

Welcome to St Mark Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 6, 2025 9:00 AM



We are grateful you have chosen to join worship with St Mark today. Many will worship in the sanctuary while others will be joining this service via *Facebook Live* from wherever they may be. The text in **Bold print** in this service outline indicates responses all persons are invited to speak together. Holy Communion will be celebrated during this service. The Lord's Table is open to believers of all Christian traditions. The songs may be found in the books located in the backs of the pews: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW), All Creation Sings (ACS), and With One Voice (WOV). Protective masks and hand sanitizer are available at the entrances to the building.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FOREGIVENESS

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

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,
you free us to love others,
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.
You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,
but we grow weary in doing what is right.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Do not give up on us.
Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life. Amen.

You belong to Christ Jesus
and you are God's children through faith.
In the cross of ✠ Christ,
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**

For Freedom, Christ Has Set Us Free

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 2000

Ellacombe

German melody, 18th cent., alt. 1868

1. "For free-dom, Christ has set us free!" What joy is ours to claim!
 2. We're clothed in Christ and we be-long; Now no one waits out-side.
 3. Now, Spi - rit - filled, may we be led From ways that would de-destroy.

No more en-slaved, hu - ma - ni - ty Finds life in Je - sus' name.
 In him we find our com-mon song; Old ways no more div - ide.
 May we your peo - ple turn in- stead To lives of love and joy.

We try, Lord, to be jus - ti - fied Through all the works we do.
 "It is no long-er I who live, But Christ who lives in me."
 May we find peace that makes us whole And pa-tience ev - ery - where.

Yet you a - dopt us, say-ing, "Child, It's Christ who makes you new."
 He died for us, new life to give—And new i - den - ti - ty.
 God, give us kind-ness, self-con-trol, And hearts and hands that share.

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God,
and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us.
With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

All the earth bows down before you and sings out your name. (Ps. 66:4)

¹ Be joyful in God, ¹ all you lands;
be joyful, ¹ all the earth.

² **Sing the glory ¹ of God's name;
sing the glory ¹ of God's praise.**

³ Say to God, "How awesome ¹ are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies ¹ cringe before you.

⁴ **All the earth bows ¹ down before you,
sings to you, sings ¹ out your name."** R

⁵ Come now and see the ¹ works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds ¹ toward all people.

⁶ **God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- ¹ ter on foot,
and there we re- ¹ joiced in God.**

⁷ Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- ¹ ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- ¹ alt themselves.

⁸ **Bless our ¹ God, you peoples;
let the sound of ¹ praise be heard.**

⁹ Our God has kept us a- ¹ mong the living
and has not allowed our ¹ feet to slip. R

SECOND READING- Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in "the family of faith."

A reading from Galatians.

[¹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶ Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.]

⁷ Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸ If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹ So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰ So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹ See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹² It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³ Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL- Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Thanks be to God.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'

¹⁶ "Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The Gospel of our Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

"God's Work, Our Hands "

ACS 1000

- 1 God's work, our hands: working together,
building a future, repairing the world,
raising up homes, planting new gardens,
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 2 God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,
following Jesus to places unknown,
walking as friends, marching for freedom,
running the race with God's future the goal.
Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,
sharing the good news of your gospel.
- 3 God's work, our voice: singing together,
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,
praying for peace, shouting for justice,
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
sharing the good news of your gospel.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954

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APOSTLES CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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,
as 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

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

You send your church into the world with a message of peace. Center the whole church in this peace, and strengthen our faith by the example of all those who creatively and faithfully proclaim your good news. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

All the earth sings out your name. Inspire your people to drink deeply from the beauty of all your creation. When ecosystems are wounded, bring your healing. When our actions endanger the survival of other species, curb our greed and waste. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You call us to work for the good of all. Give resolve to those who lead, that they do not grow weary in doing what is right. Guide them to seek peace between nations and freedom for all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As a mother comforts her child, so you comfort us. Bring this comfort to those in any pain (*especially*). Carry your people when grief is heavy, and lift burdens of shame and self-doubt. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your harvest is plentiful, O God. Make us laborers and companions with one another in this assembly. Send your peace to rest upon us, heal divisions among us, and open our hearts to receive one another as gifts from you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions will be offered.

You have written our names in heaven, O God, and we rejoice. We thank you for those who have lived and died in your love. Accompany us on our life's journey and draw us at last to life forever in you. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERING

We want to thank everyone who is financially supporting the ministries of this congregation. The sharing of financial gifts to support St Mark during the Summer months is especially needed as historically May through September are the months when giving is the lowest. This summer we have come upon a number of unexpected repair projects that need immediate attention in addition to our expected costs of ministry. All gifts will make a difference. If you have a financial gift you would like to share today:

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OFFERING PRAYER

Creator God, 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.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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Lift up your hearts.

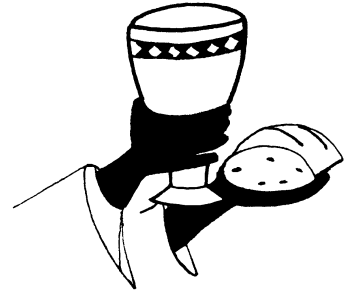
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be distributed at this time. All followers of Jesus are welcome to receive this gift of grace. An usher will guide those who would like to receive, up the center aisle. You are invited to place your hands with palms up to receive the bread, wine or grape juice. After receiving the elements, you may kneel at the altar rail for a time of reflection if you desire. Please depart via the outside aisles and place your empty cup in the basket located along the outside wall. Thank you.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"Spirit of Gentleness "

ELW396

Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings." *Refrain*
- 2 You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*
- 3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*
- 4 You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise. *Refrain*

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

The love of God abound in you;
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit
✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN-

"Go to the World"

ACS 991 vs 2,3

2 Go to the world! Go into ev'ry place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preach and Preside-	Pastor Dave Kebschull	Usher/ Greeter-	Paul Meyer
Reader-	Steve Berg	Communion Server-	Steve Berg
Altar Guild-	Norma Williams & Carole Suhr	Worship Tech-	Mick Polich
Organist-	Cindy Mickens		

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PRAYERS- we are all invited to keep the following persons in our prayers:

Prayers for Healing and wholeness

Kale Yarbrough, Donell Grow and Beverly (Friends with Food family), Kale Yarbrough, Steve Berg, Mark Johnson, Carolyn Stille (mother of Kristi Bihrer), Gladys Eddie, Ed Anderson, Donna Schulz, Steve Korner, Alex Kron, Dick Mooney, Caleb Vander Broek, Kristine Taylor, Dianne White, Tony Bodholdt, Julie Egland, Cindy James, Cheryl Lustgraaf, Kim Anderson, Harper Ledford (great

granddaughter of Don and Carol Northrup), Cheryl Crampton, David Walker, Greg Kruse, all persons seeking healing and wholeness

For persons Mourning

Paul Bengtson and family as they grieve the death of his daughter Amy

For persons on active duty in the US Military Service

Aiden Deitering, SLPD Officer A.J. Chase, SLPD Officer Gerardo Bravo



Life Together

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You may log into Saint Mark Wi-Fi by using the password- **devotion**.

WORSHIP- We gather for worship each Sunday morning at 9:00. You can join us in-person in the Sanctuary, or via livestream on our [Facebook page](#). Recordings of services may be also found on the [St Mark Website](#).

PROCLAIM RADIO MINISTRY- Proclaim is a radio ministry of St Mark and is broadcast every Sunday morning at 7:30 AM via FM 101.7 KAYL. The message and music are from the previous weekend. This ministry is one of the ways St Mark reaches out to Storm Lake and Western Iowa with the love of Jesus. You are invited to consider supporting this ministry in addition to your regular financial support of St Mark. The cost is \$38 per week and can be given online, or by check. You can sign-up for a Sunday online or by contacting [Jane Hartwell](#) in the church office.

SUMMER FINANCIAL GIFTS

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LIFE SERVE BLOOD DRIVE:

Life Serve was here at St Mark on Tuesday. We will share the results with you when we receive them. Life

Serve staff wants to thank everyone for donating and helping to save lives. If you would like to give blood at the next drive August 5th, you can register online or text LIFESERVE to 999-777 to make an appointment to Give Blood. If you would like to know any other info about donating blood and Life Serve Blood Center, just click on this link, or contact Jane Hartwell in the Church Office.



FRIENDS WITH FOOD distribution took place June 19th at St. Mark. We are grateful for everyone who helped as we deliver to over 100 households in our community. If you know of someone who needs food, or you would like to help, contact Di Daniels 712-299-9863, Julie Cook 712-732-4968 or Jane Hartwell 712-732-5255. Friends with Food is a partnership of St Mark, SALUD, Western Iowa Synod-ELCA, Food Bank of Iowa, and other persons from the Storm Lake area who work together to deliver a monthly food distribution to those who are permanently or temporarily homebound and with no easy access to transportation. The next distribution will be July 17 at St. Mark

SEW & DO is needing gently used sheets for their projects. You may drop off in the church office.



NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE UPDATE

We want to thank all who have been involved and supportive of this ministry. You are making a difference in the lives of children in this area!

Beds continue to be delivered to children in the Storm Lake area. The smiles and excitement of children (and parents) upon the completion of the delivery are priceless! All are so appreciative. When our inventory of beds gets low, the Sioux City Chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace brings more beds to us! Fourteen beds have been delivered to children in the area since late May, for a total of 89 since we began this mission from Storm Lake late last year. Updates on this mission will continue to be posted in eNews, church bulletins and the monthly newsletter. More information on the local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace located in Sioux City can be found at <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ia-sioux-city/> If you would like more information about SHP in Storm Lake, go to this link on their website: <https://shpbeds.org/chapter/ia-sioux-city/>

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK

Sunday, July 6

7:30AM

9:00AM

10:00AM

10:15AM

Proclaim Radio broadcast on FM101.7

Sunday Worship Service- in-person and streamed live on [Facebook](#)

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

Pastor's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, July 7

6:30PM

Stephen Ministry (Conference Room)

Tuesday, July 8

12:30PM

Parkinson's Support Group (Fish Fry) (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, July 9

6:00PM

Caring Paws (Board of Directors) (Fellowship Hall)

6:30PM

Congregation Council Meeting (Conference Room)

Thursday, July 10

12:00PM

AA-(Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, July 12

10:00AM-1:00PM

Event (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, July 13

7:30AM

Proclaim Radio broadcast on FM101.7

9:00AM

Sunday Worship Service- in-person and streamed live on [Facebook](#)

10:00AM

Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

10:15AM

Pastor's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)



**BACK TO SCHOOL
SUPPLY DRIVE**

**FOUR OAKS/LSI ARE NOW COLLECTING
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN/TEENS IN
IOWA FOSTER CARE.**

LIST OF SUPPLIES NEEDED:

CRAYONS/MARKERS	FOLDERS/BINDERS
COLORED PENCILS	KLEENEX'S/ CLOROX
HIGHLIGHTERS	WIPES
BLUE, RED, & BLACK	ERASERS
PENS	T9 CALCULATORS
#2 PENCILS	NOTEBOOKS WIDE &
BACKPACKS	COLLEGE RULED

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LSI LUTHERAN SERVICES IN IOWA
FOUR OAKS

*Please place all donations and gifts in the BIG bin at St Mark.
It is located in the main hall by the grocery cart.*