

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost – August 2, 2026

Land Acknowledgement

I acknowledge I am leading worship from Treaty 4 Territory the traditional homeland of the Cree, Ojibwe, Saulteaux, Dakota, Nakota, Lakota, and the Métis Nations

Responsive Call to Worship

Our God is faithful in words, and gracious in action.

Our eyes look to God for nurture in every season.

God is near to all who call out in truth.

God satisfies every living thing.

God watches over all who offer love and praise,

So we will praise God's holy name for ever and ever.

Hymn 438 When morning gilds the sky

**1. When morning gilds the sky,
my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
to Jesus I repair;
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**2. To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals too upraise
their voices in hymns of praise;
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**3. Let earth's wide circle round
in joyful notes resound:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let earth and sea and sky
from depth to height reply:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**4. Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

**Be this the eternal song
through all the ages on:
may Jesus Christ be praised!**

Prayer of Praise (*minister*)

Hymn 321 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation:
my soul, praise God who alone is your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear, sisters and brothers draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**

**2. Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously
reigning;
hides you with sheltering wings, ever gently sustaining!
Have you not seen how your heart's wishes have been
granted through God's kind ordaining?**

**3. Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work, who
defends you;
surely God's merciful goodness here daily attends you;
ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
when in great love God befriends you.**

**4. Praise to the Lord, and with all that is in me adoring,
all who has life and breath, come with glad praises
outpouring!
Let the amen sound from God's people again;
now and forever adoring!**

Prayer of Confession (*congregation*)

**Gracious and merciful God, in Christ you show us the
way of compassion and forgiveness, yet we neglect the
suffering of others and hold grudges. We blame and
judge each other in the moments you call us to act with
kindness and mercy. Free us from greed and from
grievance and open our hearts so that we may embody
Jesus' teachings and walk in his way this day and
always.**

- silent confession –

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 209 O love that wilt not let me go

**1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.**

**2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze, its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

**3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.**

**4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red,
life that shall endless be.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 17:1-7, 15 **p. 467 NT & Psalms**

¹O Lord, hear my plea for justice.

Listen to my cry for help.

Pay attention to my prayer,

for it comes from honest lips.

²**Declare me innocent,**

for you see those who do right.

³You have tested my thoughts and examined my heart in the night.
You have scrutinized me and found nothing wrong.
I am determined not to sin in what I say.

⁴**I have followed your commands,
which keep me from following cruel and evil people.**

⁵My steps have stayed on your path;
I have not wavered from following you.

⁶**I am praying to you because I know you will answer, O God.
Bend down and listen as I pray.**

⁷Show me your unfailing love in wonderful ways.
By your mighty power you rescue
those who seek refuge from their enemies.

¹⁵**Because I am righteous, I will see you.
When I awake, I will see you face to face and be satisfied.**

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Scripture Lessons

Genesis 32:22-31 p. 27 pew Bible

Romans 9:1-5 p. 269 NT & Psalms

Matthew 14:13-21 p. 28 NT & Psalms

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon **Wrestling and food**

Prayers of the People (*minister*)

Prayer of Dedication (*congregation*)

Blessed are you, God of all creation, for all your good gifts. Use the gifts we offer to spread your goodness in Jesus' name. Let your Spirit work through us so that your goodness will move through us into the world wherever we go. Amen.

Hymn 325 **Eternal Father, strong to save**

**1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**2. O Christ, whose voice the waters heard
and hushed their raging at thy word,
who walked upon the foaming deep
and calm amid the storm did sleep:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the waters dark and rude,
and bade their angry tumult cease,
and gave, for wild confusion, peace:
oh hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**4. O Trinity of love and power,
our kindred shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
then evermore shall rise to thee
glad hymns of praise from land and sea.**

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