

Joint Worship Service on August 6, 2023, at 10:30am

Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. We love that you are here. The order below will help you to find your way through our service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red) and the Blue German Hymnal. The liturgy is printed in the worship bulletin.

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

Ringing of the Bells

Prelude

Organist: Dubravko Pajalic

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 674: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Eingangslied # 229: Kommt mit Gaben und Lobgesang

Call to Confession:

P: Trusting in the love of God to make all things new, let us confess our sin to God and to our neighbour.

Prayer of Confession

P: Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage of sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness:

God, who is rich in mercy in Christ Jesus, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together in Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Gracious God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **C: Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Words from Psalm 145:

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

C: The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

C: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

P: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

P: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.

C: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

P: The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

C: He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.

P: The Lord watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.

C: My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

Reading from Isaiah 55: 1 – 5:

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Celtic Halleluia # 174

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
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Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 14: 13 - 21

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Reading of the Gospel - **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 883: All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Predigtlied # 140: Brunn alles Heils

Thank you for your offering!

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.

Prayers of Intercessions

P concluding: God in your mercy **C: hear our prayer**

Sharing of Peace

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always - **C: And also with you**

The Great Thanksgiving

All are welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten free wafers and grape-juice are available upon request. If you are not communing, you are invited forward to receive a blessing. If being served communion at your seat is easier, please let the usher know and servers will come to you.

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts **C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise

P: It is indeed right...*concluding:* We praise your name and join their unending praise:

C: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power, Giver of life, heaven and earth declare your splendor. Praise, glory, and love are yours.

Words of institution - The Lord's Prayer - Invitation to the Table
Announcements

Sending Hymn # 539: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Sendungslied # 347, 1 – 5: Ach bleib mit deiner Gnade

Blessing

Postlude

Dismissal:

P: Go in Peace and share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**



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