

**Joint Worship Service – Gemeinsamer Gottesdienst**  
**14. Sonntag nach Trinitatis**  
September 11, 2022, at 10:00am

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. Herzlich Willkommen!*

*We especially welcome today our guest, Pastor Christoph Reiners, Our Saviour Lutheran Church, Richmond. Pastor Christoph and Pastor Ingrid have exchanged pulpits today.*

*The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red; the hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers) and the Green German Hymnal, if not printed in the bulletin.*

P (Pastor) L (Lector) C (Congregation)

Ringling of the Bells

**Music:** Bernard Duerksen

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 533, 1&2 &5: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**  
**Eingangslied # 166, 1 & 2 & 6: Tut mir auf die schöne Pforte**

**Liturgical Greeting and Call to Confession:**

P: Let us turn to the most Holy One and confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.

**P:** Ever-faithful God, how often we turn away from you, yet you remain constant to us. We run from you, but you call us back. In our words and our deeds we dishonor you, yet you still profess your love for us. We cut ourselves off from you and from others, but you will not let us go.

**C: In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home—until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord / Lobe den Herren (text below)**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König der Ehren! Meine geliebete Seele, das ist mein Begehren. Kommet zu Hauf, Psalter und Harfe wacht auf, lasset die Musika hören!

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 51, 1 – 10 (please read responsively): Cornelia Rzeplinski

L: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

**C: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.**

L: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

**C: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.**

L: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;

**C: so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.**

L: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

**C: Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.**

L: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

**C: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.**

L: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

**C: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

Reading from 1 Timothy 1; 12 – 17 (German)

Tobias Finke

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup> The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup> But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup> Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Hymn # 801 (English): *Change My Heart, O God***

The Gospel according to Luke 15, 1 – 10

P: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

***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 again to judge the living and the dead.***

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. AMEN.***

Sermon

**Hymn # 793: Be Thou My Vision**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

Announcements

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy - **C: hear our prayer**

**Sending Hymn # 881: Let All Things Now Living**

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

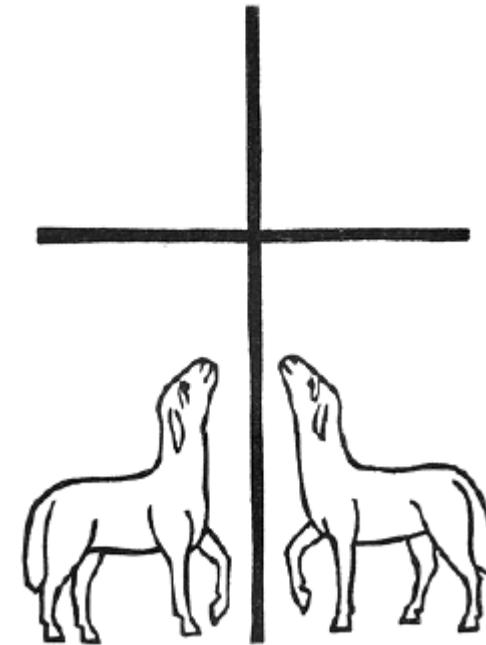
Postlude

Announcements / Bekanntmachungen:

Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022      09.30 am, German Service  
11.00 am, English Service

Pastor Ingrid is only available for emergencies from 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> of September, please call (604) 876-4312

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