

Gather, Grow, and Go

A Summer Sermon Series
to Explore Who We Are
as a Church and What God
is Doing In and Through Us



JUNE: We Gather...

June 2 Around the Sacraments
June 9 As Grace-Filled, Forgiven People
June 16 In Times of Doubt
June 23 As Children of God
June 30 To Praise God

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July 14 By Depending on God and Each
Other in Times of Suffering
July 21 With Open Hearts
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AUGUST: We Go...

August 4 To Serve Others
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World
August 18 With Our Strengths and
Weaknesses
August 25 Together
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July 14, 2024

9:30 a.m. Worship Service

Sunday Worship In-Person and Online at Facebook and YouTube
St. Mark's Lutheran Church - Waukesha, Wisconsin

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GATHERING HYMN *(please stand as you are able)*

O Lord, We Praise You



1 O Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
2 Your ho - ly bod - y in - to death was giv - en, life to
3 Lord God, be - stow on us your grace and fa - vor, that we



giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
win for us in heav - en. No great - er
fol - low Christ our Sav - ior and live to -



bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
love than this to you could bind us; may this feast of
geth - er here in love and u - nion, nor re - pent this



they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
that re - mind us! O Lord, have mer - cy!
blest com - mu - nion. O Lord, have mer - cy!



May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
Lord, your kind - ness so much did move you that your
Let not your good Spir - it for - sake us; by this



sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
blood now moves us to love you. All our debt you have paid;
ho - ly ban - quet re - make us. Give your church, Lord, to see



in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy!
peace with God once more is made. O Lord, have mer - cy!
days of peace and u - ni - ty. O Lord, have mer - cy!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the God of manna,
the God of miracles,
the God of mercy.

C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.
God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
we are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

we are shown God's mercy:

we are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you

*Share a sign of peace with your neighbor expressing God's peace. **If you are joining us for worship online, please share a sign of peace in the comments section of the live stream.***

HYMN OF PRAISE

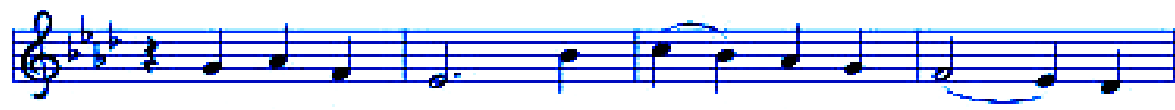
Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:




Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to




hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men.

Refrain



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Refrain

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Almighty and Gracious God, you are at work in all of our lives. Help us to see the ways we are connected through our faith in you. Allow us the privilege of helping one another through challenging times, and the grace to receive the help of others when we need it. In Jesus' Name,

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME WITH THE PASTOR

SPECIAL MUSIC: Jaymes Gayhart

+ WORD +

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners. Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

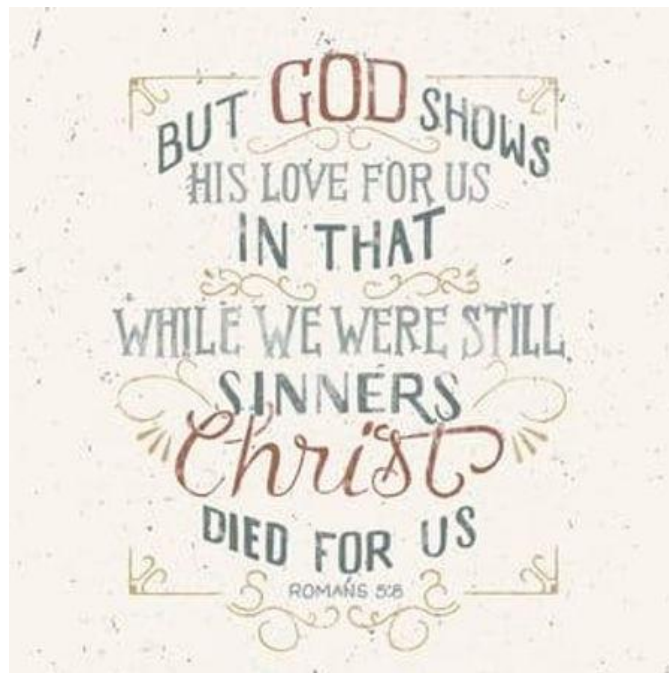
P: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

John Thompson

A brief silence follows the sermon



HYMN OF THE DAY (please stand as you are able)

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



- 1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
- 2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
- 3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYDY NOS, Welsh traditional
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APOSTLES' CREED

A: Let us profess our faith together in the words of the 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 THE PEOPLE *(please be seated)*

*We will sing the song responsively after each petition is offered.
Please sing a new verse each time the song is sung.*

We offer prayers during this time of meditation and singing. As a way of practicing our faith, you are invited to offer ways in which you experience the seeking and granting of forgiveness during the prayers of the people.

*If you have prayers you would like to have offered up during this time, please place names and concerns on a prayer request card and hand it to a welcome team member. **If you are joining us for worship online please begin typing names in the comment section so we might pray continuously during worship.***

Healer of Boundless Compassion

Heal-er of bound-less com - pas - sion, peace for our
suf - f'ring hearts: a - noint us with health, em - brace us with
strength, and bring us to full - ness of life.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Text: *Life Passages*, Renewing Worship 4
Music: Russell Schulz-Widmar, b. 1944
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LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

MISSION MOMENT AND OFFERING

We give thanks for our continued offerings that invest in God's work in and through St Mark's. *You may mail your offering to church (424 Hyde Park Ave Waukesha WI 53188); if you prefer to give digitally, follow this [link](#). If you'd like to text your contribution, please use this number: (262) 383-2338.* We are grateful for all your offerings and give thanks to God for you. Our offerings honor God, the giver of all things.

OFFERTORY SONG

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

+ MEAL +

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: 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. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

COMMUNION

The table of Holy Communion is inclusive, all people are welcome to receive this free gift of God. You will be invited by welcome team members to come forward down the center aisle. Bread is distributed at the center, with gluten free options at request. Your choice of grape juice or wine is available to you as you move toward either direction to return to your seats. Baskets for your empty cups are in the aisles as you return to your seats. If you need to have communion brought to you, please let a welcome team member know and the pastor or the assisting minister will commune you in your seat.

Prayer Partners (wearing a red badge) are available for confidential prayer for yourself or others in the front and back of the sanctuary.

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus Loves Me!



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820-1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816-1868

TABLE BLESSING *(please stand as you are able)*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace and peace now and forever.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen



SENDING HYMN

Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

Text: Cathy Skogen-Soldner, b. 1956
Music: BAPTIZED AND SET FREE, Cathy Skogen-Soldner
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DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

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Interim Pastor: Sara Gillespie (sara.gillespie06@gmail.com,
(920-214-3132) *Pastor Sara's Sabbath Day is Monday.*

Deacon: Marcia Marquardt (marcia1@wi.rr.com, 262-784-2062)
Deacon Marcia's Sabbath Day is Friday.

Music Director: Jennifer Manvilla

Assisting Minister: Jennine Szwalkiewicz

The flowers are given today by Sharon & Mike Collins in memory of his mother.

Join others for conversation and treats at the Coffee Hour after worship today in the fellowship hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Where to find information:

- Welcome2stmarks.com
- facebook.com/welcome2stmarks
- Youtube.com (Search St. Mark's Waukesha)
- Church email address is: welcome2stmarks@gmail.com
- Weekly email blast (if you don't receive these, contact Marcia at marcia1@wi.rr.com)
- Prayer Chain Requests to Lana DeCoto at lrdecoto@gmail.com.

Strong People, Strong Bodies: St Mark's is hosting a University of Wisconsin Extension exercise class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00-2:15 pm in the fellowship hall (July 9-September 19). The classes include progressive resistance training, balance training, and flexibility exercises. Suggested donation of \$30. Register at <https://forms.gle/ipad1s9z5ybR7f329> or contact Jillian Smith at jillian.smith@wisc.edu or 262-548-7789. Try out the class any time!

Tower Hill Annual Picnic: The Tower Hill Neighborhood Association annual picnic is on Saturday, July 27 from 4:00-7:00pm at Horeb Park Shelter. Hot dogs, chips, and cookies are served for free. People can bring a dish to pass if they'd like, but it's optional. Each year our Tower Hill picnic helps us meet new neighbors and catch up with old! Please leave a message at 262-951-1625 to RSVP.

Membership Directory: Pick up a printed copy (one per household) of our membership directory at the Welcome Center. Thanks to Debbie Wagner for all her hard work in getting this document ready for us.

Sanctuary Hearing Loop System: St Mark's has a hearing loop system that was installed during Restore & Renew in 2018. It is a wireless technology that works with telecoil hearing aids and cochlear implants.

A hearing loop, or induction loop, consists of a thin wire (installed under the carpet in the Sanctuary) that connects to an amplifier in the AV rack. The hearing loop creates a magnetic field that is picked up by a t-coil equipped hearing aid, and is converted to audible sound directly into the hearing aid. It produces clear sound without feedback or background noise.

For the technology to work, you need a hearing aid that has a t-coil. The t-coil must be activated by your audiologist. Newer hearing aids may have a Bluetooth setting that allows you to turn on the t-coil yourself with your phone.

Once it is activated, there is nothing else to do, but sit back and listen to the clear sound.

Teen Single Parent Support Group: Are you a single mom and/or dad and looking to join others in the same situation? Then this group is for you. Angie Goodman is starting a group to support teen parents. Here you can make new friends and get support from others in the same situation. You are welcome to bring your child/children with you to the group. You are welcome even if you haven't had your baby yet. If this is something you are interested in checking out, please join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 6:00-7:30 pm. Please arrive on time. If you have any questions, call or text Angie at 414-801-4701.

Save the Date:

September 15	Neighborhood Block Party
September 21	Outreach for Hope Family Ride Run Walk
October 4-6	Women's Retreat at LOMC in Oregon, IL
October 20	"Let Your Light Shine" Commitment Sunday with lunch
November 2	Inasmuch Day of Serving
December 8	Annual Congregational Meeting

Zoom Meeting Numbers:

Faith Formation Gatherings Zoom: 817 7030 6574,

Church Meetings Zoom: 823 2326 4353 Contact Marcia for passcodes.

THIS WEEK AT ST MARK'S***SUNDAY, JULY 14***

- Sunday Worship at 9:30 am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Inasmuch Day planning meeting after worship in Gathering Room

MONDAY, JULY 15

- Quilting at 8:30am in fellowship hall

TUESDAY, JULY 16

- Staff meeting at 10:00am
- Walking Together discipleship huddle at 11:00am
- Strong Bodies exercise class at 1:00pm in fellowship hall

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- Hybrid Bible Study at 10:00am in fellowship hall AND on Zoom 817 7030 6574 Contact Marcia for passcode
- Strong Bodies exercise class at 1:00pm in fellowship hall
- SOPHIA core team at 6:00pm

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- Sunday Worship at 9:30am on YouTube and Facebook Live and in the sanctuary
- Pastor Sara Gillespie preaching

Romans 5:8

O K J N C K S S H O W S G K J W I
N Z Q F K E F S M T I A S Z P T K
D H B E X S U E V M G P X P A I C
U Y Y G I L N D W M Y Y G Q N R U
W D E I D B V J O I K X O N S U A
L F F S S P E P E V O L Z K I O L
A O V A G O F I G H S F U P H Y M
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B O A I D R Y J T Z M Z C E Z X Y
D Y T C E L I H W S I N N E R S K
S G L P Q H J T G X T M I L E K J
T S I R H C H O H X U A L Z W A K
R Y R E M G O D D A X P S N G U C
I G H R L C B U T G T J U P I W Q
G P N E H Z E M T Q B X P S S V S
K T R W F Q H L S T I L L H U S T

Sinners	Christ	Still	While
Shows	Died	Were	That
Love	For	His	God
But	Us	We	In