

ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

November 8, 2026
24TH 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

We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Have mercy, O God. **Against you, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit. Restore your joy within us. Amen.**

Hear the good news: God the Faithful One loves you. In Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven. By the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free. **Amen.**

OPENING SONG *"When the Saints Go Marching In"* Praise Band

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.**

O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation may be seated.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

All Children are invited forward for the Children's Sermon and following it are invited to the Children's Clubhouse with Ms. Shannon.

THE READING: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12-16

Wisdom is part of the structure of the universe and is easily accessible to those who want to find her. Wisdom actually seeks people out. People who are wise are free from care.

12 Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her and
is found by those who seek her. 13 She hastens to make herself known to those who desire
her. 14 One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at
the gate. 15 To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on
her account will soon be free from care, 16 because she goes about seeking those worthy of
her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths and meets them in every thought.

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

THE PSALM: Psalm 78:1-7

We will recount to generations to come the power of the LORD.

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—
3 that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the**
power of the LORD, and the wonderful works God has done.
5 The LORD gave a decree in Jacob and established a law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it to their children;
6 **that the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn;**
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 so that they might put their trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep God's commandments.

Please stand for the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go?"*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Jesus said to the disciples:[1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women
took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five
were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise
took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became
drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come
out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The
foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the
wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the
dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom
came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door
was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But
he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the 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 *"The Power of Your Love"* 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

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

PEACE

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

PRESENTATION OF 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.

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING 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

The gifts of God for the people of God; **Thanks be to God.**

The congregation may be seated.

COMMUNION AT HOME AND 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.

COMMUNION SONGS

"Build My Life"
"I Will Rise"

POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG *"How Great is Our God"* Praise Band

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to serve and love the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

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