



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

## OUR MISSION:

TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

TO MAKE DISCIPLES

TO EMBODY GOD'S LOVE

## Introduction

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship.

It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

Thanks be to God!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

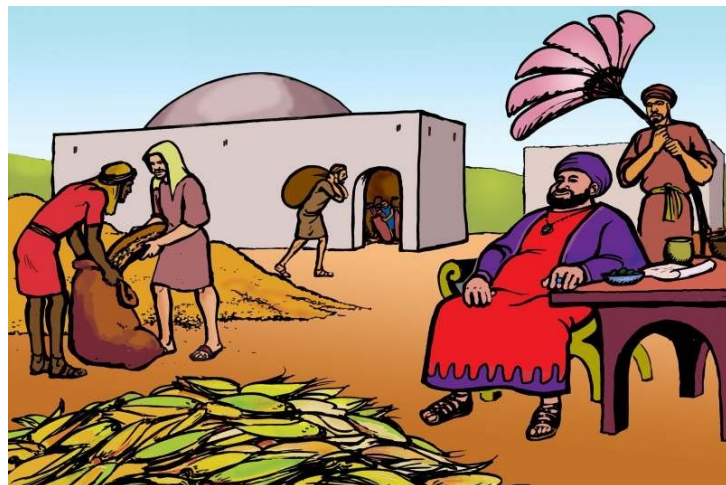
16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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: Kermit Nash  
Greeters: Linda Hewitt

Ushers:  
Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash  
Crucifer:  
Communion Assistants:  
Council Duties: Carol Schaefer, Matthew Watkins

Attendance last Sunday, September 21st was **79** (includes YouTube Live viewers).

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16TH 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 God ....Merciful 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**

**"God of Grace and God of Glory"**

ELW #705

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

ELW p.184-185

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

WORD

LESSONS

Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Kermit Nash

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**"Alleluia"**

ELW p.188

GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 16:19-31

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Quentin Surace

SERMON

Pastor Quentin Surace

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Gather Us In"**

ELW #532

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW p.105

**\*PRAYERS BY ASSISTING MINISTER**

A: Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need....God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

BLESSING FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

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

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING

**"Take My Life, That I May Be"**

**ELW #685**

### 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:** 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

**"I Received the Living God"**

**ELW #477**

### \*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

**"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"**

**ELW #536**

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

### POSTLUDE

**Instrumental**

### **Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria. Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, who drink wine from bowls and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

### **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

### **Luke 16:19-31**

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

#### **Church Staff**

Pastor: Pastor Quentin F. Surace  
Music Director: Emily Schuttenberg  
Family Ministries Director: Wendy Hefner  
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2025 Church Council President: Terry Hefner

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Secretary: Patricia Hoke  
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Preschool Co-Director: Maria Wright