



*God's love, Our service.*

# St. Mark's Lutheran Church

## Sunday, June 7, 2026

### 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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## INTRODUCTION

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The flowers today are from Joe & Debbie Van Kempen, in celebration of Joe's 80th birthday.

***Happy Birthday, Joe!***

The June Noisy Offering collection will go to St. Mark's playground fund.



## Upcoming Commemorations

### **Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866**

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose compassion endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate God,

**we confess to you all our sins.**

**Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.**

**In your mercy, call us back to you.**

**Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.**

**Restore us to dwell in your peace.**

**In Christ's name we pray,**

**Amen.**

Jesus says, "Come to me,  
all you who are weary  
and are carrying heavy burdens,  
and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,

Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love.

**Amen.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW 858 vs. 1 & 4

### Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King  
of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health  
and salvation!  
Let all who hear now to his temple draw  
near,  
joining in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me  
adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with  
praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again.  
Gladly forever adore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth,  
1827-1878, alt.

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### Greeting page 98

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 Pg. 98

### CANTICLE OF PRAISE page 101

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God,  
**you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

### First Reading: Hosea 5:15—6:6

*Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.*

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of The Lord.

**Thanks Be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 50:7-15**

*Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)*

<sup>7</sup> “Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup> **I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;  
your burnt offerings are always before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a calf from your stalls,  
nor goats from your pens;

<sup>10</sup> **for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know every bird of the mountains,  
and the creatures of the fields are mine.

<sup>12</sup> **If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**

<sup>13</sup> Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup> Call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

### **Second Reading: Romans 4:13-25**

*Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.*

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the

dead,<sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of The Lord.

Thanks Be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** pg. 102

*Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the 9th Chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

*Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

<sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples.

<sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When

Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.



**CHILDREN'S SERMON** Pastor Kris Dietzen  
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**HYMN OF THE DAY** ELW 764

**Have No Fear, Little Flock**

1 Have no fear, little flock;  
have no fear, little flock,  
for the Father has chosen  
to give you the kingdom;  
have no fear, little flock!

2 Have good cheer, little flock;  
have good cheer, little flock,  
for the Father will keep you  
in his love forever;  
have good cheer, little flock!

3 Praise the Lord high above;  
praise the Lord high above,  
for he stoops down to heal you,  
uplift and restore you;  
praise the Lord high above!

4 Thankful hearts raise to God;  
thankful hearts raise to God,  
for he stays close beside you,  
in all things works with you;  
thankful hearts raise to God!

Text: Luke 12:32, st. 1; Marjorie Jilson, b. 1931, sts. 2-4  
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**APOSTLES CREED**

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

**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. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

God of mercy, you call us to a life filled with acts of mercy. Ground us in following Christ, that we might extend the mercy we receive. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of creation, all you have made is yours . Revive lands in need of healing and make us wise stewards of all you have given us to tend. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of the nations, you promise to deliver those who call on you. Bring an end to conflict, bigotry, and injustice in all their forms wherever they are found. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of comfort, you provide for those in need. Bring an end to addiction. Comfort people as they mourn. Provide tenderly for those in need (*especially*). God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of blessings, you send the Holy Spirit to provide varieties of gifts in the body of Christ. Accompany those who travel this summer, make our gatherings joyous, and grant us a spirit of hospitality and togetherness. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of life, we give you thanks for saints whose lives revealed your faithfulness. May remembering their faithfulness strengthen our own. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**Amen.**

## **OFFERING/ NOISY OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** ELW 182

## **PEACE**

In Jesus Christ, God has made his peace with us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always,

**And also with you**

Let us share God's peace with one another.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....

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** pg. 108

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Heaven has come near.

Come, share in the feast!

### **COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION SONG** pg. 112



## COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 628

### Jerusalem, My Happy Home

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?
- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
no grief, no care, no toil.
- 3 Thy gardens and thy gallant walks  
continually are green;  
there grow such sweet and pleasant

flow'rs

as nowhere else are seen.

- 4 There trees forevermore bear fruit  
and evermore do spring;  
there evermore the angels sit  
and evermore do sing.
- 5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,  
God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy, and of the same  
partaker ever be!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.

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## ELW 759

### My Faith Looks Up to Thee

- 1 My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
oh, let me from this day  
be wholly thine!
- 2 May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire;  
as thou hast died for me,  
oh, may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

- 3 While life's dark maze I tread  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.
- 4 When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then, in love  
fear and distrust remove;  
oh, bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

Text: Ray Palmer, 1808-1887

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The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Compassionate God,  
through the gifts of bread and wine  
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.  
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,  
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus,  
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Draw your church together, O God, into one great company of disciples, together following our teacher Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving in Christ's mission to the world, and together witnessing to your love wherever you will send us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,  
✝ one God,  
bless, heal, and hold you  
today and always.  
**Amen.**



## RECESSIONAL HYMN ELW 537

### On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way rejoicing  
gladly let us go.  
Christ our Lord has conquered;  
vanquished is the foe.  
Christ without, our safety;  
Christ within, our joy;  
who, if we be faithful,  
can our hope destroy?

2 Unto God the Father  
joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior  
thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit  
bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing  
now and evermore. *Refrain*

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

### *Refrain*

On our way rejoicing;  
as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises,  
O blest God of love!

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## DISMISSAL

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

**Thanks be to God.**



## PRAYER REQUESTS & CONDOLENCES

Contact Janet Anderson at 913.638-9331 to add names to the prayer chain or to join the prayer chain.

Please contact the church office to make changes to this list.

### **St. Mark's members:**

Lucas Niccoli, son of Alyssa Hanes;  
Grandson of Linda Westbrook;  
Great-grandson of Naydeen Tuley,  
Wes Latham - surgery,  
Mark Schmideskamp,  
Jami Schmideskamp,  
Donna Nichols,  
Pete Cagle,  
Linda Cagle,  
Janet Nichols,  
Chuck Vandenberg,  
Janet Schmidt,

### **Family & friends:**

Adam, cousin of Nancy Bryer,  
Nephew of Amanda Sibson,  
Roger Trester, father of Linda Cagle,  
Michel El Haddad, extended Fetsch family member,  
Audrey Varner, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Mitch Shaffer, friend of Susan and Bob Fetsch,  
Patty, friend of Vicki Larson,  
Barry Hansen, cousin of Paula Quade,  
Family of Irene, mother of Janet Krievins,  
Garry Thomas, father of Mark Thomas,  
Kathryn Young, cousin of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Steve, cousin of Tom Bryer,  
Liz Zybko, friend of Pam Wilson,  
Tony Berg, son of Arlyn & Jan Berg,  
Donna Trester, Mother of Linda Cagle,  
Kerry O'Rourke, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Mindy Gustus, friend of Mark Schmideskamp,  
Jessica Parker, great-niece of Jane Stresewski,  
Bob Bergene, friend of Clarence Linsey,  
Scott Miller, son-in-law of Jane & Mike Scherrer,  
Dr. Owens, friend of Kathy Hinkle,  
Elizabeth Applebaum, friend of Kathy Hinkle

Kara Campbell, niece of Pete Cagle,  
Candy, sister of Tom Bryer,  
Gary Stepenson, Uncle of Jason Howe,  
Rebeka Gillette, friend of Janet Nichols,  
Jackie Warriner, Sister-in-law of Linda Goodheart,  
Don Thun, Father of Matt Thun,  
Matt Warriner, Great Nephew of Linda Goodheart,  
Neil Warriner, Linda Goodheart's brother,  
Bruce Dawson, friend of the Goodhearts,  
Kirk Wheeler, cousin of Verna McMullin,  
All People affected by natural disasters  
Those in the Military:  
A.J. Simons, nephew of Stan and Karen  
Thompson,