

Sundays after Pentecost

August 22 through September 26, 2021



11:00 am
ELW Setting 3

Welcome to St. Mark's!

We're glad you are here. Please sign the **pew pad** at the end of your pew so we may greet you by name.

Children are important members of our community, and are welcome and encouraged to be in worship. Activity bags and books for children to use during the service are available in the Commons (directly outside the Sanctuary). Changing tables are located in the restrooms off the Commons.

We believe Christ is the host of the **Holy Communion** meal, and that it is a feast for all the baptized. All those seeking the true presence of Jesus in, with, and under bread and wine are welcome at our table. Communion is received at the head of the aisle. The wine is red, and the juice is white. Those who are not baptized or do not wish to receive are invited to come forward for a blessing.

This **bulletin** is reused for six weeks. The hymns are listed by date, and the readings and psalms are on pages 13-18. Please return it to an usher at the end of the service.

The sanctuary is equipped with a **T-coil Loop** system to assist people with hearing difficulties. Headsets for those without T-coil equipped hearing aids are available from ushers upon request.

Take a look at the inside back cover of this bulletin, and in our weekly bulletin insert MARKings, for more information about what God is doing in our community!



Welcome and Worship Announcements

Prelude

See MARKings

Invocation

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

To you, O God,
all hearts are open, to you all desires known.
We come to you, confessing our sins.
Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love.
Show us your ways; teach us your paths;
and lead us in justice and truth,
for the sake of your goodness
in Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth,
and through the death and resurrection of † Jesus Christ,
God forgives you all your sins.
The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

Entrance Hymn


**8/22: 758; 8/29: 879; 9/5: 776
9/12: 660; 9/19: 520; 9/26: 825**

Greeting

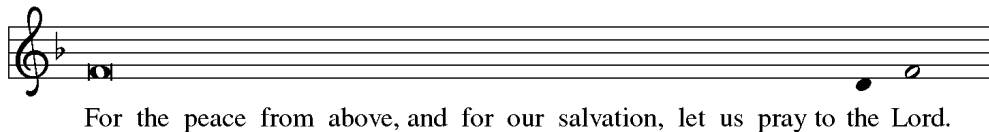
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

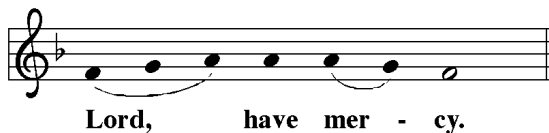
“Lord, Have Mercy”



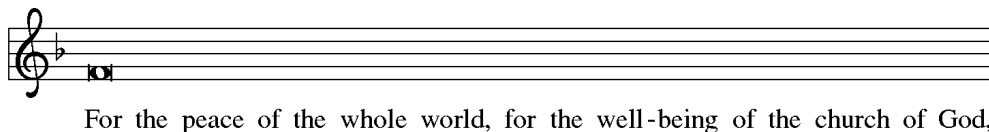
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



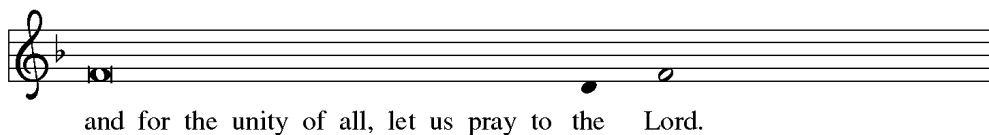
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



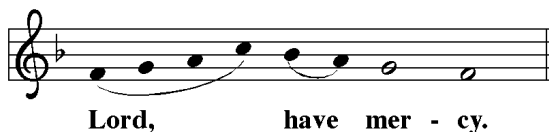
Lord, have mer - cy.



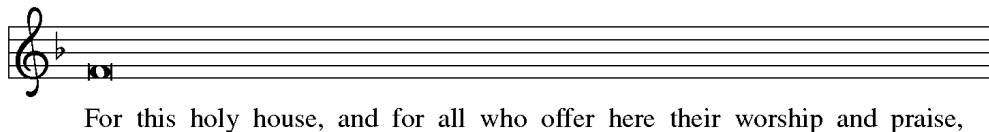
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



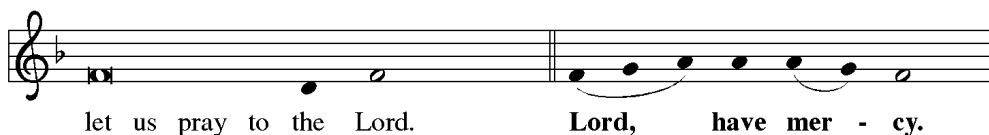
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



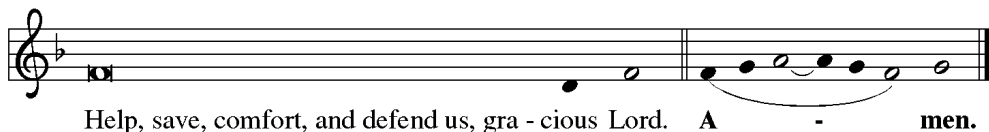
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Gloria

"Glory to God in the Highest"

Assisting minister



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray...

...now and for ever.

Amen.

Children's Sermon

Readings and psalms are on pages 13 through 18

First Reading

Psalm

Second Reading

Gospel Acclamation



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



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

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to _____.

Glory to you, O Lord.

at the conclusion of the reading:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

**8/22: 474; 8/29: 512; 9/5: 843
9/12: 667; 9/19: 781; 9/26: 712**

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 into hell.**

**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

**Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.**

Peace

Offering

Voluntary

See MARKings

Offertory

“Let the Vineyards”



Let the vine - yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your

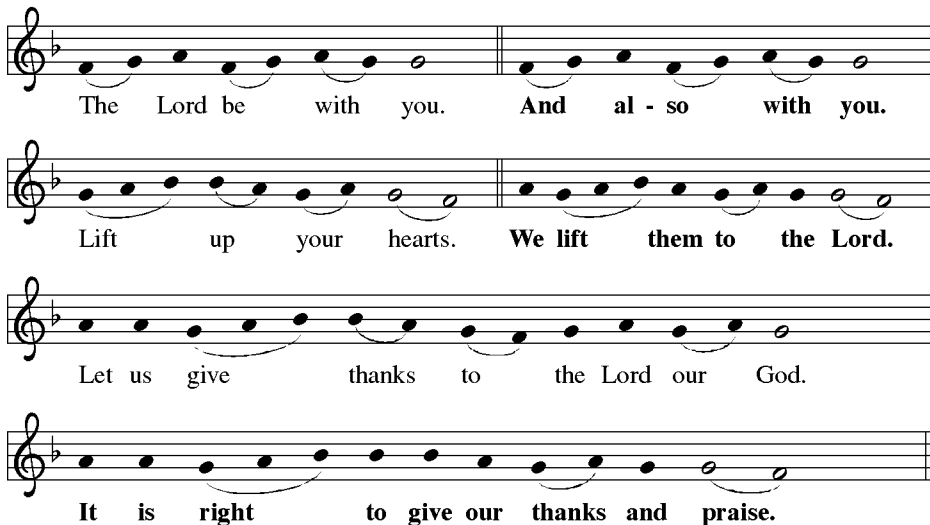


pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God,
**gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way, that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Dialogue



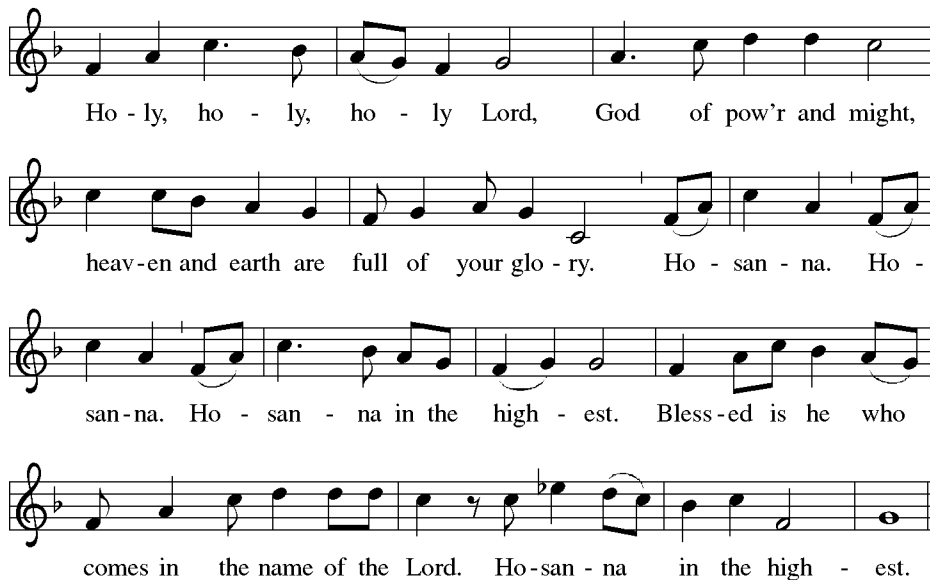
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”



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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life;
near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

We thank you, O God.

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

Agnus Dei

“Lamb of God”



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.

Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Life-giving God, you have fed us with heaven's perfect good, the very presence of Christ Jesus. Send us now to be what we have received, that all creation might know your love and sing your praise now and always.

Amen.

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for ever.

Amen.

Sending Hymn

8/22: 638; 8/29: 870; 9/5: 883
9/12: 808; 9/19: 538; 9/26: 822

Announcements and Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

See MARKings



13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 22, 2021

First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Pew Bible page 167

Psalm 34: 15-22

Congregation sings bold stanzas

¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are up- | on the righteous,
and God's ears are open | to their cry.

¹⁶**The face of the LORD is against those | who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them | from the earth.**

¹⁷The righteous cry, and | the LORD hears them
and delivers them from | all their troubles.

¹⁸**The LORD is near to the | brokenhearted
and will save those whose spir- | its are crushed.**

¹⁹Many are the troubles | of the righteous,
but the LORD will deliver him out | of them all.

²⁰**He will keep safe | all his bones;
not one of them | shall be broken.**

²¹Evil shall | slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous | will be punished.

²²**The LORD ransoms the life | of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust | in the LORD.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Pew Bible page 151

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Gospel

John 6:56-69

Pew Bible page 75

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Pew Bible page 125

Psalm 15

Sung by all

¹LORD, who may dwell | in your tabernacle?
who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²Whoever leads a blameless life and does | what is right,
who speaks the truth | from their hearts.

³There is no guile upon their tongues; they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not heap contempt up- | on their neighbors.

⁴In their sight the wicked | are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.

⁵They have sworn to | do no wrong
and do not take | back their word.

⁶They do not give their money in | hope of gain,
nor do they take a bribe a- | gainst the innocent.

⁷Whoever | does these things
shall never be | overthrown.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Pew Bible page 179

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Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Pew Bible page 32

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Pew Bible page 513

Psalm 146

Congregation sings refrain **℟**



- ¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, | O my soul!
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.
- ²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any | child of earth,
for there is no | help in them.
- ³When they breathe their last, they return | to the earth,
and in that day | their thoughts perish. **℟**
- ⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help!
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;
- ⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all | that is in them;
who keeps his pro- | mise for ever;
- ⁶Who gives justice to those who | are oppressed,
and food to | those who hunger. **℟**
- ⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes | of the blind;
the LORD lifts up those who | are bowed down;
- ⁸The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares | for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.
- ⁹The LORD shall | reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! **℟**

Second Reading

James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

Pew Bible page 179

Service continues with the Gospel Acclamation on page 6

Gospel

Mark 7:24-37

Pew Bible page 33

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Pew Bible page 527

Psalm 116: 1-8

Congregation sings bold stanzas

¹I love the LORD, because the LORD has heard the voice of my | supplication,
because the LORD has heard me whenev- | er I called.

²**The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me;**
I came to | grief and sorrow.

³Then I called upon the Name | of the LORD:

"O LORD, I pray you, | save my life."

⁴**Gracious is the | LORD and righteous;**
our God is full | of compassion.

⁵The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent;
I was brought very low, | and God helped me.

⁶**Turn again to your rest, | O my soul,**
for the LORD has treat- | ed you well.

⁷For you have rescued my | life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.

⁸**I will walk in the presence | of the LORD**
in the land | of the living.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

Pew Bible page 180

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Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

Pew Bible page 34

13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 19, 2021

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

Pew Bible page 552

Psalm 54

Sung by all

¹Save me, O God, | by your Name;

in your might, de- | fend my cause.

²Hear my | prayer, O God;

give ear to the words | of my mouth.

³For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have | sought my life,
those who have no re- | gard for God.

⁴Behold, God | is my helper;

it is the Lord who sus- | tains my life.

⁵Render evil to those who | spy on me;

in your faithful- | ness, destroy them.

⁶I will offer you a | freewill sacrifice

and praise your Name, O LORD, for | it is good.

⁷For you have rescued me from | every trouble,

and my eye has seen the ruin | of my foes.

Second Reading

James 3:13–4:3, 7-8a

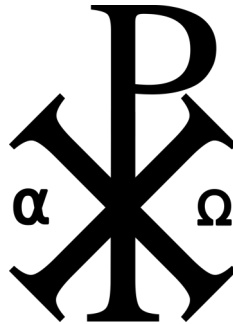
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Gospel

Mark 9:30-37

Pew Bible page 35



13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Pew Bible page 100

Psalm 19: 7-14

Congregation sings refrain **R**



The law of the Lord is per - fect and re - vives the soul.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the innocent.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures for ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb.

¹¹By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is | great reward. **R**

¹²Who can tell how often | they offend?
cleanse me from my | secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion | over me;
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable | in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. **R**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Pew Bible page 181

Service continues with the Gospel Acclamation on page 6

Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

Pew Bible page 35

God's Work, Our Hands

Interested in getting involved in one of the opportunities below? Check out MARKings, our weekly bulletin insert, for what is going on right now!

Worship

St. Mark's loves to make a joyful noise to the Lord! People of all ages and abilities serve in worship as assisting ministers, lay readers, greeters, ushers, choir members, instrumentalists, acolytes, and crucifers. Throughout the year, there are additional opportunities for the people of St. Mark's to gather for worship, including a monthly healing service, mid-week Advent worship with our ecumenical partners (St. Eugene Catholic, St. Paul's Methodist, and St. Mary's Episcopal), Wednesday evening services in Lent, and a Unity Service with our partners at WNC Baptist Fellowship.

Outreach

God calls us to love and serve our neighbor. We serve alongside partner organizations including ABCCM, Homeward Bound, Habitat for Humanity, Lutheran World Relief, and Christine Avery Learning Center. Whether it's making quilts, serving soup, building homes, or walking in the CROP Walk, St. Mark's is active in the Asheville community!

Learning

Lifelong learning and faith formation are valued here. Weekly faith formation classes for people of all ages run all year long. Vacation Bible School, First Communion, Confirmation, weekly classes, discipleship small groups, and intergenerational events all provide opportunities to get involved as we learn and grow together.

Fellowship

We love to spend time together! Groups such as Women of the ELCA, Lutheran Men in Mission, Young Adult Ministry, and Youth Group meet regularly. Annual events such as Thanksgiving dinner, Lutheridge picnic, Youth Show, and Easter breakfast provide opportunities for us to gather as a church family. We are partners with WNC Baptist Fellowship, a predominantly black church. Our Racial Healing Team helps provide opportunities for the two congregations to continue to build relationships with one another, learning and growing together as siblings in Christ. **All are welcome!**

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