



ST. MARK'S

LUTHERAN CHURCH

October 11, 2026
20th 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

"Better is One Day"

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.**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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 are invited to go to the Clubhouse with Ms. Shannon. They will return to the Sanctuary after the sermon.

FIRST READING: Philippians 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

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 22:1-14

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen."

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

"Reckless 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

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

"Psalm 23"

"Amazing Love (You Are My King)"

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING & POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

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

"Something Good"

Praise Band

DISMISSAL

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

WORSHIP HANDS				
	Oct 11	Oct 18	Oct 25	Nov 1
Ushers	Glen Calvert Cindy Calvert Cathy Leach	Dave Rest Beth Funcannon Dan Funcannon	Glen Calvert Bruce Mathes Lamberts	Dee Mertens John Moehling Vickie Moehling
Deacons	Sue Ann Billimack Charlotte Jasper Mike Larson Sandy Larson Luke Moehling	Beth Bradley Bill Flowers Dave Horwath Diana Lindahl Dean Zobrist	Roger French Mark Heiser Deb Morse Case Pudik Lori Tigue	Margie Ary Luke Moehling Dave Rest Carol Rest Quentin Scherr
Readers	Judy Fleming	Beth Funcannon	Denise Brinker	Jim Anderson
Nursery	Denise Brinker Abby Swanson	Erin Evans Haley Whitaker	Karen Kremer Abby Swanson	Beth Bradley Jan Braskich
Sound Slides Camera	Bobby Radtke Brian Thomason Quentin Scherr	Nate Fleming Quentin Scherr Zach Rogers	Quentin Scherr Elise Moore Zach Rogers	Mike Griffith Nate Fleming Bobby Radtke
Coffee Hour	Swanson Family	Calvert Family	Beth Bradley Diana Lindahl	Lori Fuller Pam Marcoline
Bread Bakers	Larson Family	Beth Bradley	Quentin Scherr	Paulette Hartmann
Altar Guild	Denise Brinker			Diana Lindahl