



ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

September 27, 2026
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Worship Service 9:30 AM

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Rev. Jen Beamsley

NURSERY – *is staffed today and is located across from the Children's Clubhouse.*

NURSING NOOK – *A private room for nursing mothers is available on the upper level of the sanctuary to the right of the elevator.*

NOAH'S ARK FOR CHILDREN – *There are books, puzzles, lacing and tracing cards, and weekly activity packets for use during the service for children. Reusable items are returned to the ark at the end of the service.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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

Silence is kept 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

"The Lord's Prayer"

Praise Band & St. Mark's Choir

GREETING & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO CHILDREN'S SERMON & CLUBHOUSE

The Children are invited forward for the Children's Sermon. After children will collect change for charity and then go to Clubhouse with Ms. Shannon.

CHANGE FOR CHARITY COLLECTION – Piece & Comfort Quilters

FIRST READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every other name, ¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God!**

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"I Love to Tell the Story"

Praise Band

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²³ When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴ Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why, then, did you not believe him?' ²⁶ But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹ He answered, 'I will not,' but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, 'I go, sir,' but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him."

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The congregation may be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Jen Beamsley

Please stand as you are able.

SONG OF THE DAY

"This is Amazing Grace"

Praise Band

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 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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

The ministries of St. Mark's are made possible through the generosity of God's people. If you would like to make an offering today, offering boxes are located at the entrances to the sanctuary near the main aisles. You may also give online at www.stmarkswashington.org.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

"Take My Life That I May Be"

Hymn #685

- 1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
- 2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.

OFFERING PRAYER

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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 God thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good. **Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION AT HOME & IN THE PEWS

All are welcome to communion, if you need a communion packet, raise your hand and an usher will bring it to you. Children & adults who do not receive Holy Communion are invited forward for a blessing by crossing their arms. If you desire to commune, extend your hand to the pastor.

Then, move to the communion assistant next to the pastor to take a cup of wine (DARK COLOR) or grape juice (LIGHT COLOR). The disposable cups can be thrown away in receptacles.

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION SONGS

Praise Band

"O Come to the Altar"

"He is Exalted"

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING & POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

"I Am Free"

Praise Band

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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WHIP MARCH + SEPTEMBER Collection Item

CANNED FRUIT + APPLESAUCE

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated by the people of WHIP and the town of Washington. Reminder that WHIP does not except expired items. Donations may be dropped off at the cabinet in Beckwith Hall.

WORSHIP HANDS

	Sep 27	Oct 4	Oct 11	Oct 18
Ushers	Bret Shuckford John Spring Cathy Leach	Dave Rest Dave Horwath Bryan Yocum	Glen Calvert Cindy Calvert Cathy Leach	Dave Rest Beth Funcannon Dan Funcannon
Deacons	Mike Larson Sandy Larson Carol Rest Dave Rest Pat Wagner	Mike Griffith Annette Heller Dee Mertens Pam Marcoline Paulette Hartmann	Sue Ann Billimack Charlotte Jasper Mike Larson Sandy Larson Luke Moehling	Beth Bradley Bill Flowers Dave Horwath Diana Lindahl Gary Uftring
Readers	Carol Rest	Norah Westphalen	Judy Fleming	Beth Funcannon
Nursery	Norah Westphalen Bobby Radtke	Mason Gilmore Elise Moore	Jan Braskich Denise Brinker	Erin Evans Haley Whitaker
Sound Slides Camera	Elise Moore Barry Moore Quentin Scherr	Quentin Scherr Chris Dobrowski Nate Fleming	Bobby Radtke Brian Thomason Quentin Scherr	Nate Fleming Quentin Scherr Zach Rogers
Coffee Hour	Quentin Scherr Whitaker Family	Larson Family Swanson Family	Swanson Family	Calvert Family
Bread Bakers	Paulette Hartmann	Annette Heller	Larson Family	Beth Bradley
Altar Guild	Cindy Calvert & Dee Mertens	Denise Brinker		



ST. MARK'S PIECE & COMFORT QUILTERS

Today we are collecting change for St. Mark's Piece & Comfort Quilters. In October this group will be sending out almost 200 quilts that they have worked on throughout the year. The proceeds from this collection will help in their mission of making and shipping these quilts to Lutheran World Relief. Then Lutheran World Relief Mission Quilts, will send these quilts to our neighbors around the world, who receive the quilts in their greatest time of need.