

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Pentecost 14

August 29, 2021

### welcome/announcements

#### prelude

*"500 Miles"*

by Peter, Paul, and Mary  
Jon Ball, guitar and vocals  
Gary Hoyne, vocals  
Kristin Young, vocals

#### morning litany (stand)

Praise God with our voices for new hope, new life, and grace

**Praise God with our ears as the word speaks to our souls.**

Praise God with our eyes for the beauty all around us.

**Praise God with our hands as our life's an offering.**

Praise God with our feet as we journey on towards justice

**Praise God with our hearts for the joy of love and peace.**

#### greeting

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

**And also with you.**

#### gathering hymn

*"Kyrie Eleison"* (WP 81)

Text: Larry Olson

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#### *Refrain*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.

Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

#### *Verse 1*

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all;

for this holy house, for all who worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

*Verse 2*

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor;  
that we may live out truth and justice and grace,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

*Refrain*

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way.  
Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

*Verse 3*

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family;  
for life and for love, for our work and our play,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

*Verse 4*

For your spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the word;  
that you nourish our souls with your body and blood,  
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord. (refrain)

**prayer of the day**

Let us pray.

O Lord,  
You remind us that there is a time for everything:  
let today be a time to love  
and a time for peace.

**Let today be a time to heal hurts of the body  
and hurts of the heart,  
to mend what has been broken.**

Let today be a time to embrace our fellowship with you  
and with each other,  
to build up your beloved community.

**Let today be a time to speak out for justice,  
to scatter the stones of ill-will  
and plant compassion in their place.**

Let today be a time to keep watch  
with those who work or wait or mourn,  
with those whose times are in your hands.

**Amen!**

## **word**

### **first reading** (sit)

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*“For everything there is a season . . .”*

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

### **gospel reading**

Mark 1:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*“As Jesus passed along the Sea . . .”*

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **sermon**

Pastor Charisse Jensen

### **hymn of the day** (stand)

*“Who Will Come and Follow Me?” (ELW 798)*

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

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#### *Verse 1*

"Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,

will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

*Verse 2*

"Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"

*Verse 3*

"Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"

*Verse 4*

"Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"

*Verse 5*

Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

## **prayers of intercession**

Rooted in Christ and led by your Holy Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence*

God of all wisdom, enlighten your church. Guide theologians, authors, scholars, professors and pastors as they seek greater knowledge and invite others into a deeper understanding of your love and grace. Teach us to ask faithful questions, and open our minds to new ideas and insights.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of all creation, mend our earth. Cool warming waters and preserve melting ice-caps. Increase our awareness of changing climate patterns and reveal new approaches to the ecological challenges we face. Shield those in the paths of hurricanes or tropical storms.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of all nations, direct our leaders. Grant them courage to lay aside political grudges and renew their determination to address difficult conflicts. Guide them in the work of understanding and reconciliation.

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of all compassion, tend to the wounded. Rescue those tormented by mental illness or mired in addiction. Ease the anxiety of those struggling with dementia. Come quickly to help all who are in need and all those who suffer and grieve. We pray especially for....

God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

God of all beauty, inspire all artists. Bless all those whose visual and musical gifts enliven this assembly. Bless the creative work of poets and hymnwriters, composers, painters, sculptors, and sewers that enrich our worship and daily life. God, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you. O God, we are confident in the promise of your life saving love, through Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

## **sharing the peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(The congregation now takes time to exchange a greeting of peace) (Sit)*

## **the offering of our gifts**

*“If I Had a Hammer”*

by Peter, Paul, and Mary

Jon Ball, Gary Hoyne, Kristin Young

## **offertory prayer** (stand)

Holy God,

**Thank you for sending us your Holy Spirit. Come and fill our hearts and minds with your gifts of faith, hope and love. Guide our ways, direct our hearts and lead us in generously sharing our gifts, the gifts that you first gave to us. Cultivate your grace and mercy in our community. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## **the great thanksgiving**

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 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 . . .

We praise your name and join their unending hymn.

## **holy, holy**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## **meal**

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

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **the distribution**

### **communion song**

*“Eat This Bread”* (ELW 472)

Text: Taizé Community  
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“Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
trust in me and you will not thirst.”

### **post-communion prayer** (stand)

### **blessing**

### **sending song**

*“Take My Life, That I May BE”* (WP 583)

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

#### *Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 1 Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee. (refrain)
- 2 Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect and use  
ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. (refrain)
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only for my King;  
take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from thee. (refrain)

*Refrain*

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

- 4 Take my will and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne. (refrain)

**dismissal**

People of God, what are we called to do?  
**Share Christ's abundant love.**  
**Thanks be to God!**