

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

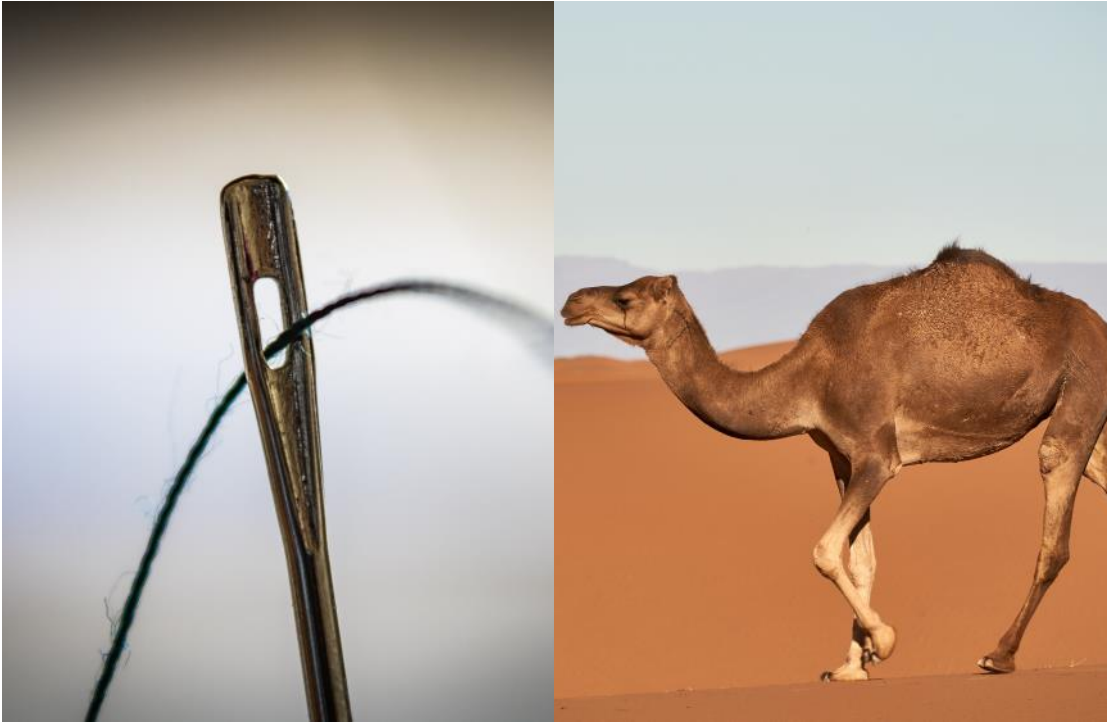


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October 10, 2021
St. Mark's Lutheran Church, ELCA

P = Pastor, A = Assistant, C = Congregation
ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal WOV = With One Voice hymnal
“+” in the bulletin indicates that you are invited to stand as you are able

Service of Holy Communion – WOV Setting 5-Bread of Life

GATHERING

+Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ✝ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence for reflection.

P God, our comforter,

C **like lost sheep, we have gone astray.**

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in ✝ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C **Amen.**

+Gathering Hymn

Come, We That Love the Lord

ELW 625



1 Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou-sand sa - cred sweets
4 Then let our songs a-bound, and ev - `ry tear be dry;



join in a song with sweet ac - cord, join in a song with
but chil - dren of the heav`n - ly King, but chil - dren of the
be - fore we reach the heav`n - ly fields, be - fore we reach the
we're march - ing through Im - man - uel's ground, we're march - ing through Im -



sweet ac - cord and thus sur - round the throne, and thus sur-round the throne.
heav`n-ly King may tell their joys a-broad, may tell their joys a - broad.
heav`n-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets, or walk the gold - en streets.
man-uel's ground, to fair - er worlds on high, to fair - er worlds on high.

Refrain



We're march - ing to Zi - on, beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on:



we're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, the beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, stanzas: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899, refrain
Music: MARCHING TO ZION, Robert Lowry

+Greeting

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

+Kyrie



△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



△ Chri - ste e - le - i - son: ☒ Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



△ Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

+Hymn of Praise



☒ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

+Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

God of the narrow way, you call us to shed all that burdens the lightness of life: help us to surrender false wealth, embrace our need of you and life for your kingdom above all things; through Jesus Christ, the richness of God.

C **Amen.**

WORD

First Scripture ♦ Hebrews 4:12–16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L Holy wisdom, holy word.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:12–17

So teach us to number our days that we
may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Return, O Lord; how long will you
tarry?**

Be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the
morning; so shall we rejoice and be
glad all our days.

**Make us glad as many days as you
afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered
adversity.**

Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.

**May the graciousness of the Lord our
God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands;
prosper our handiwork.**

+Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

+Gospel ♦ Mark 10:17–31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Nic Leither

*We hear God's Word as it is spoken in the preaching.
Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

Hymn of the Day

Take My Life, That I May Be

ELW 685



- 1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days;	let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my feet and let them be	swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
take my lips and let them be	filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
take my in - tel - lect, and use	ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PAMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation may greet one another with these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

MEAL

Stewardship Temple Talk

Bob Gehler

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray.

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

+The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

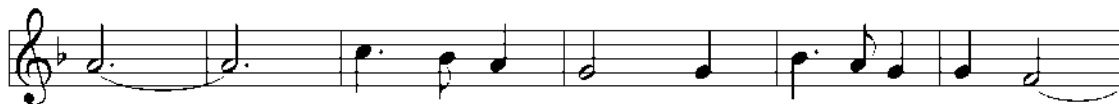
Preface

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,...
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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. Bless - ed is he who

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

Eucharistic Prayer

P Eternal God, in the abundance your love...
...All honor and glory be yours, for ever and ever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Let us live and pray together the prayer Our Lord 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.**

Communion

P Behold who you are.
Become what you receive.

Communion Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 479



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever

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Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you, and keep you in his grace.

C Amen.

A Lord of life,
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Announcements

SENDING

+Blessing

P You are the children of God.
Gifted with dreams and visions.
Upon you rests the grace of God like flames of fire.
May the deep peace of Christ **✝** be with you.
The strong arms of God sustain you.
And the Holy Spirit strengthen you in every way.

C Amen.

+Sending Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

ELW 705



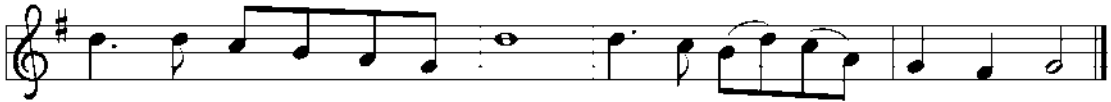
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the c - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age.



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king-dom's goal, lest we miss your king-dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

+Dismissal

A Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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SUMMARIZED REPORT OF INCOME & EXPENSES			
Submitted by Bill Stephenson, Treasurer			
August, 2021	Announcements		
Current Month	Amount	Year to Date	Amount
Total Income	\$19,479.26	Total Income	\$133,179.87
Total Expenses	-\$12,436.03	Total Expenses	-\$99,150.98
Net Income	\$7,043.23	Net Income	\$34,028.89
<i>Less Foundation Grant for 2020 Budget Deficit</i>			-\$7,187.24
			\$26,841.65
BUDGET COMPARISON OF ENVELOPE OFFERING			
Monthly Budget Amount	Actual Current Month	Budget Year to Date	Actual Year to Date
\$11,931.67	\$10,761.62	\$95,453.36	\$87,213.51
Over/Under Budget	-\$1,170.05		-\$8,239.85

St. Mark's needs your financial support no less than your prayers and concern for one another. You can mail your offerings to the church. You can also give electronically, via Tithe.ly, at <http://bit.ly/St-Marks-Tithely>.

Weekly Enews If you are not already receiving our Weekly Enews email sent out via MailChimp on Thursdays, please provide your email address to the church and we will add you to our mailing list for our primary means of communication throughout the week.

OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH:

We welcome your requests for prayers for persons in need or prayers of thanksgiving for blessings received. Please note that prayer requests will remain on the list for four Sundays; a request may be extended by contacting the church office.

Recent hospitalizations, illnesses, and concerns:

Tom Rose (*heart valve procedure*)
Anne Hermanson (*friend of church, brain tumor*)
Sonny Pethan (*recovery from stroke*)
José Luis Mendia (*Santi and Diana's father, surgery*)
John Nelson (*Kinna Kemp's uncle, kidney tumor surgery*)
Alice Thurlow (*health and physical rehab*)
Jay Coyle (*Ellie Weaver's son's father-in-law, bladder cancer*)

For homebound members and friends:

Gil Bliss (*skin cancer treatments*)
George Devers
James & Marie Hughes
Christel Loftesness
Dorothy Parker
Daphne Remington
Vernita Wild
Colleen Graham
Palma Kruger
Les and Diana Ortt
Gerry Redlin
Arlene Selk
Don Snook & Trish Kulp

For the faithful departed and those who mourn:

Family of Mark (*Joan Chamber's son*)
Family of Sandra and Rosalino Gonzalez-Tapia (*Sandra (Aitza), Karen, and Adamaris' parents*)

For those with ongoing concerns:

Doug Benson (*health*)
Jared Elvir and family
Steve Brelsford (*Bob's son, stroke recovery*)
Greg Kimball (*Ann Howell's husband, breathing health and cancer treatments*)
Jeff Martin (*health*)
The Pulido and Nava families
Gene (*physical rehab for partial paralysis, Joan Gustafson's son-in-law*)
Karl Feller (*chronic lymphatic leukemia*)
Ollie Daniels (*pain/ breathing issues*)
Irene Seelmeyer (*at home physical rehab*)
Cesar Lomeli & Alvaro Cassillas Garcia (*nephew & friend of Laura Garcia, missing*)
Jeannie Blom (*former member, corneal transplant surgery*)
Sally Lynch (*pain & breathing issues*)

Norman (*Diana Ratliff's uncle, hospice*)
Ele Lopeman (*health*)
Karen Schelm (*Randy Jensen's daughter*)
Cass (*Ann Howell's granddaughter, car accident*)
Kevin Gustafson (*back pain*)
Brian Hodgson (*long-term recovery, heart surgery*)
Bob Hempel (*former member, cancer*)
Monaliza Abdo (*Chris Prillwitz's friend, health*)
Lydia Scott (*cancer*)
Patrick Stephenson (*melanoma reoccurrence*)
Rose Kvern (*health*)
Judith Graham (*Quai Barker's mother, cancer*)
Jeff Gamel (*health*)
Jean Rose (*back pain*)
Sandy Day (*health*)
Jeff (*Hugo Redlin's son, health*)

In the interest of keeping concerns timely, all prayer requests more than a year old without a recent update have been removed from under Ongoing Concerns.

If someone you care about is still in need of prayer, please submit a new prayer request/ update.

Assisting with Worship:

Pastor	Nic Leither
Pianist	Sara Jensen
Assisting Minister	Mary Stephenson
Lector	Mary Stephenson
Acolyte	Amanda Muniz
Sound Engineer	Bill Stephenson
Assisting with Virtual Worship	Mary Katherine Smith
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If you are in need of help, be it spiritual or in physical resources, please share your need with the church and we will help you as best as we can during this challenging time.