

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



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST
MERCY FOR A REASON
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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 and everlasting God, because You seek not the death but the life of all, hear our prayers for all who have no right knowledge of You, free them from their error, and for the glory of Your name bring them into the fellowship of Your holy Church; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prelude

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

LSB 802

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 As sheep who have wandered from the Shepherd, we all have turned from the Lord in our disobedience to His commands.

C **All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.**

P Confident in the pursuit of our Shepherd, Jesus, for those who wander from Him, let us 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 In the mercy of almighty God, we are redeemed by Jesus Christ. In Him, our Good Shepherd, who laid down His life for us all, we are fully and freely forgiven. Receive this forgiveness today as you, like wandering sheep, are drawn back into His rescuing mercy. 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.**

Introit for Pentecost 14

Psalm 30:2–5

Refrain: Psalm 30:11a, 12b

Henry V. Gerike

Refrain

You turned my mourn-ing in - to danc - ing;

I will give You thanks for - ev - er.

Psalm Tone

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Congregation sings text in bold.

O Lord my God, I cried to | You for help,*
and You have | healed me.

O Lord, You have brought up my soul | from Sheol;*

You restored me to life from among those who go down | to the pit.

Sing praises to the Lord, O | You His saints,*
and give thanks to His | holy name.

For His anger is but for a moment, and His favor is for a | lifetime.*

Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the | morning.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen. Refrain

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*



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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 Lord Jesus, You are the Good Shepherd, without whom nothing is secure. Rescue and preserve us that we may not be lost forever but follow You, rejoicing in the way that leads to eternal life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

R ¹¹ "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. ¹² As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. ¹³ I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. ¹⁴ I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵ I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. ¹⁶ I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

¹⁷ "As for you, my flock, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will judge between one sheep and another, and between rams and goats. ¹⁸ Is it not enough for you to feed on the good pasture? Must you also trample the rest of your pasture with your feet? Is it not enough for you to drink clear water? Must you also muddy the rest with your feet? ¹⁹ Must my flock feed on what you have trampled and drink what you have muddied with your feet?

²⁰ "Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹ Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, ²² I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. ²³ I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. ²⁴ I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the LORD have spoken.

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

1 Timothy 1:5–17

R ⁵ The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. ⁶ Some have departed from these and have turned to

Know What? - *What is this section of God's Word saying?*

So What? - *Why do you think God included this in His word? What is he teaching us?*

Now What? - *Now what am I going to do with what I read/heard? How can I put it into practice?*

Offering

Stand

Prayers of St. Mark

P The Lord says through the His prophet: "I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak."

Confident in the care of our faithful Shepherd, let us bring our thanksgivings, requests, and intercessions before our Father's throne of grace.

Faithful Shepherd, You are so good to us. Even when we stray from Your presence through disobedience to Your commands, You bring us back into Your presence through the good news that we have received in this time of worship.

G Grant that we treasure all we possess in the Gospel of Christ.

P Guiding Shepherd, You lead us with Your mercy that we may dwell in Your presence forever. Salvation is found solely in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Enable us to bring the good news of His life, death, and resurrection to all souls for whom He offered His life.

G Enable us to open our lips and declare Your wonders to the world.

P Loving Shepherd, You care for all You have made, for all the world is Yours. Grant that those who are broken in heart, mind, and spirit find refreshment in Your presence. Open our eyes to the needs of our neighbors, for in them we see You.

G Give us hearts to serve others with the mercy You give to us all.

P Protecting Shepherd, You guard and bless those who take refuge in You. Watch over the land in which we live, guiding all servants among us to act justly with the wisdom from above. Enable us to dwell in security and peace. Lead all Christians to be people of worship, prayer, and service so that our communities are blessed by You through the works of our hands.

G Send us out to represent our Savior in all we say and do.

P Healing Shepherd, You bind up the wounds of those who suffer in both soul and body. Today we lift up before You . . . Whatever the need and whatever the circumstance, draw Your sheep into the fold of Your care that they receive the healing You desire for them.

C **Open our eyes to see Your healing hand at work.**

P As sheep who trust in their faithful Shepherd, we bring these prayers, along with all the unspoken prayers of our hearts, before You.

C **In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

We celebrate the Lord's Supper at St. Mark Lutheran in the confidence that in this feast, our Lord gives us not only bread and wine, but His very body and blood. In Communion, we receive forgiveness for our sins, a deeper relationship with Christ and with one another, and power to live a life that truly glorifies God.

Our Lord invites to His feast those who believe this, repent of their sins, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love others as He forgives and loves us. Because the Bible tells us of the serious consequences of misusing the Lord's Supper (1 Corinthians 11:17-34), we commune those who have been instructed in God's Word and who declare their faith in these truths. We welcome our guests and ask that you direct any questions in this regard to Pastor Gilson.

For those not able to receive the wine, white grape juice is offered and is available in the middle of each communion tray.

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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, for by His sacrificial death and glorious resurrection He has rescued Your wandering sheep and led us back into Your merciful presence forever. 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

"Jesus' Sinners Doth Receive"

LSB 609

"I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"

LSB 740

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



Post Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray. O God, our faithful Shepherd, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the world to rescue all who wander, we thank You that for His sake You have given us the peace of Your forgiveness at Your Table of mercy. Because You never fail Your sheep, enable us to go forth and extend to others the blessings we here have received; 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 Hymn

“Christ the Word of God Incarnate”

LSB 540

Stanzas 1, 2, 4, 6

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.

Our Christian Sympathy is extended to Pat Brady and family in the death of Harvey Brady.

"Death is swallowed up in victory!"

Harvey R. Brady



Brady, Harvey R. Muskegon Harvey R. Brady, age 72, passed away Saturday, September 7, 2019. He was born on November 16, 1946 to Kenneth and Eleanor (Fox) Brady in Muskegon. Harvey was a member of St. Mark Lutheran Church where he sang in the choir and served as an elder. He worked 39 years for Sealed Power as an industrial engineer and retired in 2008. Harvey enjoyed working on his car, house projects and wintering in Florida. On March 28, 1970 he married Patricia A. Rager in Grand Haven and they spent 49 years of marriage together. She survives him along with 3 children, Greg (Heather) Brady, Keith (Susan) Brady and Karla (Andrew) Ketelhut; 6 grandchildren, Ryan, Tyler, Addison, Isley, Henry and Koltin; 3 step-grandchildren; 3 step-great-grandchildren; brother, Ken (Eileen) Brady; 4 sisters, Joyce (Jon) Brink, Shar (Bob) DeVries, Sue (Dave) Wheeler and Diane (Dalys) Waltz; and many nieces and nephews. Harvey was preceded in death by his parents and daughter-in-law, Kimberley. A MEMORIAL SERVICE was held at 11AM Wednesday, September 11, 2019 here at St. Mark Lutheran Church with Pastor Mark Gilson officiating and Vicar Scott Faith assisting. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to the church.

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

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

Ken Kolberg - Hospice Care

Please pray for family and friends of the congregation:

Sandra Stuemke, Sister of Larry and Gloria Miller; **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; **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.