



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUR PILLARS OF STEWARDSHIP: WEEK FOUR

OCTOBER 7, 2018 AT 10:30 A.M.

TRADITIONAL 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

(ELW—Red Book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Sandra Tallant

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

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

*GATHERING HYMN

"We Praise You, O God"

ELW #870

*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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"This is the feast of victory for our God ..."

ELW p. 122-123

*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

Kermit Nash

*HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia, Alleluia ..."

ELW p. 124

*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.**

SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

We Commit our Time, Talent, and Treasure

*HYMN OF THE DAY

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

ELW #686

*APOSTLES' CREED

ELW p. 127

*INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

Kermit Nash

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

*OFFERING PRESENTATION/RESPONSE **"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"**

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Kermit Nash

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**

ELW p. 65-66

***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.

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.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

ELW #793

***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**

Kermit Nash

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 HYMN**

"Rise Up, O Saints"

ELW #669

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sandra Tallant

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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, Chris 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

Organist: Sandra Tallant

Deacons: Marcheta Campbell, Barry Bumgarner

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

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

Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash

Communion Assistants: Hal Sigmon, Nick Setzer

Altar Guild: Tamarah Hefner, Marlene Epps

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