rehearsal

#### **Wednesday**

- 6p** Faith Story Theatre Class
- 7p** Choir

#### **Thursday**

- 4:30p** Community Dinner
- 7p** Council Meeting

#### **Friday**

- 5p** Youth 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night
- 8p** Trip to Bountiful at Atonement (See Pastor Perform!)

#### **Saturday**

- 8p** Trip to Bountiful

#### **Sunday**

- 8a** Worship
- 9:15a** Faith Formations
- 10:30a** Worship
- 12:30p** Crop Walk @ Willow Bay

*Altar Flowers are given in celebration of our grandson, Will Walsh's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday by Kathy & Andy Olson.*

*Altar Flowers are given in celebration of our wedding anniversary by Judy & Jim Earle.*

- **Food of the Month:** October's Food of the Month is Instant Potatoes.
- **All Saints' Sunday:** During worship on All Saints' Sunday we remember our loved ones who passed away since November 2016. If there is a loved one you would like to remember please add their name to our remembrance list on the information table.
- **Luther Roses:** The Luther Roses have been made by our Sunday School kids. During coffee hour, take a minute to make your own Luther Rose to hang up in the sanctuary. There are directions and all the supplies you need. Learn what the rose symbolizes is Luther's own words.
- **College Youth:** We have some youth that are away at school and I am sure they would love to hear from you! Pick up the address list on the information table and drop them a note. *Let Megan know if you have contact info for someone who isn't listed!*
- **Book Club:** Join us as we read our next book... *Daring Greatly* by Brene Brown. We will meet on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p, hosted by Diane Oad. Bring a pair of novelty socks for a fun gift exchange for the holidays.



*One In The Spirit Sunday*

**Reformation Sunday,  
October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Music @ 9:15a  
Worship @ 9:30a  
Brunch @ 11:00a**

### Learning at The Crossroads

Saturday, October 21st from 9a-2:30p  
Reformation in Music: Another Approach to our Reformation History

Led by Julie Grindle  
Workshop held at Good Shepherd  
Cost: \$10  
*Registration form on Info Table*

**Canning 101**  
Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>  
Beginning at 5p

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YOUTH**

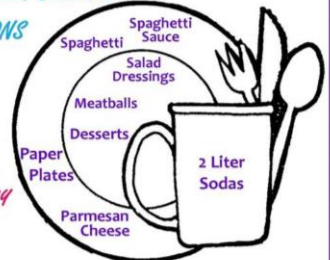
**3rd  
Friday**

Get together for a night of  
Picking Apples &  
Making Apple Sauce!  
Dinner provided! Bring a  
beverage or snack to share.  
Friends welcome!

### *COMMUNITY DINNER*

*DONATIONS  
NEEDED*

*BRING TO  
CHURCH BY  
SUNDAY  
OCT 15<sup>th</sup>*





Thursday,  
 October 26th  
 @ 6p

Join us for dinner at  
 Dani's Dessert & Wine Bar, B'ville

**SERVANTS:**

**OCT & NOV SERVANTS:** Available for Sign Up!  
**ASSIGN ME:** *We are doing a new list for 2017-2018.*  
*Please sign up if you would like to be assigned!*

8 AM	OCT 15	OCT 22	OCT 29
<b>Greeter &amp; Usher(s)</b>	Misty & David MacGregor	Emily & Addison Garcia	<b>ONE IN THE SPIRIT SUNDAY REFORMATION @ 9:30A</b>
<b>Comm. Asst.</b>	Tom Henry	Judy Earle	
<b>Acolyte</b>		Hannah Quimby	
<b>Lector</b>		Judy Earle	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Nate & Hailey MacGregor		
<b>10:30 AM</b>			
<b>Greeter &amp; Usher(s)</b>	1 - Lori Honan 2 -	1 - Julie Taylor 2 -	1 - 2 -
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Andy Olson	Tom Grindle	Ann Kohler
<b>Acolyte</b>		Tom Grindle	Rachel Becker
<b>Lector</b>	Andy Olson	Tom Grindle	Mark Anderson
<b>Counters</b>	Andy Olson Terry Dilg	1 - The Earles 2 -	1 - 2 -
<b>Nursery</b>	1 - 2 -	1 - 2 -	1 - 2 -
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Lori Honan		Debbie Becker & Stewardship Brunch
<b>Altar Care</b>	Lorna & Bente	Lorna & Bente	Lorna & Bente