





The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m. Saint Mark Lutheran Church <u>790 Marion Street NE, Salem, Oregon</u>

Welcoming ALL IN CHRIST HOLY COMMUNION

Setting Three, Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

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

- P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P; Merciful God,
- C: you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.
- P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.
 In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
- C: Amen.

BRIEF COMMENTS ON THE DAY

GATHERING HYMN As We Gather at Your Table ELW - No. 522



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GREETING

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

KYRIE



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



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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Journeying Together in faith

Please be seated. FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

⁹ The Lord your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the Lord will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, ¹⁰ when you obey the Lord your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹ Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. ¹² It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹³ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" ¹⁴ No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

- P: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 25:1-10



¹To | you, O Lord, I lift | up my soul. 2 My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph | over me. ³Let none who look to you be | put to shame; rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous. ⁴ Show me your | ways, O Lord, and teach | me your paths. R ⁵Lead me in your | truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. ⁶ Remember, O Lord, your compas-¹ sion and love, for they are from | everlasting. ⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good - | ness, O Lord. ⁸You are gracious and up-¹ right, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners | in your way. ⁹ You lead the low- | ly in justice and teach the low- | ly your way. ¹⁰ All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast | love and faithfulness to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies. R

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

 2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴ for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷ This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated. CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Zach

Please stand as you are able.		
HYMN OF THE DAY	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love	ELW - No. 708



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APOSTLES CREED

C: 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

- A: God of grace,
- C: hear our prayer.
- P: Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

PEACE

- P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: And also with you.

We ask you to be sensitive to those who may not wish to shake hands or receive a touch during the sharing of the peace. Placing your hand on your heart, crossing arms on your chest, simply bowing or other such gestures are ways in which we can honor each other with peace.

Please be seated. OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN	Goodness Is Stronger than Evil	ELW - No. 721
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Please stand as you are able. OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING







P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY





THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: 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.

C: Amen.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

Please be seated. RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT SAINT MARK

Christ welcomes all to receive him in bread and wine. As you come forward, you will receive bread, or if you wish, a gluten-free wafer. You may, if you wish, also receive wine or grape juice. You may receive the wine or grape juice by intinction by touching the bread to the wine or grape juice in the chalice. All are welcome.

Today we will be communing at the altar rail. Please follow the instructions of Pastor and the ushers.

COMMUNION

As the ministers give the bread and cup to each communicant, they say these words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD







cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: Estribillo Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda, cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad, cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos: Estribillo

4 Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares, cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz, cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño: Estribillo

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COMMUNION HYMN Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ACS – No. 977



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COMMUNION HYMN

O Lord, Hear My Prayers

ELW - No. 751



Please stand as you are able.

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

C: Amen.

NOW LORD





PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
- C: Amen.

Reaching OUT IN SERVICE

Please be seated. COMMENTS ON THE DAY

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

- P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless you and give you peace.
- C: Amen.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of my wife, Jacqueline. By Verne Deplois

Saint Mark Lutheran Church Welcome Statement, adopted October 2011 and revised November 2023, March 2025 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, race, ethnicity, immigration status, physical and mental abilities, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, or economic circumstance. We commit ourselves to the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We believe we are all unique and worthy individuals created by God. We joyfully welcome all to join us in worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister:	Brandis Piper
Lector:	Kay Mitchell
Communion Assistants:	Donna Wolfe & Edna Ann Shelton
Ushers:	Po & Rachel Peterson, and Phil Caudill



TITHELY online donations which are easy and quick may be made on our webpage: stmarksalem.org or on our new QR CODE that will take you directly to Tithe.ly online. This is where you can electronically make a donation to Saint Mark at any time. *Welcome to Saint Mark! All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Today we especially pray for:* the family of Bill Stortz, Mahboba & Monira, Ruth Ann Anderson, Sabiha, Verne Deplois, Bonnie Nelson, Isla May Bott, The family of Augie Koenig, Charlene Amaral- Lansi, Kate, Lewis, Sharline, TJ Putnam, Maria Florez, Ken Lindsay, Joyce Preis & family, Amy Wright, Scott Waychoff, Patricia Simila, Ogan family, Citlali Soleste Gonzalez, Mark Thorpe, Janet Templar, Beca, LeMaster family, Thomas Fender, Kenedy, Maggie Eastman, Arthur, The Powell family, Megan Erb, Casey Crane, Mary Wite, Bill Eisenbeis, Kathleen O'Brien, Colleen, Evelyn & Kim Harper, Yvonne Knoll, Jennifer Morace, Mary Farris, Melissa Hamburg, Max Capellas, Kara-Jo Cone, Bill Snyder, James Krogh, Jeanne Bridges, Jim Wood, Linda Mattoon, Maureen O'Brien, and Peyton Higgins. And Family Members in the Military. Nelson Westby.

If you know of someone who needs to be added to the prayer list, please contact Pastor Zach or Theresa in the church office.

Please join us in the fireside room following worship today for fellowship and coffee! It's a great way to meet our new members! Also, the room is air conditioned!

Join us for Picnic Lunch at Saint Mark with a relaxed worship combined with lunch together during the noon hour on July 23 and August 13 in the Fireside Room and/or the courtyard. Bring your own lunch and/or something to share. We will provide beverages.

Lutheran World Relief is responding to the Texas Flooding.

Please give to their aid in this horrific loss of life. Donations made out to Saint Mark will be forwarded immediately and will be reflected on your statement.

Tomorrow the Women's Bible Study will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome.

Saint Mark's Family Promise week is coming up. Please take a few minutes to stop by the sign up table in the west narthex. We need your help in making meals, greeting and staying overnight as a host. For more information, please call Carolyn Stock.

This Week at Saint Mark

Sunday, July 13 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship with Coffee 11:15 a.m. Education Committee Monday, July 14 1:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study Tuesday, July 15 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Council Wednesday, July 16 10:00 a.m. Connections Committee Thursday, July 17 9:00 a.m. Hands of Comfort Friday, July 18 Church Office CLOSED Sunday, July 20 10:00 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Fellowship with coffee



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Come before God with singing!

Music can bring us great comfort and joy. Through music, the wide range of human feeling is expressed in ways that touch

our souls. Gratitude! Ministry invites you to consider each day what song or melody is rising up within. Deliberately, invite your heart to listen. What do you sense is the message for you this day?

Sunday:

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Saturday: