



# ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP: WEEK FOUR**

**OCTOBER 7, 2018 AT 8:15 A.M.**

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

## INTRODUCTION

*To be a faithful steward means to willingly, lovingly, intentionally and to consistently commit ourselves - our time, talent, and treasures to the life and work of the kingdom in and through church. Without our willing, faithful commitment of our gifts to God's church, the work of the Kingdom will not be done as it needs to be. Stewardship is a matter of the will.*



**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**

God's work. Our hands.

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*\*Please stand if able*

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

GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"Children of God"

Insert

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

\*GATHERING SONG

"Come, Now is the Time to Worship"

Insert

\*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

P: Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again. **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Source of all life,

**C: We confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

P: God hears the cries of those he has named and claimed. God sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Your sins are forgiven †, God's love is unconditional. We are raised up as God's people who are made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

\*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Gracious God, giver of all that we are and have, you call us to responsibly care for and use what you have given us. Embolden us to commit ourselves, our time, talents, and treasures as trustworthy stewards to love and serve you, our neighbor, and your Church. Strengthen our resolve, by grace through faith, to live every day as your faithful stewards through Him who committed his all for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Our Savior, our Redeemer; in whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

LESSONS

1 Chronicles 29:10, 14-18; Psalm 116:12-14, 17-19; II Corinthians 9:6b-11

Glenn Morrison

\*THE GOSPEL READING

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

Luke 21:1-4

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

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

*We Commit our Time, Talent, and Treasure*

\*SONG OF THE DAY

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus"

Insert

\*APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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, was 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.**

\*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Glenn Morrison

## MEAL

### THE OFFERING / THANKOFFERING

*After the collection of the regular offering please come forward to place your Stewardship Commitment Card and your Thankoffering in the small church at the front of the church.*

#### OFFERTORY

**"You Are My All in All"**

Insert

#### \*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND OFFERTORY

**"Communion"**

**This is the body. This is the blood. Broken and poured out. For all of us.  
And in this communion we share in His love. This is the body. This is the blood.**

#### \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Glenn Morrison

A: God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and make them an embodiment of your love for the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

#### \*THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

#### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, teach us to pray . . .

**C: 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 congregation sits. The following is sung: "Worthy Is the Lamb"*

**Worthy is the Lamb seated on the throne. Crown You now with many crowns. You reign victorious. High and lifted up. Jesus Son of God. The darling of heaven crucified. Worthy is the Lamb. (Repeat 3X)**

#### DISTRIBUTION

*Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.*

#### COMMUNION SONG

**"Still"**

Insert

#### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

#### \*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Glenn Morrison

A: Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer. **C: Amen.**

## SENDING

#### \*BLESSING

P: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

#### \*SENDING SONG

**"Forever"**

Insert

#### \*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in memory of Kermit Cloninger's birthday (October 1), and in honor of David Cloninger, Chis Cloninger, and all others celebrating birthdays this month, given by the family.

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**FALL THANKOFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY.** Please place your Fall ThankOffering in the miniature church at the Baptismal Font. The Fall ThankOffering was established at St. Mark's in 1933 in order to fund special projects within the church. The designation of the Fall ThankOffering will be determined by the Congregation Council.

### **1 CHRONICLES 29:10, 14-18**

Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly; David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, forever and ever. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to make this freewill offering? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. For we are aliens and transients before you, as were all our ancestors; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. I know, my God, that you search the heart, and take pleasure in uprightness; in the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

### **PSALM 116:12-14, 17-19**

What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD, I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people. I will offer to you a thanksgiving sacrifice and call on the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!

### **II CORINTHIANS 9:6B-11**

The one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us.

### **LUKE 21:1-4**

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on."

### **LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE**

**Presiding Pastor:** Rev. Gary Haddock

**Communion Assistants:** Dale Sherrill, Camille Patrick

**Tabulators:** Hilka Cox, Sue Karen Falls, Celia Hollar, Nick Setzer

**Vocalists:** Tim Carpenter, Tamarah Hefner, Allyson Sestric, Carol Schaefer

**Instrumentalists:** Allyson Sestric: Violin & Guitar; Mark Mashburn: Guitar;

Aaron Carpenter: Drums; Jonathan Ray: Keyboard

**Tech:** Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

**Assisting Minister:** Glenn Morrison

**Deacons:** Marcheta Campbell, Barry Bumgarner

**Altar Guild:** Tamarah Hefner, Marlene Epps

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