

Sunday, October 8, 2023
Worship Service on Thanksgiving Sunday

Welcome to worship this morning at St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

The order below will help you to find your way through our worship service. We are using the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Book (red). The hymns are found in the main section marked with black numbers, the liturgy (p), if not printed, in the front section of the book. Thank you!

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

Church Bells
Organ Prelude

Christina Hutten

Welcome

Gathering Hymn # 679: For the Fruit of All Creation

Call to Worship with words from Psalm 145:

P: I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

C: One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts.

P: They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty and I will meditate on your wonderful works.¹

C: They tell of the power of your awesome works and I will proclaim your great deeds.

P: They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

C: The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

P: The LORD is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

C: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

P: The LORD is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.^[c]

C: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

P: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

C: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and faithful in all he does.

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

C: Let every creature praise his holy name

P: for ever and ever.

Prayer of Confession & Declaration of Forgiveness:

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

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.

P: God is generous and faithful, forgiving sins, welcoming all to the feast, giving us a place among saints. Through the life and death of Jesus Christ, who went to the cross for our sake, you are forgiven and made whole. In the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Prayer of the Day

Reading from the second letter of Paul to the people in Corinth, 9, 6 – 15:
About generosity

Hymn # 692: We Are an Offering

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 17, 11 – 19:
About gratitude

Sermon

Hymn of the Day # 681: We Plow the Fields and Scatter

- The offering is gathered -

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.

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always

C: And also with you

Prayers of Intercession, concluding: God, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

Announcements

Sending Hymn # 879: For the Beauty of the Earth

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Happy Thanksgiving to all!

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