

**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

**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.

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

Church Bells  
Organ Prelude

Shannon Mattson

Welcome

**Gathering Hymn # 887: This Is My Song**

**Call to Worship with words from Psalm 122:**

P: I was very glad when they said to me,

**C: Let us go up to the house of the LORD."**

P: Jerusalem, our feet are standing inside your gates.

**C: Jerusalem is built like a city where everything is close together.**

P: The tribes of the LORD go there to praise his name.

**C: They do it in keeping with the law he gave to Israel.**

P: The thrones of the family line of David are there.

**C: That's where the people are judged.**

P: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

**C: Say, "May those who love you be secure.**

P: May there be peace inside your walls.

**C: May your people be kept safe."**

P: I'm concerned for my family and friends.

**C: So I say to Jerusalem, "May you have peace."**

P: I'm concerned about the house of the LORD our God.

**C: So I pray for peace in Jerusalem**

**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.

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 Paul's letter to the people in Philippi, 4, 1 – 13:  
*The peace of God which surpasses all human understanding*

**Hymn # 778, 1 – 3: The Lord's My Shepherd**

Reading of the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 22, 1 – 14:  
*Many are called...*

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day # 843: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

*- 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 # 778, 4 & 5: My table thou hast richly spread**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

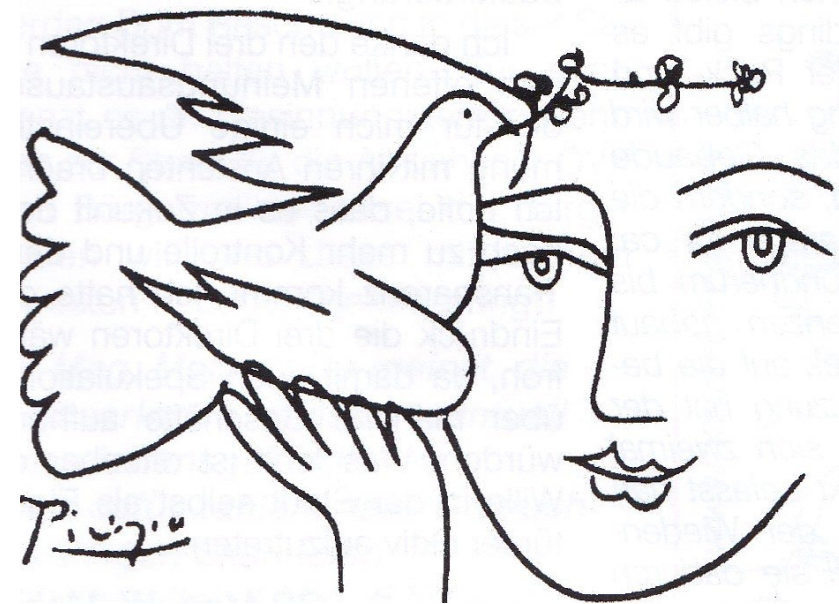
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**Announcements:**

**Vacation Pastor Ingrid:** Pastor Ingrid will be on vacation from **October 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>th</sup>**, Pastor Ermisch will be conducting the services on October 22<sup>th</sup>. In case of emergency, please call the office (604 876 4312 or [office@stmarkschurch.ca](mailto:office@stmarkschurch.ca)) and be forwarded to Pastor Manfred Schmidt

**Invitation to the 62nd congregational birthday:** October 22<sup>nd</sup> marks the 62<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the founding of our St. Mark's Church. We would like to celebrate this with you! We invite you to join us for lunch in the church basement on Sunday, October 29, following a joint worship service. Please mark this date in your calendar. More information will follow the week before.



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