



the welcome place.

St. Mark Lutheran Church  
Worship Bulletin  
Sunday, October 5, 2025  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 116)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING SONG *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* (ELW 733)

## GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### **KYRIE (ELW p. 120)**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen, amen.**

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE (ELW p. 121)**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY (ELW p. 124)**

Let us pray.

**Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith,  
strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our  
neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

## WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### FIRST READING: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

A reading from Habakkuk.

<sup>1</sup> The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

<sup>2</sup> O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?  
Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

<sup>3</sup> Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?  
Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

<sup>4</sup> So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.  
The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

<sup>2:1</sup> I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;  
I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

<sup>2</sup> Then the LORD answered me and said:  
Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

<sup>3</sup> For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.  
If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

<sup>4</sup> Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM: Psalm 37:1-9

<sup>1</sup> Do not be provoked by evildoers;  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

<sup>2</sup> **For they shall soon wither like the grass,  
and like the green grass fade away.**

<sup>3</sup> Put your trust in the LORD and do good;  
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Take delight in the LORD,  
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

<sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,  
and see what God will do.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light  
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

<sup>7</sup> Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

<sup>8</sup> **Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;  
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

<sup>9</sup> For evildoers shall be cut off,  
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

## **SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

A reading from 2 Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

<sup>2</sup> To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup> I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. <sup>4</sup> Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. <sup>5</sup> I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. <sup>6</sup> For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, <sup>7</sup> for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

<sup>8</sup> Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, <sup>9</sup> who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, <sup>10</sup> but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. <sup>11</sup> For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, <sup>12</sup> and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day the deposit I have entrusted to him. <sup>13</sup> Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>14</sup> Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *What a Mighty Word God Gives* (W&P 155)

## **GOSPEL: Luke 17:5-10**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" <sup>6</sup> The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

<sup>7</sup> "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? <sup>8</sup> Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? <sup>9</sup> Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? <sup>10</sup> So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!' "

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *What a Mighty Word God Gives* (W&P 155)

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** *How Firm a Foundation* (ELW 796)

## **PRESENTATION** (ELW p. 227)

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:*

I present Bentley Anthony Davis for baptism.

*The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have *your child* baptized into Christ?

*Response:* I do.

As you bring *your child* to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:  
to live with *him* among God's faithful people,  
bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in *his* hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture *him* in faith and prayer,  
so that *your child* may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help *your child* grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses sponsors:*

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Bentley* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*Response:* I do.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly:*

People of God, do you promise to support Bentley and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

**We do.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH (ELW p. 229)**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response:*

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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 to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

### **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT (ELW p. 230)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.

Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.

By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **BAPTISM (ELW p. 230)**

*Bentley Anthony Davis*, I baptize you in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Bentley with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

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Bentley, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

### **WELCOME (ELW p. 230)**

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

O God of the church, you give the church a treasure in Jesus Christ. Draw us into the gift of faith passed down from generation to generation. Remind your people that faith the size of a mustard seed is enough. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you nourish the earth with grace and mercy. Bring favorable weather during the harvest season and sustain all creation along with all who labor in the field. Ensure the welfare of animal companions whose presence offers comfort, safety, and joy. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of nations and communities, you govern and guard the world. Give leaders and people in authority a spirit of making just and righteous laws. Bring peace to countries affected by war and violence God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of those in need, you care for those who are sick, oppressed, bereaved, lonely, and poor. Come to the help of all in need. Help us to trust that you will come to us at the right time. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**



O God of this congregation, you nurture our faith. Thank you for those of all ages who teach, lead, and learn in this congregation and beyond. Give growth to the seeds of faith watered by faithful examples of baptismal living. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

O God of ages past, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). May the faith of those who now rest in your merciful arms, like Lois and Eunice, shape our faith in your Son, Jesus Christ. God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

### **MUSICAL OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *That We May Be Filled* (W&P 134)

**OFFERING PRAYER** (ELW p. 129)

Let us pray.

**Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**DIALOGUE** (ELW p. 129)

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **PREFACE (ELW p. 130)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ;  
who on this day overcame death and the grave,  
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.  
And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 130)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (ELW p. 130)**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen. Amen, amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER (ELW p. 134)**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION (ELW p. 134)**

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

### **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG (LAMB OF GOD) (ELW p. 135)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

**SONG DURING COMMUNION *We Walk by Faith* (ELW 635)**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (ELW p. 136)**

Let us pray.  
**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with  
Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen  
life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

**SENDING**

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

**BLESSING**

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord’s face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING SONG *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* (ELW 545)**

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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**DEDICATION**

*The Eternal Flame Candle was given in memory of Joe DiSantis by Louis DiSantis.*

**ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**PREACHER / PRESIDER** ..... The Reverend Kevin M.B. Tracey  
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## CHURCH STAFF

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## **THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK**

Today ..... Worship Service ..... 10 AM  
Wednesday ..... Fall Bible Study ..... 7 PM  
Saturday ..... Thrift Shop Open ..... 10 – 2 PM  
Sunday ..... Worship Service ..... 10 AM

## **Announcements**

Today we celebrate the **BAPTISM** of Bentley Anthony Davis and welcome him into the family of God.

Join us Wednesday evenings at 7pm for our **FALL BIBLE STUDY**. We're studying the book of Job in a series called: The Pain of Being Human: Are Suffering and Destruction in God's Plan? Let Pr. Kevin or the church office know if you'd like to receive the link to participate.

St. Mark's annual **FALL BINGO** night is Saturday, October 18. Check out the sign-up sheets in the narthex for the various ways you can help.

The Parish Administrator will be out of the office Oct 1 & 2 attending the Parish Secretaries Conference in Lancaster as part of continuing education.

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