

## Joint Worship Service Sunday, September 1st, 2024, at 10:30am

*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. 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.*

Today the service will be led by our congregational members; Cornelia & Joseph Rzeplinski, Hans-Christian Behm and Pastor Benedicte Hansen

Ringling of the Bells

**Prelude**

Shannon Mattson

### Welcome with words from Psalm 15:

L: Lord, who may go and find refuge and shelter in your tent up on your holy hill?

**C: Anyone who leads a blameless life and is truly sincere.**

L: Anyone who refuses to slander others, does not listen to gossip, never harms his neighbor.

**C: Anyone who does not lie but always tells the truth even in difficult situations.**

L: Anyone who makes an honest living, and never takes a bribe.

**C: Such a person shall stand firm forever.**

L: Such a person will find refuge and shelter in God's holy tent.

### Gathering Hymn # 556: Morning Has Broken

### Eingangslied # 455: Morgenlicht leuchtet

#### Prayer of Confession:

Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive:

**All: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you.**

**Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.**

God, in Christ Jesus, you grant us grace, mercy, and peace. Let us hold to the sound teaching of the faith: that God has the power to save us and has given us grace through all the ages.

**C: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

### Hymn # 858: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

### Lied # 317: 1 – 2 & 4 – 5: Lobe den Herren

L: The Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 7 , 1 – 23

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### Reading of the Gospel, concluding: Word of the living God (Gospel read in German):

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.)

So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” Jesus said to them, “The prophet Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

Jesus continued and told the pharisees: “You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. “All of you listen,” he said, “and try to understand. Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say! For from within, out of people's hearts, come evil thoughts of lust, theft, murder, adultery, wanting what belongs to others, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, pride, and all other folly. All these vile things come from within and they defile.

L: Word of the living God. **C responds: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Devotion – Ansprache

### Hymn of the Day #769: 1 – 2 & 4: If You but Trust in God to Guide You

### Predigtlied #: 369: 1 – 2 & 7: Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

*Thank you for your offering! – Vielen Dank für Ihre Kollekte*

L: 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

The Lord's 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:** May the wisdom of God, the love of Christ, and the peace of the Spirit  
shine brightly in our lives this day and always. Amen.

Announcements

**Sending Hymn #839: Now Thank We All Our God**

**Sendungslied # 321: Nun danket all Gott**

**Postlude**

August 7 to September 4 - Vacation Pastor Ingrid

For pastoral duties (emergencies) please contact Pastor Manfred Schmidt 604-312-5911.



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