

Joint Worship Service on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 10:30am

Prayer of the Day

*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: Shannon

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 556: Morning Has Broken
Eingangslied # 455: Morgenlicht leuchtet

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,

C: 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.**

Words from Psalm 145:

P: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

C: Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever.

P: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.

C: One generation shall laud your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

C: The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.

P: They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

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

Reading from the Old Testament, from the book of Jonah, chapter 3, 1 –11:

God commanded the prophet Jonah to preach repentance to the faraway city of Nineveh whose evil was so great that God really became concerned and angry. Jonah was successful, the people of Nineveh changed and God did not punish them. But Jonah reacted quite weird and here our reading begins:

This was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? For I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah

was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, “It is better for me to die than to live.” ⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?” And he said, “Yes, angry enough to die.” ¹⁰Then the Lord said, “You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?”

Halleluja



Announcement of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16, 21 – 18:

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Hymn # 801: Change My Heart, O God (see insert)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: English # 589, 1 – 4: All depends on Our Possessing

Predigtlied German # 352, 1 – 4: Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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.

Sharing of Peace

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

Prayers of Intercessions

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

Vater unser im Himmel, geheiligt werde dein Name.

Dein Reich komme. Dein Wille geschehe, wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.

Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute, und vergib uns unsre Schuld, wie auch wir vergeben unseren Schuldigern.

Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung, sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.

Denn dein ist das Reich und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit in Ewigkeit.

Amen.

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 the evil one.

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

Blessing

Sending Hymn # 793: Be Thou My Vision

Postlude

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