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# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

## AUGUST 21 & 22, 2021

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### Passing on the Most Trusted Tradition: Jesus

#### As We Gather

What is your favorite family tradition? Perhaps it is an annual celebration such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, or Christmas. Perhaps it is a more common tradition—an old family recipe or a favorite game. Traditions are passed down from generation to generation. They are often wonderful and meaningful. But sometimes we pass down traditions that are not good for us or the world. The Israelites had passed down traditions related to divorce and giving that were not what God had intended. Jesus rightly criticizes such traditions. Today we consider the most trustworthy tradition that we continually pass from generation to generation: Jesus.

#### Preparation

#### Hymn

*Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens*

LSB 589

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| <p>1 <i>Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,<br/>Let Your Word to me come near;<br/>Newborn life and spirit give me,<br/>Let each promise still my fear.<br/>Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,<br/>Wars against Your Word of life;<br/>Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor<br/>That I cling to You forever!</i></p> <p>2 <i>Oh, what blessing to be near You<br/>And to listen to Your voice;<br/>Let me ever love and hear You,<br/>Let Your Word be now my choice!<br/>Many hardened sinners, Lord,<br/>Flee in terror at Your Word;<br/>But to all who feel sin's burden<br/>You give words of peace and pardon.</i></p> | <p>3 <i>Lord, Your words are waters living<br/>When my thirsting spirit pleads.<br/>Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;<br/>On Your words my spirit feeds.<br/>Lord, Your words will be my light<br/>Through death's cold and dreary night;<br/>Yes, they are my sword prevailing<br/>And my cup of joy unfailing!</i></p> <p>4 <i>As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;<br/>Let Your words in me take root.<br/>May Your Spirit e'er be near me<br/>That I bear abundant fruit.<br/>May I daily sing Your praise,<br/>From my heart glad anthems raise,<br/>Till my highest praise is given<br/>In the endless joy of heaven.</i></p> |
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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

- P** O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house,  
**C** and the place where Your glory dwells.
- P** Lord, restore the fortunes of Your people.  
**C** Let all Your people rejoice and be glad!
- P** From generation to generation, You are our God.  
**C** Your Word shall be heard among our children and our children's children.
- P** Let us ever share the joys of Jesus.  
**C** Let us spread His grace and love to all the nations.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** Indeed, it is good to be here, worshiping the Lord and receiving His gifts for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. Yet, we must admit that there have been times when we have taken God for granted. There have been times when we have created our own religious, political, and social traditions and given those human-made traditions more attention than Jesus. Still, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

*Silence for reflection.*

- P** Heavenly Father,  
**C** we confess that we have not always looked to You for all good. We have created idols for ourselves. We confess our sins of thought, word, and deed. Forgive us, Father, for these weak failures. Renew us and lead us, so that we follow You and look to You for all good, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die and rise for You and because of Jesus forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. He is our true inheritance forever. Amen.

# Word

## Hymn

*Glory to God, We Give You Thanks and Praise*

LSB 946



1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
△ 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and earth - ly peace we sing.  
You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
Who with the Spir - it wor - shiped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

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## Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and merciful God, defend Your Church from all false teaching and error that Your faithful people may confess You to be the only true God and rejoice in Your good gifts of life and salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 29:11-19*

<sup>11</sup>The vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." <sup>12</sup>And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

<sup>13</sup>And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,

while their hearts are far from me,  
 and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
<sup>14</sup>therefore, behold, I will again  
 do wonderful things with this people,  
 with wonder upon wonder;  
 and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
 and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden.”  
<sup>15</sup>Ah, you who hide deep from the LORD your counsel,  
 whose deeds are in the dark,  
 and who say, “Who sees us? Who knows us?”  
<sup>16</sup>You turn things upside down!  
 Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
 that the thing made should say of its maker,  
 “He did not make me”;  
 or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
 “He has no understanding”?  
<sup>17</sup>Is it not yet a very little while  
 until Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field,  
 and the fruitful field shall be regarded as a forest?  
<sup>18</sup>In that day the deaf shall hear  
 the words of a book,  
 and out of their gloom and darkness  
 the eyes of the blind shall see.  
<sup>19</sup>The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD,  
 and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 14; antiphon: v. 7a*

- P** The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”  
 They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds,  
 there is none who does good.
- C** **The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man,  
 to see if there are any who understand,  
 who seek after God.**
- P** They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;  
 there is none who does good,  
 not even one.
- C** **Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
 who eat up my people as they eat bread  
 and do not call upon the LORD?**
- P** There they are in great terror,  
 for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- C** **You would shame the plans of the poor,  
 but the LORD is his refuge.**
- P** Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!  
 When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
 let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

<sup>22</sup>Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. <sup>23</sup>For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. <sup>24</sup>Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

<sup>25</sup>Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, <sup>26</sup>that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, <sup>27</sup>so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. <sup>28</sup>In the same way husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. <sup>29</sup>For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church, <sup>30</sup>because we are members of his body. <sup>31</sup>“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” <sup>32</sup>This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. <sup>33</sup>However, let each one of you love his wife as himself, and let the wife see that she respects her husband.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Verse

*Jeremiah 15:16a*

**C** Alleluia. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Mark 7:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the Pharisees gathered to [Jesus], with some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>they saw that some of his disciples ate with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash their hands, holding to the tradition of the elders, <sup>4</sup>and when they come from the marketplace, they do not eat unless they wash. And there are many other traditions that they observe, such as the washing of cups and pots and copper vessels and dining couches.) <sup>5</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>And he said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;

<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,

teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’

<sup>8</sup>You leave the commandment of God and hold to the tradition of men.”

<sup>9</sup>And he said to them, “You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to establish your tradition! <sup>10</sup>For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘Whoever reviles father or mother must surely die.’ <sup>11</sup>But you say, ‘If a man tells his father or his mother, Whatever you would have gained from me is Corban’ (that is, given to God)— <sup>12</sup>then you no longer permit him to do anything for his father or mother, <sup>13</sup>thus making void the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And many such things you do.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

## Hymn

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

LSB 576

1 *My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.*

3 *His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain*

*Refrain* On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 *When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!*

*Refrain*

2 *When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain*

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## Sermon

### Hymn

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

LSB 761

1 *Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee;  
Let the water and the blood,  
From Thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure:  
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.*

3 *Nothing in my hand I bring;  
Simply to Thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to Thee for dress;  
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly;  
Wash me, Savior, or I die.*

2 *Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know,  
Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone;  
Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

4 *While I draw this fleeting breath,  
When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown,  
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
Let me hide myself in Thee.*

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## Creed

**☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.**

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Prayer of the Church**

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, give us courage to speak to those family members and friends who have ceased to follow You or who have never followed You. Strengthen us for hard conversations so that we pass on the most important thing we have ever been given: Jesus Christ. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, You sent Your Spirit and Your Son to be our comfort in times of mourning and grief. Bring comfort to all those who are suffering at the death of loved ones, [*especially...*]. Point them to the hope of the resurrection and eternal life. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, remember all those who struggle with infertility. Comfort them in their mourning. Protect them from foolish commentary and judgment. Lead them where You would want them to go. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we pray for all families, for husbands and wives, for children and grandchildren, for brothers and sisters, and every relationship. Help our earthly families to reflect the love, honor, and sacrifice of our eternal family to come. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, look with favor upon all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially...*]. Have mercy upon them and heal them according to Your good and gracious will. Hear us, Father, when we pray,  
**C for needed help from day to day.**
- P** Heavenly Father, we commend all these prayers into Your loving hands, for You live and reign with the Spirit and the Son, one God, now and forever.  
**C Amen.**

## **Sacrament**

### **Lord's Prayer**

- C 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 evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** Amen.

## Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

## Hymn

*Built on the Rock*

LSB 645

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| <p>1 <i>Built on the Rock the Church shall stand<br/>Even when steeples are falling.<br/>Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land;<br/>Bells still are chiming and calling,<br/>Calling the young and old to rest,<br/>But above all the souls distressed,<br/>Longing for rest everlasting.</i></p> <p>2 <i>Surely in temples made with hands<br/>God, the Most High, is not dwelling;<br/>High above earth His temple stands,<br/>All earthly temples excelling.<br/>Yet He who dwells in heav'n above<br/>Chooses to live with us in love,<br/>Making our bodies His temple.</i></p> <p>3 <i>We are God's house of living stones,<br/>Built for His own habitation.<br/>He through baptismal grace us owns<br/>Heirs of His wondrous salvation.</i></p> | <p><i>Were we but two His name to tell,<br/>Yet He would deign with us to dwell<br/>With all His grace and His favor.</i></p> <p>4 <i>Here stands the font before our eyes,<br/>Telling how God has received us.<br/>The altar recalls Christ's sacrifice<br/>And what His Supper here gives us.<br/>Here sound the Scriptures that proclaim<br/>Christ yesterday, today, the same,<br/>And evermore, our Redeemer.</i></p> <p>5 <i>Grant, then, O God, Your will be done,<br/>That, when the church bells are ringing,<br/>Many in saving faith may come<br/>Where Christ His message is bringing:<br/>"I know My own; My own know Me.<br/>You, not the world, My face shall see.<br/>My peace I leave with you. Amen."</i></p> |
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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Special Prayers

### Continuing Prayer Concerns

Elijah Rabacchi     Debra Guebert     Don Ritter     Ali Gerlach     Alice Knop     Sam Huffman  
Jane Kuhnert     Donnie Buch     Dennis Mahnken  
Vicki (Biermann) Hodge     Patricia Ford (Larry Grab's sister)     Genna Biermann (Connie Kirkland's sister-in-law)  
Andy Schorr (Carol Mayer's brother)

### Care Center Residents

Delores Doss     Mary Lou Goetting     Norma Wolters     Eileen Clements     Wayne Mueller  
Jean Schroeder     Frances Kipp     Leonard & Darlene Dierks     Ruth Koch     Delbert & Carolyn Koen  
Herman & Darlene Mayer

### Military Personnel & Their Families

*Please help us keep this list updated, if you know of any changes in status call the church office 965-3192.*

Justin Asbury     Casey Vallett     Matt Kraus     Bill Ingles     Tim Eichenseer     Justin Parker  
Andrew Grab     Cory Jeffers     Denny Ernsting     Kevin Kahre     John Magelitz     Karley Kothe  
Dylan McCoy     Drew Gerlach     Jaron Berner     Rodney Anderson     Chasten Lindenberg     Braden Eichenseer  
Richard Thompson     Zach Mogavero     Dustin Newton     Adrienne Vallett

### Mission Prayer

Remember God's work through the church as you pray:

- for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis; Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind.; and other institutions that prepare servants for the Church, that they would properly prepare men and women to serve God and His Church.

### Bible Readings

From *Lutheran Service Book* Daily Lectionary, pp. 299-304

Sunday, August 22 ..... 1 Kings 2:1-27; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Monday, August 23 ..... 1 Kings 3:1-15; 2 Corinthians 1:1-22  
Tuesday, August 24 ..... 1 Kings 5:1-18; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17  
Wednesday, August 25 ..... 1 Kings 7:51-8:21; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18  
Thursday, August 26 ..... 1 Kings 8:22-30, 46-63; 2 Corinthians 4:1-18  
Friday, August 27 ..... 1 Kings 9:1-9; 10:1-13; 2 Corinthians 5:1-21  
Saturday, August 28 ..... 1 Kings 11:1-26; 2 Corinthians 6:1-18

### Worship Service Schedule

Saturday @ 6:00 p.m. & Sunday @ 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Class @ 9:50 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Handicapped Accessible Service—August 12 @ 10:00 a.m.

\*\*A video recording of the service will be posted on Facebook and the website. \*\*

### Upcoming Events

**Music in the Park**, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Steeleville City Park. The night will include music provided by Chris Chamness, BBQ provided by the Board of Elders and a Homemade Ice Cream Social provided by the Board of Family & Missions.

**St. Mark's Annual Wurstmart**, November 7<sup>th</sup>—The dinner will be a drive-thru dinner again this year.

**Red, White and Blue Trivia Night**, November 13<sup>th</sup>—Look for more information to come soon!

## Confirmation Classes

Pastor Mark will be starting classes for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade public school students in September. The classes will most likely meet on Wednesday evenings. Please contact the church office (965-3192) to add your student to the list.

## New Member / Refresher Class

A class is beginning in September for anyone who would like to join the church or review the Lutheran faith. Time and date will be determined as we know how many participants are joining the class. Contact the church office (965-3192) to sign up for the class.

## St. Mark's School Notes

Mrs. Sabrina Jeremiah and her Kindergarten class will lead chapel on Wednesday, August 25. Weather permitting chapel will be at the church.

Well just when we thought all would be back to "normal", the rules changed on us. St. Mark's Lutheran School was looking forward to celebrating Grandparents Day but due to COVID restrictions it has been canceled! We will let everyone know if it can be rescheduled later. We are so sorry for the inconvenience because the faculty, staff and I am sure the students were looking as forward to it as the Grandparents were.

St. Mark's will dismiss at 11:15 am on Friday, September 3. There will be after dismissal bus service but NO LATCHKEY.

Don't forget 21-22 school themed t-shirt orders are due no later than Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> If you didn't pick up a mint green order form at registration have your student stop by the office and get one or you can stop by the window and pick one up! No late orders can be accepted, and money must accompany the order form! Thank you!

## St. Mark's/Steeleville Public Coop Sports

Tues., Aug 24 - SB/BB vs Red Bud Lutheran - 4:15 pm

Wed., Aug 25 - SB/BB vs Chester - 4:00 pm

Mon., Aug 30 - SB @ Prairie du Rocher - 4:15 pm

Mon., Aug 30 - BB @ Prairie du Rocher/Red Bud Catholic - 4:15 pm

## St. Mark's Lutheran Church / School Fiscal Year End Financial Report

Give thanks for God for the many blessing that St. Mark's has received over the last year.

Church Giving	513,748.26
Fundraisers	57,717.39
School Receipts	<u>223,736.67</u>
Total Income 2020-2021	<u>795,202.32</u>
Church Expenses	165,588.56
School Expenses	559,326.99
Parish Property Expenses	<u>44,625.07</u>
Total Expenses 2020-2021	<u>769,540.62</u>
Income 2020-2021	25,661.70

## Wish List

Items on this list are above and beyond what the budget allows for.

- **Church Ceiling Repair & Painting**—The bid we have received is over \$100,000 to sandblast the ceiling and repaint the church.
- **Building & Maintenance Savings**—Our Building & Maintenance Savings account is getting low and needs to be replenished to allow the Board of Trustees to keep our church and school running safely and efficiently.

## Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School

**School Has Begun!** We are happy that we are able to meet in-person following state guidelines. *COS* still has room for more students. If you know a high school student who would like to attend *COS* this year, encourage them to apply. For more information, contact Matthew Foster, [mfoster@coslhs.org](mailto:mfoster@coslhs.org) or call the school office.

**Volleyball and Cross Country** have begun getting ready for their seasons. Schedules are in the process of being finalized.

**Annual Dinner Auction:** Plans are being made to hold our annual dinner auction on November 6. If you are interested in helping with the auction in any way, please call the office or contact Edith Laufer, [elaufer@coslhs.org](mailto:elaufer@coslhs.org).

**School Visitors:** To comply with new regulations, visitors are asked to contact the school to make an appointment for a visit or for deliveries. Face coverings are required for entry into the school. We are asking for your patience, prayers and understanding as we strive to do our very best to protect our students, faculty, staff, and you.

**School Hours:** Regular office hours have resumed. The office will be open Monday – Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm.

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## MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ, through worship, education, outreach, fellowship, and service.

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturdays @ 6:00 p.m.  
Sundays @ 9:00 a.m.  
Accessible Service @ 10:00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays

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## HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is celebrated every weekend, the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month at the 9:00 a.m. service and at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening service before the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

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## ST. MARK'S IS A MEMBER CONGREGATION & SCHOOL OF



*We believe and confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is faithful and true to the Bible and we strive for a balanced Law/Gospel practice of same.*