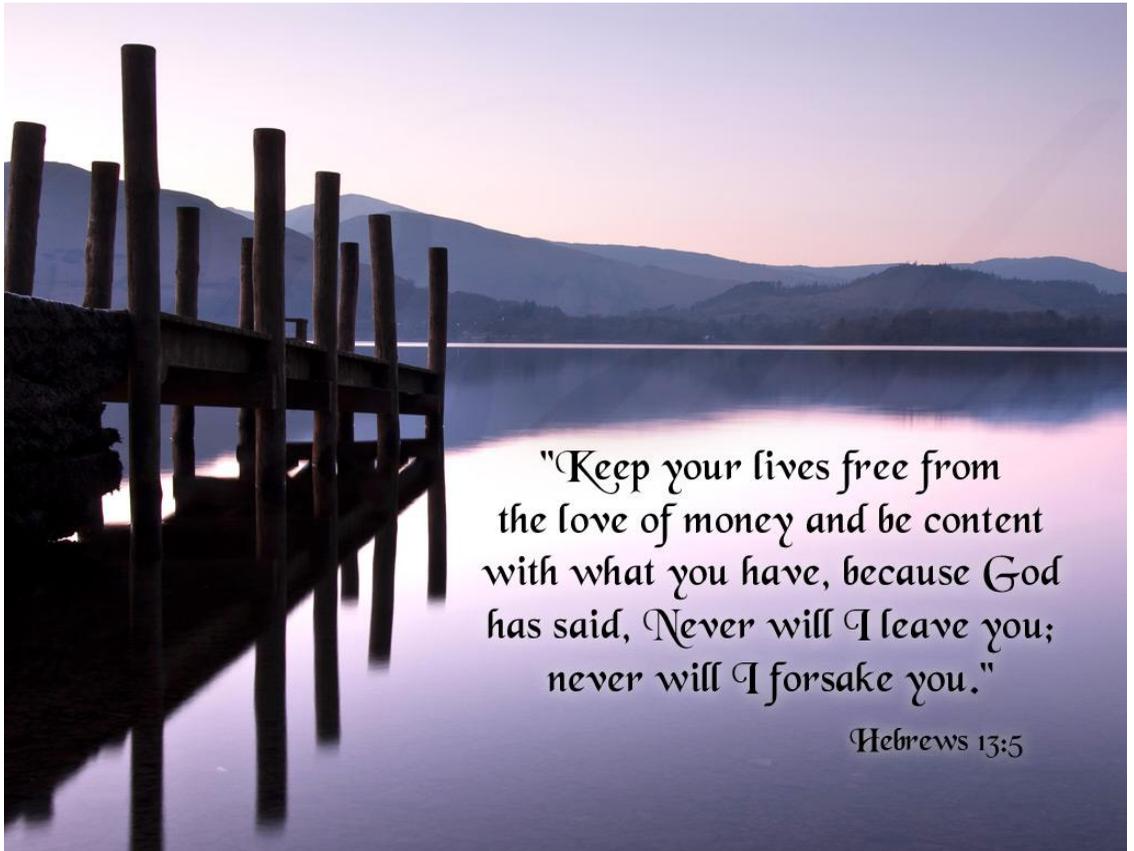


TOGETHER WITH FAITH WE CAN:
CONNECT, GROW, AND SERVE



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST- CONTENT IN CHRIST
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Welcome and Greetings to Our Guests!

If you're new here, we welcome you in the name of Jesus. We also sincerely hope that you will come and worship with us again! Following the 9:30 am worship service, members and guests are invited to come down to the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments, and Bible study on the Gospel of John. As a reminder, please **turn off or silence** your cell phones during the service.

Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Almighty God, heavenly Father, You have called me into the work of Your vineyard and lavished upon me Your grace and all manner of spiritual and eternal gifts. Help me to live unto You in humility and patience, to hope in Your pure grace and faithfulness, to abide in Your house, and to praise and magnify Your glorious grace forever, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"With the Lord, Begin Your Task"

LSB 869

Invocation

From the Latin "to call upon". These words from Matthew 28:19 are spoken at the beginning of the service and remind us of our Baptism

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

We confess our sins to God and receive God's forgiveness through the Pastor at the beginning of the service, so that we can worship God with a clean heart, and receive Jesus' body and blood in a right way.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Kyrie

From the Greek, it is a direct address to God, meaning "Lord, have mercy." It is not part of the confession of sins but a cry to God to have mercy on us and all humanity.

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P 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.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

From the Latin salutatio, meaning "a greeting." A liturgical greeting by which the pastor blesses the people. A collect is a concisely written prayer that "collects" the prayers of the people. The collect usually follows a pattern of: address to God, basis for the prayer, petition, desired benefit or result, and Trinitarian closing.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by Your Holy Spirit to follow the example of Your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Proverbs 25:2-10

R ² It is the glory of God to conceal a matter;
to search out a matter is the glory of kings.
³ As the heavens are high and the earth is deep,
so the hearts of kings are unsearchable.
⁴ Remove the dross from the silver,
and a silversmith can produce a vessel;
⁵ remove wicked officials from the king's presence,
and his throne will be established through righteousness.
⁶ Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence,
and do not claim a place among his great men;
⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.
What you have seen with your eyes
⁸ do not bring hastily to court,
for what will you do in the end
if your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹ If you take your neighbor to court,
do not betray another's confidence,
¹⁰ or the one who hears it may shame you
and the charge against you will stand.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

The gradual is a liturgical response that encapsulates the overarching theme of a season in the church year

- R** Fear the LORD, you his saints,
C **for those who fear him lack nothing!**
R Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
C **but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 13:1-17

R Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. ²Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it. ³Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering.

⁴Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said,

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

⁶So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

⁹Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by eating ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who minister at the tabernacle have no right to eat.

¹¹The high priest carries the blood of animals into the Most Holy Place as a sin offering, but the bodies are burned outside the camp. ¹²And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. ¹³Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore. ¹⁴For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. ¹⁶And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come 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.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn

Before You I Kneel

**Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker To offer the work of my hands,
For this is the day You've given Your servant; I will rejoice and be glad:
For the strength I have to live and breathe, For each skill Your grace has given me,
For the needs and opportunities That will glorify Your great name.**

**Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness To cover the work of my hands,
For patience and peace to shape all my labor, Your grace for thorns in my path.
Flow within me like a living stream, Wear away the stones of pride and greed,
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me And a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker; Establish the work of our hands,
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom In every small and great task.
May we live the gospel of Your grace, Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,
Then our lives will bring eternal praise And all glory to Your great name,
And all glory to Your great name.**

Preface

P The Lord be with You.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is our duty and delight, blessed Lord, to offer You thanks and praise, at all times and in every place, but chiefly do we praise You for the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and for His saving work in delivering to You a people unworthy and undeserving but cleansed and made holy by His blood to stand before You and serve You. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

"Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray"

LSB 623

"Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup" *The congregation will sing the refrain.*

LSB 638

Stand

Post-Communion Canticle

"Thank the Lord"



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. We give You thanks, O Lord, that You have dealt with us not as our sins deserve but in grace and mercy. Give us such humility of heart that we never forget what You have done for us and guard us against such temptation to pride lest we presume ourselves worthy of all that Your mercy has given to us. Build in us the humility of faith that delights in serving You with all that we have and all that we are and in serving our neighbors as ourselves, and so displaying the true glory of Your love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

Closing Prayer**Postlude****Hymn of the Month- Before You I Kneel, My Master and Maker (A Worker's Prayer)**

We are probably all aware that our attitude and practice of worship should not be restricted to an hour in church on a Sunday, but should overflow into our daily activities; and for many of us, the single activity (apart from sleep) that takes up most of our time week to week is WORK. So this hymn seeks to do two things: to remind us that God is just as present and interested in us at the office, building site or school as He is at church; and to help us to foster a godly, God-honoring attitude to the paid work He has called us to do.

***Those continuing medical care, undergoing treatment or in need of prayer:***

Pat Abrelat, Jack Adkins, Mary Benninger, Pam Bruining, Terry Carlson, Betty Deater, Jean Dusenberry, Leo Deuster, Laura Fitzpatrick, Betty Havermans, Jean Hladki, Brenda Hoisington, Jody Hoppus, Carolyn Klug, Kevin Kolberg, Jan Larabee, Ed Leatzow, Larry Miller, Sally Mitchell, Sue Neuman, Norbert Scholle, Lu Suchovsky and Carol Warren.

Ken Kolberg and Mike Wittkopp - Hospice Care***Please pray for family and friends of the congregation:***

Harvey Brady, friend of Nancy Kimble; **Bob Suits**, friend of Sandy Hosko; **Robert Council**, son of Carolyn Council and brother of Belinda Schouten; **Kara Bickmeyer**, daughter in law of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Huck Breen**, brother in law of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Shelley Schaab**, friend of Sharon Johnson;

Marge Lans, Dale Johnson and Al Boucher, friends of Jack Adkins; **Pastor Len Brokenshire**, cousin of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Allen Hosko Jr**, nephew of Sandy Hosko;

Megan Dezelsky, daughter in law of Ardy Bulthouse; **Don Benninger**, friend of Joe and Nancy Kimble and Dawn and Paul Eggerding; **Cindy Bolduc**, sister in law of Larry and Cindy Bolduc; **Meta Martinez**, friend of Sharon Johnson; **Tom Sherbern**, cousin of Dick and Lynne Guerne; **Nancy Rebedew**, friend of Bill and Shirley Walther; **Steve Root**, relative of Larry and Cindy Bolduc; **Kathy Kufahl**, sister of Larry Bolduc; **Bill Larson Jr.**, cousin of Larry Bolduc; **Carolyn Johnson**, sister of Shirley Walther; **Sue Swanson**, sister of Carolyn Bickmeyer; **Bill Zachary**, brother in law of Otto Blendin; **Caleb Sheldon**, grandson of Al and Mary Sheldon; **Craig Swanson**, nephew of Terry and Marcia Carlson; **Olivia Gillespie**, friend of Gary and Kathleen Schottke; **Casey Culy**, grandson of Joe and Nancy Kimble; **Karen Marquez**, mother of RJ Marquez; **Dale Johnson**, friends of Jack and Colleen Adkins; **Joy Chalko**, sister of Renee Schaab; **Scott Verhoven**, son of Sandy and Frank Verhoven; **Jeff Jasicki**, friend of Leo Deuster; **Ron Burmeister**, father of Steve Burmeister; **Amy Loper**, cousin of Dick and Lynne Guerne; **Lesli Lehner**, friend of Larry and Gloria Miller and **Sheila Bluhm**, daughter of Lois Bluhm; **Eddie Yamnitz and Ruby Bohnert**, grandparents of Alisha Schimm.

Pray for St. Mark members who reside in assisted living facilities: Gerry Bastian at Hermitage; Valerie Larson at Seminole Shores, and Marguerite Maxwell at Sanctuary on the Shore Nursing Home in Grand Haven.