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*Welcoming*  
ALL IN CHRIST

*Journeying*  
TOGETHER IN FAITH

*Reaching*  
OUT IN SERVICE

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We extend a warm welcome to all and invite you to fill out the worship attendance card found in the pew racks in front of you and place it in the offering plate. For those who are interested in becoming a part of the Saint Mark community, we invite you to mark the appropriate place on the card or call the office at 503.588.0141.

You are welcome to remember your Baptism by dipping your finger in the font and making the sign of the cross on your forehead as you come forward for Holy Communion. We believe our Lord Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and wine. By partaking in this meal we receive forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. All are welcome at the Table.

Please talk with an usher for large print bulletins, hearing devices, or children's bulletins. Restrooms are on your left as you leave the sanctuary. Both the women and men's bathrooms have changing tables for infants. A handicapped accessible bathroom is located downstairs; an elevator is available to that level.

Please share in refreshments and fellowship immediately following the service in our lounge also (to the left as you leave the sanctuary).

***Saint Mark Welcomes You!***

Welcome to Saint Mark Lutheran Church

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 10, 2017

790 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon

# Welcoming

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## ***Rally Day – Blessing of Animals***

*Prelude*

*Comments on the Day*

*Gathering*

P: Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands.

**C: Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame.**

P: We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us.

**C: May we, who are made in your image, care for them all.**

P: And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Opening Songs: “Canticle of the Sun”*

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,



and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,

dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and

sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses

1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of

light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who  
 storms, ♪ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they  
 crops ♪ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her  
 sun ♪ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his  
 made ♪ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that  
 loss ♪ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your

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light up the way Un - to your throne.  
 blow where they please To please the Lord.  
 mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.  
 spir - it so bright, He sings of you.  
 help us to know The heart of love.  
 pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Text: *Altissimu, omnipotente bon Signore*; St. Francis of Assisi, 1181-1226; adapt. by Marty Haugen, b.1950  
 Tune: Marty Haugen, b.1950  
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*(All present who have brought an animal, stuffed animal, or picture of an animal come forward. We join in this Psalm and cry loud: "Praise the Lord." Pets are welcome to join in.)*

*Psalm of Praise – A Version of Psalm 148*

P: All dogs and cats, large and small:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All rabbits, hamsters and guinea pigs:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All goldfish, guppies, and swimming creatures:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All robins, wrens, and singing birds:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All bats, squirrels, and raccoons:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All horses, cows and sheep:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: All lizards, snakes and creeping things:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

P: Every animal in the sky, the sea, and the forest:

**C: Praise the Lord!**

*Thanks and Confession*

*(We hold the animal we love and place our hand on its body as we give thanks.)*

P: Lord, for all the animals in the whole wide world,

**C: We thank you, God!**

P: Lord, for all the fun and friendship we have with animals,

**C: We thank you, God!**

P: Lord, for all the times we have hurt or neglected animals,

**C: We are sorry.**

P: Lord, for all the times we have used poisons that have killed animals,

**C: We are sorry.**

P: Lord, for all the times we have destroyed the homes of animals in the forests, oceans, or fields,

**C: We are sorry.**

P: I speak for Christ. For all your sins against the creatures of the earth, I forgive you and I call upon you to honor and protect all my animals. Yes, I speak for Christ. May the animals of earth be your companions in life and lead you to celebrate your place in the circle of life.

**C: Amen! Amen! Shalom! Shalom!**

*Animal Blessing*

*Greeting & Prayer of the Day*

P: God of hosts most gracious,  
God the Son who saves us,  
God the Spirit placed upon us,  
be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:  
Sovereign of the universe, your first covenant of mercy was with every living creature. When your beloved Son came among us, the waters of the river welcomed him, the heavens opened to greet his arrival, the animals of the wilderness drew near as his companions. With all the world's people, may we who are washed into new life through baptism seek the way of your new creation, the way of justice and care, mercy and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*Choir Anthem: "Where Two or Three are Gathered" (Saint Mark Choir) Lange*

Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.  
To hear the word and sing the sweet refrain, there will I be also.  
And I will dwell with you always.

Where two or three are gathered in my name,  
The poor the meek and those of wealth and fame, there will I be also.  
With Christ the head the body will sustain,  
Though you depart the spirit will remain, there will I be also.

And I will dwell with you always.

And I will feast with you, stay with you,  
Sing with you and pray with you,  
Laughing and crying, living and dying.  
And I will dwell with you in all ways.

With ear and eye and tongue the promise claim,  
Where two or three are gathered in my name, there will I be also.  
And I will dwell with you always.

*(based on Matthew 18:20)*

### *Sunday School Teacher Installation*

P: God says, come and see. Come and grow, Come and learn, for each day explodes in wonder.

C: **A toddler takes some first steps; a child discovers a new world in the pages of a book; a student grasps an insight, holds a friend, stands up for a cause.**

P: Each day is filled with possibility.

C: **A new skill learned gives hope; a new recipe brings hearty gratitude; a memory of a teacher's care brings a second blessing.**

P: God says, open your eyes to wonder, take my words to heart and learn to treasure all of life.

P: Let us pray. God of wisdom, your Son came among us as a teacher. Send your blessing on all who are engaged in the work of education: give them clearness of vision and freshness of thought, and enable them so to train the hearts and minds of their students that they may grow in wisdom and be prepared to face the challenges of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

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## *Journeying*

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*First Reading:* Ezekiel 33:7-11

*(please see insert)*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-14 (please see insert)

Alleluia Verse "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!"

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Gospel:

P: The gospel according to Matthew.

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

Matthew 18:15-20 (please see insert)

Response following Gospel:

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon (There will be a brief silence for reflection following the sermon.)

Hymn of the Day: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Draw the circle wide.  
Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song:  
no one stands alone,  
standing side by side.  
Draw the circle wide.

(Repeat)

*Affirmation of Faith*

P: God creates all things,  
renews all things, and celebrates all things.

**C: This we believe.**

P: Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,  
a home for us to share with our kin.

**C: This we believe.**

P: God became flesh and blood,  
a part of Earth,  
a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
suffered and died on a cross  
for all human beings and for all creation.

**C: This we believe.**

P: The risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the center of creation,  
reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.

**C: This we believe.**

P: The Holy Spirit renews life in creation,  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.

**C: This we believe.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

*Prayers of the People* **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff for the melody and a bass clef staff for the accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with the words 'Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.' The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.





Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

*Sharing of Christ's Peace*

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

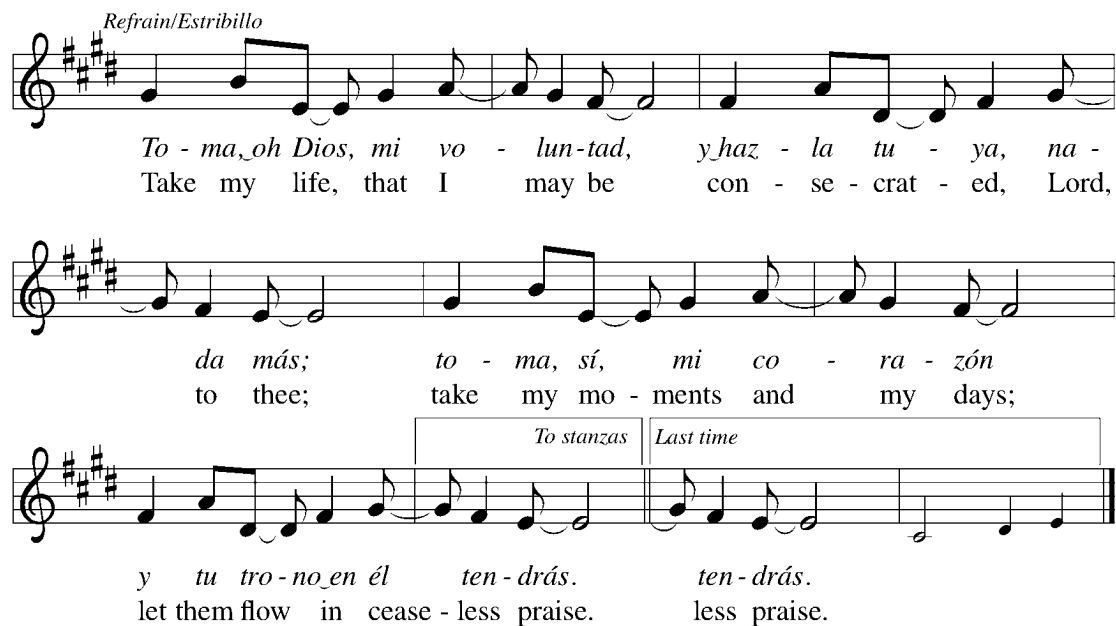
**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us share that peace with one another.

Offering: **"The Fruits of the Spirit"** Children & Youth Choir

Offertory **"Take My Life, that I May Be"**

*Refrain/Estribillo*



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun-tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,  
da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;  
*To stanzas* *Last time*  
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 *Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té*  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



*con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;*  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



*que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -*  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estrillo*



*pul - so de tu a - mor.*  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

### *Offertory Prayer*

A: Merciful God,

C: **as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your**

**kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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.**

*Eucharistic Prayer*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**C 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*

*Christ welcomes all to receive him in bread and cup. Following distribution to the assistants, the Sacrament will be brought to any who are unable to come forward. If you are unable, simply notify an usher or raise your hand so that those distributing Communion may serve you.*

*The Sacrament is distributed by means of bread placed in our open hands. We may eat the bread and drink from the first chalice, or we may dip the bread into a second chalice and so consume the body and blood of Christ. For those with allergic conditions, consecrated rice wafers are available. All are welcomed.*

*Songs during Communion: "God of the Sparrow"*



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing  
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet  
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty  
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -



stars How does the crea - ture say Awe  
 blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe  
 grave How does the crea - ture say Grace  
 gal How does the crea - ture say Care



How does the crea - ture say Praise  
 How does the crea - ture cry Save  
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks  
 How does the crea - ture say Life

5 God of the neighbor  
 God of the foe  
 God of the pruning hook  
 How does the creature say Love  
 How does the creature say Peace

6 God of the ages  
 God near at hand  
 God of the loving heart  
 How do your children say Joy  
 How do your children say Home

**"Beautiful Savior"**



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*Post Communion Blessing*

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

**C:** **Amen.**

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# Reaching

OUT IN SERVICE

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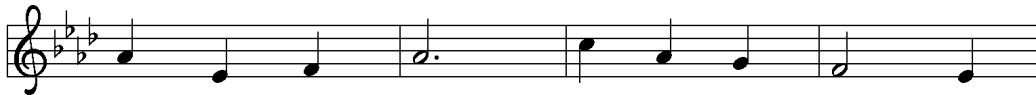
## Prayer after Communion

A: Let us pray:

C: **We come again to you, O God, giving you thanks that in this feast of mercy you have embraced us and healed us, making us one in the body of Christ. Go with us on our way. Equip us for every good work, that we may continue to give you thanks by embracing others with mercy and healing; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

Sending Song: **"Earth and All Stars"**



1	Earth	and	all	stars!	Loud	rush - ing	plan - ets!
2	Trum - pet	and	pipes!	Loud	clash - ing	cym - bals!	
3	En - gines	and	steel!	Loud	pound - ing	ham - mers!	
4	Class-rooms	and	labs!	Loud	boil - ing	test tubes!	
5	Knowl-edge	and	truth!	Loud	sound - ing	wis - dom!	



Sing	to	the	Lord	a	new	song!
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Sing	to	the	Lord	a	new	song!
Sing	to	the	Lord	a	new	song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!  
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!  
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!  
 Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!  
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!  
 Sing to the Lord a new song!



*Refrain*  
 God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

*Benediction*

P: Like children in the arms of Jesus, receive blessing:  
 The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

**C: Amen**

*Dismissal*

A: Go in peace. Remember the poor

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude:*

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***Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God --- Janice Thorpe.***

**Welcome to Saint Mark. All are welcomed to receive Holy Communion.**

**Today we especially pray for:** Ruth Gartner, Kelly Peters, Bob Geisler, Rowan, Jerry Sheetz, Paul Miller, Charlene & Lacey Amaral, Doris Johnson, Diane Olson, Debra Eisenbeis, Tim, Nancy, Linda Mattoon, Jacob Smith, Sylvia Kirby, Priscilla Kennon, Anne McKinney, Vicki Adkins, Sarah Cox, Tom, Marty & Mary O'Brien, Scott Waychoff, Carol Downing, Mary Sorenson, Jeanene Basye, Pat Tschesche, Maureen O'Brien, John Lange, Esther Nygaard, Dan VanOtten, Bud Bridges, and Peyton Higgins. **And Family Members in the Military:** Nelson Westby, Frank Young, Mathew & Adam Roth, James Krogh, Daniel Krogh, and Nicolas Tallman.

**Today is Rally Sunday!** Please join us for worship outside! During worship there will be a blessing of our animals. After worship, there will be a barbeque, games and fellowship.

**We are also installing our Sunday Church School teachers this morning!** We appreciate all of them and the volunteer work they do!

**We return to two services next Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> with Celebration Worship at 8:30 a.m.** in the Lounge and **Traditional Worship at 11:00 a.m.** in the Sanctuary. **Forum begins also at 9:45 a.m.** in the lounge.

**Underwear Project is happening now!** SIHN has indicated that their greatest need for the clients is one of our basic needs: underwear. We need underwear for all ages (young to old --- boys & girls, men & women).

**As part of this year's Faith Dialogues program,** please take a minute to sign up for this year's *Everyone Reads*. A sign up to let us know which book you are taking to read and which session you will join us to discuss that book. Groups are meeting so join soon!

**New Members** will be received into membership at Saint Mark on Sunday, October 8th. A New Member Orientation Lunch will be held at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, September 24th. Contact Deb or Pastor Charles if you are interested in attending the Orientation or joining our community!

**Please take a minute to look over the Hurricane Harvey insert and consider making a donation to the ELCA Disaster Response.** Thank you.



**BookMarkers meet today**, Sunday, Sept. 10 a 3:30 p.m. in the Library. Join us -- today's book is In the Garden of Beasts by Eric Larson, Discussion Leader is Bonnie Nelson.

**Salem Interfaith Hospitality Network (SIHN)** is staying at Saint Mark through this week. Please be sure to greet & welcome them! We need your help in greeting, feeding and hosting the people over night. Please take a minute to sign up to help. Thanks.

### **FORUMS Coming this Fall:**

- 9/17 – Our local astronomer, Mike Conley, will speak about the eclipse we just experienced. Come and hear his insights into one of creation's marvels. Following his presentation we will take a few minutes on "Forum on Forums." Please give some thought to issues that you would like to explore in the coming forums. And in thinking about those issues please consider what you might contribute as a presenter. There is a wealth of experience and perspectives in the St Mark community. Share it!
- 9/24 – The Bible and its Meaning---How did we get the Bible? From where did it come, and what was its original purpose? How should we use it today? What principles should be employed in interpreting it? This presentation is by Calvin Steck. Calvin is a retired Episcopalian priest. He has held adjunct faculty positions at several universities. His presentations are interesting and very enjoyable.
- 10/1 – Come meet our Faith Dialogues presenter, Dr. Samuel Torvend, professor of the History of Christianity at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington.
- 10/8-- The Bullying Syndrome-- The impact of bullying behavior has become a serious issue in our schools. It also has had a devastating effect in the youth who spend time in cyberspace. How to help victims and deal with perpetrators is an ongoing dialogue that is spreading to many communities. One of those communities is the schools. Kelly Carlisle will share his perspective and provide information on how the Salem School District is trying to address this growing and increasingly destructive activity.

## Worship Assistants

Lector: Carolyn VanOtten  
Worship Assistant: Gretchen Flesher Moon  
Communion Assistants: Kelly Peters, Owen Hoelter, Judy & Mike Miller,  
Carolyn & Dan VanOtten

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***This Week:  
Join to worship, serve, and celebrate!***

**Sunday, September 10 -- Rally Sunday!!**

9:30 a.m. Worship -- Outside  
Barbeque, Games, Blessing of Animals!!  
2-3:00 p.m. Kairos Community Lunch  
3:30 p.m. Book Markers  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

**Monday, September 11**

2:00 p.m. CDC Advisory Committee  
6:00 p.m. Salem Community Chorus Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. Homeless Coalition

**Tuesday, September 12**

6:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast and Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
2:00 p.m. Endowment Committee  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

**Wednesday, September 13**

7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 14**

5:00 p.m. Alanon  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

**Sunday, September 17**

8:30 a.m. Celebration Worship  
9:45 am. Education  
11:00 a.. Traditional Worship  
2:00 p.m. Kairos Community Lunch (free to all)  
7:00 p.m. Gamblers Anonymous

*At Saint Mark Lutheran Church, we celebrate that Christ has made us one body with many members, all sharing in God's grace and unconditional love. As a Reconciling in Christ congregation, we embrace all of God's people, regardless of age, ethnicity, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity or economic circumstance. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome you to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.*