

**St. Mark's Presbyterian Church**  
**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost – November 2, 2025**  
**All Saints Sunday**

**Responsive Call to Worship**

Surely God is our salvation;

**we will trust and will not be afraid.**

The Lord is our strength and our song;

**the Lord has become our salvation.**

O magnify the Lord with me,

**Let us exalt the name of the Lord together.**

**Hymn 615 Let saints on earth in concert sing**

**1. Let saints on earth in concert sing  
with those whose work is done,  
for all the servants of our King  
in heaven and earth are one.**

**2. One family, we dwell in him,  
one church, above, beneath,  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.**

**3. One army of the living God,  
to his command we bow:  
part of the host has crossed the flood,  
and part is crossing now.**

**4. E'en now to their eternal home  
there pass some spirits blest,  
while others to the margin come,  
waiting their call to rest.**

**5. Jesu, be thou our constant guide;  
then, when the word is given,  
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
and bring us safe to heaven.**

**Prayer of Praise (*minister*)**

**Hymn 681 We have heard a joyful sound**

**1. We have heard a joyful sound,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**Spread the gladness all around:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Bear the news to every land,  
climb the steeps and cross the waves;  
onward! 'tis our Lord's command:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**2. Waft it on the rolling tide,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Tell to sinners far and wide,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Sing, ye islands of the sea,  
echo back, ye ocean's caves;  
earth shall keep her jubilee:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**3. Sing above the battle's strife,  
Jesus saves, Jesus saves.  
By his death and endless life,  
Jesus saves. Jesus saves!  
Sing it softly through the gloom,  
when the heart for mercy craves;  
sing in triumph o'er the tomb,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**4. Give the winds a mighty voice,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Let the nations now rejoice:  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!  
Shout salvation full and free  
to every strand that ocean laves;  
this our song of victory,  
Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

### **Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)**

**Gracious God, you have been faithful to us in every generation. Yet we confess that we are not so faithful to you. We shrink from costly discipleship and we seek cheap grace. Forgive our fleeting enthusiasms and our shallow commitments. And guide us always with the love and mercy we witness in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

## The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in  
heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from  
evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. For  
ever and ever. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon (*minister*)

### Hymn 454 Blest be the everlasting God

**1. Blest be the everlasting God,  
the Father of our Lord  
be God's abounding mercy praised,  
and majesty adored.**

**2. When God raised Jesus from the dead,  
when Christ arose on high,  
God gave our souls a lively hope  
that we should never die.**

**3. To an inheritance divine  
God taught our hearts to rise:  
'tis uncorrupted, undefiled,  
unfading in the skies.**

**4. Saints by the power of God are kept  
until salvation come  
we walk by faith as strangers here,  
but Christ shall call us home.**

### Responsive Reading Psalm 119:137-144 p. 572 NT & Psalms

<sup>137</sup>O Lord, you are righteous,  
and your regulations are fair.

<sup>138</sup>**Your laws are perfect  
and completely trustworthy.**

<sup>139</sup>I am overwhelmed with indignation,  
for my enemies have disregarded your words.

**<sup>140</sup>Your promises have been thoroughly tested;  
that is why I love them so much.**

<sup>141</sup>I am insignificant and despised,  
but I don't forget your commandments.

**<sup>142</sup>Your justice is eternal,  
and your instructions are perfectly true.**

<sup>143</sup>As pressure and stress bear down on me,  
I find joy in your commands.

**<sup>144</sup>Your laws are always right;  
help me to understand them so I may live.**

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## Scripture Lessons

Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4                      p. 763 pew Bible

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12              p. 357 NT & Psalms

Luke 19:1-10              p. 143 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**Sermon**    **What makes a saint?**

**Prayers of the People** (*minister*)

**Prayer of Dedication** (*congregation*)

**Generous God, we ask you to bless our gifts and make them fruitful beyond our imagining in the work of your kingdom. Keep us faithful in our generation so we can continue to offer the inheritance we have received in Christ to the generation that comes after us. Amen.**

**Hymn 431** *Jesus, where'er Thy people meet*

**1. Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.**

**2. Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.**

**3. Lord, we are few, but thou art near,  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear;**

**oh rend the heavens, come quickly down  
and make a thousand hearts thine own.**

### **Choral Blessing**

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will be with you each hour of every day.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

### **Benediction**

### **Three-fold Amen**

### **Piano Postlude**