

*Church is not a place; it is who we are. Once we realize this, we can be the church anywhere.*



**SAINT MARK**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**TWENTYTHIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**Sunday, November 8, 2020**

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at [stmarkcp.org](http://stmarkcp.org)  
or our Facebook page “St.MarkCP”.

*All words for music will be in the Worship video.*

*\* denotes additional resources not used in worship*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING SONG**

“Praise to the Lord” *ELW #858 v.1,2,4*

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

L: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are broken and not perfect**

**which divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

L: Beloved, we are God’s children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

“The Gift of Love” *Jeff Johnson and Susan Koosmann*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **FIRST READING\***

Amos 5:18-24

### **PSALM\***

Psalm 70

### **SECOND READING**

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

### **HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:1-13

### **SERMON**

### **SONG OF THE DAY**

“Rejoice, Rejoice Believers” *ELW* #244 v.1,2,4

### **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 power of 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

*Each petition will end with the words, "Hear us, O God,"*

*Please respond with "Your mercy is great."*

### **PEACE**

We encourage you to pass the peace with those you are with and/or call, text, or face-time someone and share God's peace with them.

### **OFFERING**

*We have a generous God who provides for us richly. We honor God in return with our offering.*

*Thank you for giving generously to St. Mark.*

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If this is your first time using "Text to Give", you will be asked to fill out your card information.

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

“Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past” *ELW* #632 v.1,3

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **SENDING SONG**

“Blessed Assurance” *WOV* #699