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*Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00 a.m.
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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

June 28, 2026
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Amazing Grace”

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

✠ All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ’s name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, “Come to me,
all you who are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”

In the name of God,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God’s love.

Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

No. 533

**** GREETING**

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

And also with you.

** KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

**** PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵ The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD, ⁶ and the prophet Jeremiah said, “Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD and all the exiles. ⁷ But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. ⁸ The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹ As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

PSALM: Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

We will read the Psalm responsively, starting with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)

¹ Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

² **For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³ “I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ **‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ” R**

¹⁵ Happy are the people who know the festal shout!
They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶ **They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷ For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸ **Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to

righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**** GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**** GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Carrie Hoff

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 806

“ O God, My Faithful God ”

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these brothers and sisters, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as new members into the life and ministry of this congregation.

** APOSTLES CREED

**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.**

P: In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

R: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P: People of God, do you promise to support and pray for these new members in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us welcome these sisters and brothers in Christ to this community of faith.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please be seated)*

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Faithful God, establish your church to offer welcome and proclaim your peace. Nourish us so we can proclaim your hope to the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Creator God, bring life to places experiencing drought, deforestation, and pollution. Help us to cultivate and care for the natural world around us. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Loving God, bring an end to conflict and division. Sustain the work of prophets in our time, and work through world leaders to foster understanding, justice, and peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Provider God, give your children what they need physically, emotionally, and spiritually. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Bless caregivers as they show God's hospitality through their generous service.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Living God, lead us from death to life. Inspire new ministries and endeavors, renew established ones, and strengthen our welcoming presence to our neighbors. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for the newest members of this congregation, whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal God, we remember the faithful departed of this community and of the wider church and world.

We give thanks for saints of all times and places. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

SPECIAL MUSIC

"His Eye Is On the Sparrow"

**** OFFERTORY HYMN**

No. 184

"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

**** OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray. Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **Amen.**

**** GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**** PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score ends with a double bar line.

**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**** LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

**** COMMUNION SONG**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord’s table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION HYMNS

“ O Living Bread from Heaven ”

No. 542


“ Just As I Am, without One Plea ”

No. 592

**** TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

**** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 840

“ Now Thank We All Our God ”

**** BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.
Amen.

**** DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!
Thanks be to God. We WILL!

POSTLUDE

“ There Is a Happy Land ”

St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God's love.”

Church Calendar June 28, 2026 – July 5, 2026

- Today** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
with Holy Communion
- Monday** - Summer Book Group 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday** - Yoga at 10:00 a.m.
- Friday** - **Office Closed** in observance of Independence Day
- Next Sunday** - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Nick Bennett
Lector:	Jim Murray
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Special Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recorder:	Stephanie Berger
Communion Clean-up:	Marta Turney & Liz Lewis
Flower Delivery:	Phyllis Rinker & Dee Moyer
Safe Keeper:	Jim Murray
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Capt.

Liz Lewis, Dave Hoff, Bob Dempsey, Joann Kinzy

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The Altar Flowers are given by John & Debbie Burk,
in glory of God and celebration of Reverend John's 40th Ordination Anniversary year.

Prayer Requests



Illness: Emelee DeWitt, Helen Ferrell, Valerie Minor, Viola, Josh Wilhelm, Tom Bittinger, Dorothee Bittinger, Peter, Robert Hodges, Ava, Connie Leary, Emily, Marie, Joyce Chaney, Debbie, Bill & Diana Bachtel, Norma, Joe, Kimmie, Abe, Angie, Fred Meyer, Tom Bingham, Senta Heinrich, Mary, Eric, Jeff Gilbert, Marylynn, Michael, Sally, George, David, Roger, Clint, C.J. Bennett, Micah Teter, John Arnold, Ray, Laura and her unborn child, Katie LeDuc, Diane LeDuc, Jean, Bil McGahn, Sara, Debra Lohman, Annie Wiles, Danny, Ada Viattero, Debra DeWitt

Special Needs: Chase, Jeremy Lewis, Family of Becky Preston, Christine Chaney, Autumn and Jordan, Bravo, Erina, Miss Ann Collins, Shania, Joey Welch & his family, Mr. Kittle, Eli M., Athena, Kella & Baby, Garrett, Amy Bacha

Upcoming Events

Today

New Member Sunday

Monday

Summer Book Group

Announcements

Summer Book Group

Monday, June 29

For our next gathering, we'll explore Chapter 2, "Thanks," from Anne Lamott's *Help, Thanks, Wow: The Three Essential Prayers*. In this chapter, Lamott reflects on gratitude as a way of recognizing God's presence and grace in our lives. From moments of relief and healing to the simple gifts of everyday life, she encourages us to cultivate a spirit of thanksgiving. Join us as we explore how the prayer of "thanks" can deepen our awareness of God's goodness and the blessings that surround us. All are welcome as we gather for conversation, reflection, and fellowship. Please bring a chair. If you want to bring a light snack / hors d'oeuvre to share, that would be wonderful (but certainly optional).

Pastor Carrie will be on Vacation July 9-18

During this time, Deacon Mary Sanders will be available for pastoral emergencies. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact Ellda in the church office during office hours. After hours, you may reach Ellda by cell phone or contact Pastor Carrie by phone or email. We will ensure that Deacon Mary is notified and connected with you as needed.

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Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church

We are so glad you are worshiping with us this morning. Here are a few things to help you feel comfortable in our space and more fully participate in worship. If you have questions at any time, our ushers will be happy to help.

Restrooms

- A first-floor restroom is available. Facing the pulpit, use the door to the left, enter the church office, and the restroom is located on the right.
- Restrooms and water fountains are also available downstairs. From the back of the sanctuary (narthex), take the steps downstairs, turn right into Fellowship Hall, restrooms are on the right and the water fountain is on the left.

Accessibility & Comfort

- Our bulletins contain the order of worship so you can easily follow along. You are invited to participate in the liturgy in areas indicated in bold and hymns can be found in the red hymnal.
- If standing during worship is uncomfortable, please feel free to remain seated.
- Hearing assistance devices and large-print bulletins are available—please ask an usher.

Visitors

- If you are visiting, we invite you to sign the guest registry located on the stand near the front doors or fill out a visitor envelope found in the pew rack in front of you and place it in the offering plate.
- If you or someone you know is in need of an extra prayer, please fill out a card in the pew back in front of you, and an usher will be by during the prelude to collect it.

Children

- Children's worship bags are available in the narthex. You are welcome to pick one up for your child(ren).

Electronics

- Please silence or turn off cell phones and electronic devices so that all may focus on worship.

Holy Communion

- If Holy Communion is celebrated today, please know that all are welcome at the Lord's table. Those who prefer not to receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice is available on the side tables and wine will be poured from the chalice. Gluten-free wafers are also available.

Thank you for worshiping with us today—we are glad you are here.

Catherine Winkworth

(September 13, 1827-July 1, 1878)

Catherine Winkworth was the youngest of four daughters in a British family. She was educated by tutors, she never married, and she died suddenly at age 50. However, according to *The Harvard University Hymn Book*, Winkworth "did more than any other single individual to make the rich heritage of German hymnody available to the English-speaking world." The Lutheran Church commemorates her on July 1.



Winkworth's family were faithful Anglicans. As an adult, she advocated for women's rights and education and for aiding the poor.

She learned the German language beginning in her teens and became interested in German hymnody and hymn writers. She wrote histories and biographies related to German hymnody, and over the course of her life, she translated nearly 400 German hymns written by more than 170 authors. Her translations began to appear in English hymn books by the mid-1800's.

In addition to converting the words of one language into another, translators of hymns must choose words and phrasing that will fit the meter and rhyme scheme. Winkworth's deep knowledge of the hymns and of the theology behind them enabled her to do this skillfully. Because of her translations, we have not only the words but also the hymn tunes, some already centuries old when she encountered them.

Winkworth brought to English-speaking Christians many German chorales, including several associated with Martin Luther. Not all the hymns that she translated have her name beneath them because some assign credit to earlier hymn books, a composite translation, or the original author. Following are a few of the many hymns originally translated by Winkworth that we still sing today:

"Comfort, Comfort Now My People"	(256)
"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come" text by Martin Luther	(268)
"O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright"	(308)
"Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"	(436)
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" text by Martin Luther	(517)
"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"	(533)
"O Living Bread from Heaven"	(542)
"Jesus, Priceless Treasure"	(775)
"O God, My Faithful God"	(806)
"Now Thank We All Our God"	(839/840)
"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"	(858)
"In Thee is Gladness"	(867)



June 28, 2026, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Matthew 10:40-42

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

O God, you long for us to show mercy, compassion and welcome just as you do. Help us to open our hearts to all of your wayward and rejected children, even as we were welcomed into your kingdom of love, in the name of Jesus. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

"Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me." (Matthew 10:40)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus called his disciples to be welcoming to those who others would prefer not to welcome. He was candid when he told them there would be inherent risks to their actions, but even greater rewards.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- **What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?**
- **Tell of a time you felt out of place or unwelcomed. How might you use your experience to become more aware of places that you could be more welcoming of others.**
- **For the littles: How do you welcome guests into your home or school?**



Bless: Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God put you in uncomfortable and unwelcoming situations so that you might become more welcoming of others. Amen.



Do: By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Invite someone to coffee who is vastly different from yourself. Meet with the intent to learn, not to teach



Go Deeper: Read and reflect on the readings for each day of the week.

Monday, Psalm 47; Genesis 22:15-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

Tuesday, Psalm 47; 1 Kings 18:36-39; 1 John 4:1-6

Wednesday, Psalm 47; Isaiah 51:1-3; Matthew 11:20-24

Thursday, Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 25:19-27; Romans 7:1-6

Friday, Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:1-17; Romans 7:7-20

Saturday, Psalm 45:10-17; Genesis 27:18-29; Luke 10:21-24