

# St Mark Lutheran Church

## Service of Holy Communion



*Welcome to this divine service of worship!*

Plain font indicates portions of the liturgy shared by worship leaders.

**Bold font indicates portions of the liturgy shared by the congregation.**

*The obelisk ( † ) invites the congregation to stand as it is able.*

*The double obelisk ( ‡ ) invites the congregation to kneel or sit as it is able.*

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October 8, 2017: Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00/11:00am

### Welcome and Prayer Before Worship

**God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Prelude

*Aus Tiefer Not*

Luther/Walter

### †Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

‡ Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to live, die and rise for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

†Hymn: *First Song of Isaiah\**

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung;

Jack Noble White

Sure - ly it is God who saves me; I will  
trust in him and not be a - fraid. For the  
Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and  
he will be my Sa - vior.

*VERSE*

*Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing, from the springs of salvation*

*And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name. **REFRAIN***

*VERSE*

*Make his deeds known among the peoples, see that they remember that his Name is exalted.*

*Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. **REFRAIN***

*VERSE*

*Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,*

*For the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel. **REFRAIN** (sung twice)*


†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.**


## †Gloria

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.

## †Prayer of the Day

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. **Amen.**

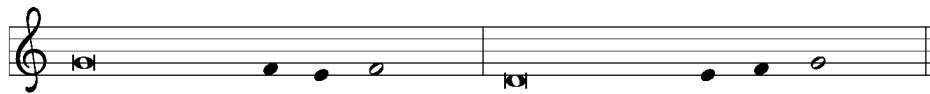
**First Reading: *Isaiah 5:1-7***

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody: *Psalms 80:7-15***



Restore us, O | God of hosts;  
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.

**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;  
you cast out the nations and | planted it.  
You cleared the | ground for it;  
it took root and | filled the land.  
The mountains were covered | by its shadow  
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs.  
You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea  
and its branches | to the river.  
Why have you broken | down its wall,  
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?  
The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,  
and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.**

Turn now, O | God of hosts,  
look | down from heaven;  
behold and | tend this vine;  
preserve what your right | hand has planted.

**Second Reading: *Philippians 3:4b-14***

[Paul writes:] If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**†Gospel Acclamation:**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

†Gospel: *Matthew 21:33-46*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the people:] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Exploration of Faith in Youth**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Joel Neubauer*

†Hymn: *Jesus, I Will Ponder Now*

1 Je - sus, I will pon - der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;  
 2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,  
 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,  
 4 Let me view your pain and loss with re - pen - tant griev - ing,

let your Spir - it now en - dow me for med - i - ta - tion.  
 bonds and blows and wretch - ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.  
 nor pre - pare a - gain your cross by un - ho - ly liv - ing.

Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish  
 make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails, did wound you,  
 For I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;  
 May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Sav - ior,

of your suf - f'ring, pain, and death, that I may not per - ish.  
 how you died for those, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.  
 this the shame - ful cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.  
 that I may in heav'n a - bove sing your praise for - ev - er.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–1681; tr. August Crull, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: JESU KREUZ, LEIDEN UND PEIN, Melchior Vulpus, 1570–1615

†Apostles' 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 into hell.  
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 (*Petitions conclude: "Lord, in your mercy, / **hear our prayer.**"*)

†Peace

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

Offering and Friendship Registers

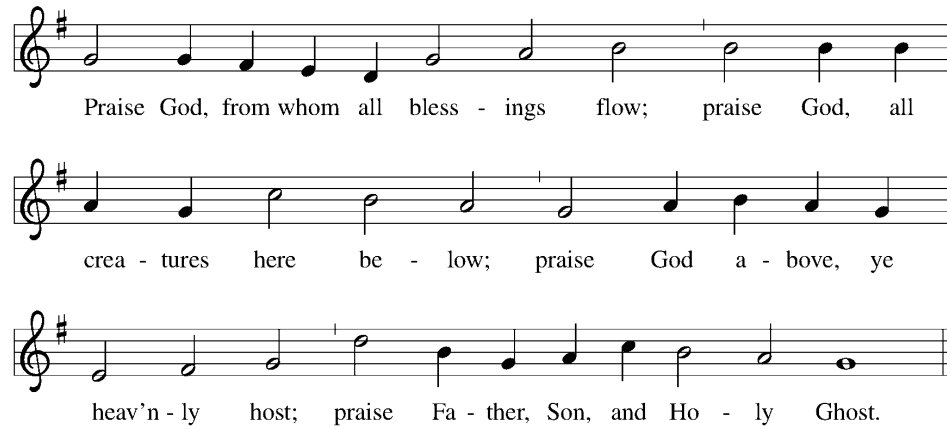
Offertory Anthem

*Shine On Us*

B. Geer



## †Offertory Song and Prayer



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all  
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye  
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Merciful God, **we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen.**

†Great Thanksgiving (*Dialogue, Preface, Sanctus, Eucharistic and Lord's Prayers*)

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.

Lord, to whom shall we go?  
Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness  
and they returned dust to dust.

Father, you have given us true bread from heaven;  
and the bread you give, O Christ, is your flesh;  
and the word you give is the Spirit;  
and the Spirit gives life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it and gave it for them to eat, 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 them to drink, saying,  
“Take and drink, this cup is the new testament in my blood,  
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering Christ’s life, death, resurrection and ascension,  
we echo Christ’s promise:  
“Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life;  
and I will raise them at the last.”

Come, Holy Spirit, on these gifts of bread and wine  
that we may receive Jesus’ body and blood in, with and under them,  
for his flesh is true food and his blood is true drink,  
through whom is all honor and glory to Our Father, with you, Holy Spirit,  
One God, in your holy Church both now and forever. **Amen.**

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

**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.**

## †Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## Communion

*Believing in the real presence of Christ, this church practices eucharistic hospitality. All baptized Christians are welcomed to Communion.*

*The bread will be placed in your hand. A tray will follow with both the pre-poured (juice) and empty cups for wine. The common chalice will follow for those who desire to partake in the common cup and lastly a pouring chalice for individual empty cups. Please place your empty cups on one of the tables provided at the end of the aisles. We also encourage non-communing persons forward to receive a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen.**

The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen.**

## Communion Hymn: *You Are Holy*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

\* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÄR HELIG, Per Harling

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South America, and Central America, including the Caribbean.

## †Post Communion Blessing

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

## †Nunc Dimittis



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.



My own eyes have seen the sal- va - tion which you have pre- pared in the



sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re- veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo- ple Is - ra - el.



Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be- gin - ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A - men

## †Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD smile on you and be gracious unto you;  
the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

†Hymn: *Thine the Amen*



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise  
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be  
 3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest  
 4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise  
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread  
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee  
 thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be  
 thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways  
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup  
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry  
 then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war  
 thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least  
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.  
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.  
 thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.  
 then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.  
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926  
 Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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†Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

†Postlude

*Aus Tiefer Not*

Luther/Drischner

*Our particular Reformation began with Martin Luther's posting of Ninety-five Theses on October 31, 1517.  
As we approach 500 years of our Lutheran witness, we find Luther's faith as shared through his hymns.*

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**Martin Luther, 1538: Preface to Georg Rhau's Symponiae lucundae:**

*"Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. She is a mistress and governess of those human emotions which, as masters, govern mortals or more often overwhelm them. No greater commendation than this can be found—at least not by us. For whether you wish to comfort the sad, to terrify the happy, to encourage the despairing, to humble the proud, to calm the passionate, or to appease those full of hate—and who could number all the masters of the human heart...that impel people to evil or good?—what more effective means than music could you find?"*

**Martin Luther, 1524: Out of the Depths I Cry to You**

Out of the depths I cry to you; O Lord God, hear me calling.  
Incline your ear to my distress in spite of my rebelling.  
Do not regard my sinful deeds. Send me the grace my spirit needs;  
without it I am nothing.

All things you send are full of grace; you crown our lives with favor.  
All our good works are done in vain without our Lord and Savior.  
We praise you for the gift of faith; you save us from the grip of death;  
our lives are in your keeping.

In you alone, O God, we hope, and not in our own merit.  
We rest our fears in your good Word and trust your Holy Spirit.  
Your promise keeps us strong and sure; we trust the cross, your signature,  
inscribed upon our temples.

My soul is waiting for you, Lord, as one who longs for morning;  
no watcher waits with greater hope than I for your returning.  
I hope as Israel in the Lord, who sends redemption through the Word.  
Praise God for grace and mercy!

*Note: The tune for the above text, also written by Martin Luther, "Aus Teifer Not," is featured in today's prelude and postlude.*

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