



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

## Introduction

Persistence in prayer is encouraged by Jesus and wins the attention of God when Abraham intercedes for Sodom.

The life of the baptized—to be rooted and built up in Christ Jesus—is to be nurtured with prayer. God hears and answers prayer and so strengthens God's own.

"When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me."

**JULY 27, 2025**

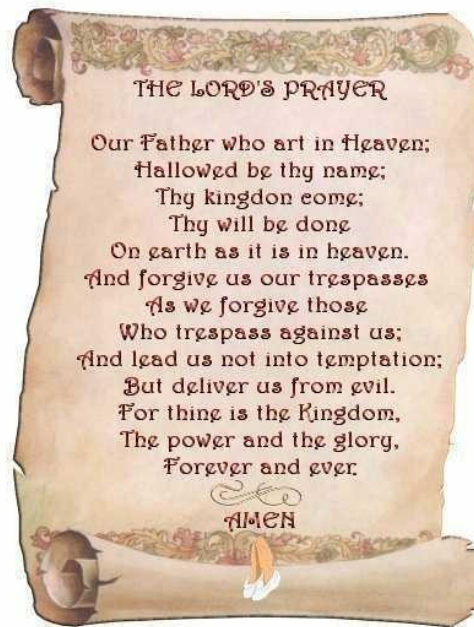
**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**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: Elaine Simmons  
Greeters: Steve & Kay Deal

Ushers: Deb Crawford  
Assisting Minister: Carol Schaefer  
Crucifer:  
Communion Assistants: Dale Sherrill  
Council Duties: Jonathan Ray, Carol Schaefer

Attendance last Sunday, July 20th was **82** (includes YouTube Live viewers).



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**7TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**10:00 AM**

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*\*Please stand as able*

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

**GATHERING**

**Setting 3 ELW**

**GATHERING MUSIC (9:45AM)**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (9:55AM)**

**PRELUDE AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES BY ACOLYTE**

**Instrumental**

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin. Merciful God,

**C: 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

**"Sweet Hour of Prayer"**

**On Screen**

**\*KYRIE (Setting 3) (Pastor will sing petitions. All sing "Lord, have mercy")**

**ELW P.138-139**

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**WORD**

**LESSONS**

**Genesis 18:20-32, Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**"Alleluia"**

**ELW P.142**

**GOSPEL READING**

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

**Luke 11:1-13**

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

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Pastor Quentin**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Quentin**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Lord, Teach Us How to Pray Aright"**

**ELW #745**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**ELW P.127**

**\*PRAYERS BY ASSISTING MINISTER**

A: In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. Loving God, create in your church a desire for union with you in prayer.....God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

**\*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE**

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING

“Seek Ye First”

Special Music

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

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: 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. **C: Amen.**

### \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.	<b>C: And also with you.</b>
P: Lift up your hearts.	<b>C: We lift them to the Lord.</b>
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	<b>C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.</b>

### \*PROPER PREFACE FOR SUNDAY:

### \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (sung)

ELW P.144

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 in the highest.

### \*WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR HOLY COMMUNION : # II

ELW P.108

### \*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.146

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.

### DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

ELW #742

### \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION BY ASSISTING MINISTER

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

### SENDING

\***BLESSING** P: 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. Together let us proclaim our mission:  
**C: To proclaim the Gospel. To make disciples. To embody God’s love. Amen.**

### \*SENDING HYMN

“Go, My Children, With My Blessing”

ELW #543

\***Dismissal:** P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE

Instrumental

## **Genesis 18:20-32**

Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know." So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it."

## **Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. [Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.]

## **Gospel: Luke 11:1-13**

[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial." And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

### **Church Staff**

Pastor: Pastor Quentin F. Surace  
Music Director: Emily Schuttenberg  
Family Ministries Director: Wendy Hefner  
Finance Secretary: Deanna Butcher

Custodian: Larry Smyre/Mark Oakley  
Secretary: Patricia Hoke  
Preschool Co-Director: Randyl Abernathy  
Preschool Co-Director: Maria Wright