

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 26, 2020

To gather together in worship, please use the worship links at 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

“God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens” *ELW #771*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.
Amen.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,

**C: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

**By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;**

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

L: Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,
because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Shall We Gather at the River”

Flute; Ruth Crowder Piano: Donna Peterson

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING*

1 Kings 3:5-12

PSALM*

Psalm 119:129-136

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26-39

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

“Seek Ye First” *WOV #783*

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, “Lord, in your mercy,”

Please respond with “Hear our prayer.”

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.

We invite you to try our “Text to Give” option. Text the dollar amount to 763-296-067
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

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *ELW #759 v.1*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

“You are the Seed” *WOV #753*