

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

We welcome all to worship here: those who are strong in faith and those who are seeking, those who are hurting, and those who give comfort; all who are drawn to worship and faith. We represent a variety of backgrounds, political positions, races and ethnicities. We recognize that we are not of one mind or persuasion on many significant issues, and yet we gather in Christ to worship God together.

Children are welcome in this worship service, and encouraged to participate in any way they are able to. Teach the children sitting around you how to use their hymnals, bulletins, and to sing and speak loudly! We value the noise made by children!

If you have questions or need assistance, please ask. If you have concerns, please let us know. We are glad that you are here with us today.

Visitors, we are especially glad to see you. Please come again!!

*God's Blessing,
Saint Mark's Lutheran Church*

— The **BOLD** is read by the Congregation—

The Small Church with a **Big** Heart 

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THE GATHERING

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Please stand as you are able.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our
hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may
perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

A moment of silence for reflection

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry
and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done and things we have
failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your
Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in
sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have
been saved. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy
Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

ELW 836

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of
our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is
offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM:

Psalm 49:1-12

The psalm will be read responsively by the congregation

¹Hear this, all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,
²**you of high degree and low,
rich and poor together.**
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
⁴**I will incline my ear to a proverb
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**
⁵Why should I be afraid in evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
⁶**the wickedness of those who put their trust
in their own prowess,
and boast of their great riches?**
⁷One can never redeem another,
or give to God the ransom for another's life;
⁸**for the ransom of a life is so great
that there would never be enough to pay it,**
⁹in order to live forever and ever
and never see the grave.
¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**
¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they had named lands after themselves.
¹²**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;
they are like the beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING:**Colossians 3:1-11**

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**ELW 142**

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



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:**Luke 12:13-21**

The holy gospel according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

CHILDRENS SERMON**SERMON**

Pastor Lue Moua

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism of Brooks Jerold Otte

Parents: Tyler & Kelsey Otte

Sponsors: Laura Church

Matthew & Emma Bigelow



Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the minister at the font.

PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Parents and Sponsors of Brooks: Before God and on behalf of this congregation, we present Brooks Jerold Otte to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

COMMITMENT AND PROMISE

Tyler and Kelsey, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Brooks baptized into Christ?

Parents: We do. As we bring Brooks to receive the gift of baptism, we know we are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,

to bring him to the Word of God and the holy supper,

to teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten

Commandments,

to place in his hands the holy scriptures and to nurture him in faith and prayer,

so that he may learn to trust God,

proclaim Christ through word and deed,

care for others and the world God made,

and work for justice and peace.

We promise to help him grow in the Christian faith and life.

Sponsors of Brooks, do you promise to nurture Brooks in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors of Brooks: We do.

Saint Mark's Lutheran, people of God, do you promise to support Brooks and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

St. Mark's Congregation: We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Parents, Sponsors, and St. Mark's, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Brooks Jerold Otte, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The assembly respond by saying:

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your son new birth, cleanse him from sin, and raise him to eternal life. Sustain *Brooks Jerold Otte* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Brooks, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

IMAGES OF BAPTISM

You are the salt of the earth. Receive the salt of wisdom, that you may conduct your life with the sound judgment of a child of God.

You have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ to stand before the throne of the Lamb, joined with the great multitude of the communion of saints—our elders and ancestors, as well as generations yet to come.

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life. Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to God.

O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon *Tyler and Kelsey*. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for *Brooks*. Strengthen them in their own baptism so they may share eternally with *Brooks* the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMISSION AND WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you *Brooks* into the body of Christ and into the mission we share.

Join us in God's work in the world.

Unite your voice with ours

in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 773

The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand



1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . near,



I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
when my life is . . . al - most . . gone,
and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,



Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.



Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Text: Thomas A. Dorsey, 1899–1993
Music: George N. Allen, 1812–1877, adapt. Thomas A. Dorsey
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PRECIOUS LORD
Irregular

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition ends with: ...God of grace,

The congregation responds: **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

OFFERING

You can send your offering through the mail to :

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

PO Box 206

Randolph MN 55065

*or download the [Vanco Mobile app](#) on your mobile phone
or go to our [website](#) and click on the give button on the top.*

OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever.

Amen.



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.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873-1932

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Thank You!

It is a pleasure to have you worship with us today. We sincerely pray that the service was challenging, inspiring, and comforting. If you find occasion to worship with us again, please know that we appreciate your presence. If you are looking for a home church, please let the pastor know by phone, email, or text. Wherever you go, may God be at your side and bring you peace and joy.



Prayer Requests

JJ Grant, Don Pressnall, Bob Neil, Randy Ryan, Chad Holz and Marilyn Ries.

When requested, we will be keeping loved ones on the prayer request list for a month

Please keep all our seniors in your prayers, especially:

Dave Blank, Arnie Felton, Robert & Margaret Hayes, Carolyn Horsch, Sharon Kappedahl, Arlene Ringeisen, Leatrice Taylor and Wayne Weidner.

Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently.

Events this Week:

Worship - Sundays 10:00 am
 Quilting - Tuesdays 10:00 am
 Food Shelf - Tuesday 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
 WELCA - Wednesday 10:00 am

Feast & Festival
Sunday, August 7th

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Annual

FEAST & FESTIVAL

Sunday
AUGUST 07
2022

FEAST

11am - 1:00pm

**BBQ PULLED PORK
FRESH SWEET CORN
BAKED BEANS
COLE SLAW
PIES
ROOT BEER FLOATS**

28595 Randolph Blvd
Randolph, MN 55065
507-263-9182

FESTIVITIES

— **Church Service** —
10am

— **Live Music** —
featuring blue grass music

— **Live Auction** —
bidding begins at 1pm

— **Cash Raffle** —
\$20 tickets*
cash payouts totalling \$3,000
winners announced at event

— **Kids Activities** —
bouncy houses, petting zoo,
dunk tank and much more!

— **Bake Sale** —
homemade goods

Meal Ticket Prices

	Presale	Day of Event
Adults (ages 12+)	\$12*	\$15
Children (ages 3-11)	\$5*	\$7

*To purchase meal or raffle tickets in advance,
email us at stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com

Feast & Festival - Sunday, August 7th

August 7th is coming fast and we're really excited to see everyone at the Feast & Festival! Please invite all of your family and friends for a great day of worship, fellowship and fantastic food!

We need your help!! Here's how:

1) Buy your raffle tickets

Cash raffle tickets are available for \$20 each (\$3,000 in cash prizes to be won on August 7th). There's a limited number of tickets, so buy them early! You can get them before/after church on Sunday mornings or by contacting a committee member listed below. Contact Keri Lorenzen (507-202-0663) to get some tickets to sell to your family and friends.

2) Buy your meal tickets

We will be pre-selling meal tickets for \$12 adults/\$5 kids or you can buy them at the door at the event for \$15 adults/\$7 kids. Great savings if you buy in advance! Talk to your family and friends so they can get these savings too!

You can purchase your meal tickets or raffle tickets several ways:

Church - stop by before or after church or call the office at 507-263-9182

Committee Members - contact any of the committee members listed below

Email - email the committee at

stmarkschurchfestival@gmail.com

3) **Collect auction items** - we're looking for auction items of all sizes! If you have new items you'd like to contribute, bring to church on Sundays or contact the planning committee.

4) **Bake for the WELCA Bake Sale** - Bring your baked goods in on Saturday August 6th starting at 10am.

5) Spread the word - we have flyers and posters to be hung-up all-around town (and neighboring towns), share on Facebook and invite your family and friends.

6) Help with set-up on Saturday, August 6th starting at 10am. Please also help with set-up and **clean-up on Sunday, August 7th**.

Planning Committee:

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Matt Bester - 651-399-4133

Community Events

Community Food Shelf

Here at Saint Mark's Lutheran, we try our best to serve our neighbors. One of the many ways we help is by providing food to our local communities. Saint Mark's Lutheran would like to thank you for your generosity in supporting our food shelf.

If you know anyone that could benefit from receiving some extra food please let them know we're here to help.

1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Tuesdays 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm

All cash donations are used to buy healthy perishable food.

College Student Food Shelf Invite

The Food Shelf is inviting any College Student to come and get some supplies from the food shelf.

We want to help with your expenses during these years.

Please come when the Food Shelf is open or

at 9 am before Church on Sunday or
contact Beth Bester at (651) 437-6972

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