



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

Introduction

Pray always.

Do not lose heart.

This is Christ's
encouragement in the
gospel today.

Wrestle with the word.

Remember your baptism
again and again.

Come regularly to
Christ's table.

Persistence in our every
encounter with the
divine will be blessed.

Thanks be to God!



OCTOBER 19, 2025

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY MORNING FELLOWSHIP 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15AM

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00AM

YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM 10:00 AM



Assisting in Worship Today

Preaching: Pastor Quentin Surace
Organist: Emily Schuttenberg
Acolyte:
Lay Reader: Tamarah Hefner
Greeters: Nicky & Evelyn Setzer

Ushers:
Assisting Minister: Carol Schaefer
Crucifer:
Communion Assistants:
Council Duties: Jean Cloninger, Judy Craig

Attendance last Sunday, October 12th was **83** (includes YouTube Live viewers).

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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 AM

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**Please stand as able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

Setting 8 ELW

GATHERING MUSIC (9:45AM)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:55AM)

PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES BY ACOLYTE

Instrumental

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of GodMerciful and loving God,

C: **we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. 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, your sins are forgiven!

C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Rise Up, O Saints of God!"

ELW #669

***KYRIE (Setting 8) Pastor sings the verses, assembly sings the refrain.**

ELW p.184-185

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

LESSONS

Genesis 32:22-31, 2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

Tamarah Hefner

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

"Alleluia"

ELW p.188

GOSPEL READING

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke. C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Luke 18:1-8

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Quentin Surace

SERMON

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***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"Ask the Complicated Questions"

ACS #1005

***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW p.105

***PRAYERS BY ASSISTING MINISTER**

A: Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.....God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

***SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

MEAL

THE OFFERING

“Day by Day”

ELW #790

OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow”

ELW #885

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*PROPER PREFACE FOR SUNDAY:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

ELW p.190

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION: II

ELW p.190

*THE LORD’S PRAYER P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

DISTRIBUTION

We welcome all who believe Jesus is Lord to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion. An usher will guide you to the center aisle to receive communion. You may return to your seat by the outer aisle. If you are not able to come forward, please notify an usher by raising your hand and communion will be brought to you. After communing all who wish may go to the altar for prayer. You may also come forward for a blessing.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p.191

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

ELW #773

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BY ASSISTING MINISTER

A: O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus’ name. C: **Amen.**

SENDING

***BLESSING** P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚ bless you now and forever. Together let us proclaim our mission:

C: **To proclaim the Gospel. To make disciples. To embody God’s love. Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN

“Jesus, Still Lead On”

ELW #624

***Dismissal:** P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Instrumental

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, “Let me go, for the day is breaking.” But Jacob said, “I will not let you go, unless you bless me.” So he said to him, “What is your name?” And he said, “Jacob.” Then the man said, “You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed.” Then Jacob asked him, “Please tell me your name.” But he said, “Why is it that you ask my name?” And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, “For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved.” The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

2 Timothy 3:14—4:5

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Luke 18:1-8

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my accuser.’ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’ ” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

Church Staff

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