



Twenty Fourth Day of Pentecost

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Traditional Worship: 8:30 am
Contemporary Worship: 10:30 am
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WELCOME TO ST. MARK! If you are a visitor, please worship with us again. Please send us an email if you are a guest, or need to update your information or you need assistance to smlc.office@yahoo.com. We also want to know if there have been any changes to your address or phone number, you can call the office or email with the new information.

YOU ARE WELCOME to come forward for Holy Communion when it is offered. You will receive a wafer from the person who is distributing it, and then move to the person who is distributing the wine. There is grape juice available in the center section of the tray that holds the communion cups. When you are done, please discard the empty cup in the small plastic bins at the end of the first pew and return to your seat.

Upon entrance to the lobby from the parking lot, **AN ELEVATOR** is located down the corridor immediately to the right. It will take you to the sanctuary. **ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES** are available from an usher.

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED, please have someone call the church as we are not notified by the hospital.

SIMPLY GIVING provides an automated way for your commitment to St. Mark to be carried out. Your offering through Simply Giving can be withdrawn weekly, semi-monthly, monthly or any number of ways. Forms can be found at the Welcome Center, or through the church office, or by visiting www.stmarktoledo.com and clicking on "Give" at the top of the page.

10:30 AM CONTEMPORARY SERVICE
ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 12, 2023

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8:30 AM TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE

TWENTY FOURTH DAY OF PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN #632 – “O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST”

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
✠ Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.
Amen.

Let us bow before God in humility,
confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and faithful God,
**you have revealed the ways of justice,
yet we fail to follow you.**
**We are overwhelmed
by the world’s violence and suffering.
We are afraid to risk what we have
for the sake of others.
For the harm we have caused,
known and unknown, forgive us.
For the unjust demands we place on others
and your creation, forgive us.
For the ways we turn away
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.
Lead us back to you
and set us on the right path;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,
God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.
God's compassion is beyond compare.
In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.
In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.
Amen.

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.

KYRIE (*Sung responsively. Music on p. 147 in front of hymnal*)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
Amen.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (*Music on p. 148 in hymnal*)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 first reading is from Amos chapter 5, verses 18-24.

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion,

and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,

and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals

I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:
Thanks be to God.

The second reading is from 1 Thessalonians chapter 4, verses 13-18.

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. ¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*Music on p. 151 of hymnal*)

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

The holy gospel according to Matthew chapter 25, verses 1-13.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and

slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But 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.' ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' ¹³Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON – “BE PREPARED”

PASTOR BETH GILLER

HYMN #815 – “I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT”

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.**

OFFERING

“SING THANKFUL PRAISE!”

John Parker / Brad Nix

PRAYERS

P. Lord, in your mercy,

C. **Hear our prayer.**

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.

BENEDICTION

HYMN #677 – “THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE”

POSTLUDE

LYRICS

SING TO THE KING

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Verse 1

Sing to the King Who is coming to reign
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain
Life and salvation His empire shall bring
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Chorus

*So come let us sing a song,
A song declaring we belong to Jesus
He is all we need*

*Lift up a heart of praise
Sing now with voices raised to Jesus
Sing to the King*

Verse 2

For His returning we watch and we pray
We will be ready the dawn of that day
We'll join in singing with all the redeem'd
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

Repeat Chorus twice

WAITING HERE FOR YOU

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Verse 1

If faith can move the mountains
Let the mountains move
We come with expectation
Waiting here for You
Waiting here for You

Verse 2

You're the Lord of all creation
And still You know my heart
The Author of salvation
You've loved us from the start

Chorus

*Waiting here for You
With our hands
lifted high
in praise*

*And it's You
We adore
Singing Alle---lu---ia.*

Verse 3

You are ev'rything You've promised
Your faithfulness is true
And we're desperate for Your
presence
All we need is You.

Chorus

Worship Leader only:
We will wait for you Lord
Stay with you Lord
We will sing Alleluia
Singing

All join
Alle---lu---ia.
Alle---lu---ia.
Singing Alle---lu---ia.
Alle---lu---ia.

Chorus 2 x's

FLAWLESS

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Verse 1

There's got to be more
Than going back and forth
From doing right to doing wrong
'cause we were taught that's
who we are

Well come on,
Get in the line right behind me
You, along with ev'rybody
Thinking there's worth in what you do

1st Pre Chorus

Then like a hero, who takes the stage
when we're On the edge of our seats
saying it's too late Well, let me
introduce you to amazing grace

Chorus

*No matter the bumps, No matter the
bruises, No matter the scars
Still the truth is, The cross has made
The cross has made you flawless*

*No matter the hurt
Or how deep the wound is
No matter the pain, Still the truth is
The cross has made, The cross has
made you flawless*

Verse 2

Could it possibly be
That we simply can't believe
That this unconditional
Kind of love would be enough

To take a filthy wretch like this
And wrap him up in righteousness
But that's exactly what He did

Chorus

Bridge

Oo oo
Take a breath
Smile and say
"Right here, right now, I'm okay
because
Oo (oo)
The cross was enough

2nd Pre-Chorus

Then like a hero who takes the stage
when we're On the edge of our seats
saying it's too late, Well, let me
introduce you to grace, grace,
God's grace

Chorus

Bridge

No matter what they say
Or what you think you are
The day you called His name
He made you flawless
He made you flawless

Chorus

DAYS OF ELIJAH

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Verse 1

These are the days of Elijah
declaring the Word of the Lord
These are the days of Your servant,
Moses, righteousness being restored
These are the days of great trials
of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert
crying
prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

*Behold, He comes, riding on the
clouds
shining like the sun
at the trumpet call
Lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
and out of Zion's hill salvation comes*

Verse 2

These are the days of Ezekiel
the dry bones becoming as flesh
These are the days of Your servant,
David, rebuilding a temple of praise

These are the days of the harvest,
the fields are as white in Your world
We are the laborers in Your vineyard,
declaring the Word of the Lord.

Chorus

Bridge: (Repeat 3 times)
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah
There is no god like Jehovah

Chorus 2 x's

Tag:
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes
Out of Zion's hill salvation comes

LECTOR (8:30 Service) – Kim Kruse

WE THANK – the St. Mark Traditional Choir for their gift of music this morning.

- ALTAR FLOWERS**
- ▶ The two large vases are given to the glory of God in honor of the 55th anniversary of Reed & Dianna Reamsnyder, & Dianna's birthday!
 - ▶ The two small vases are given to the glory of God in memory of our husband and father Dale Swartz by his family.
 - ▶ The statue vase is given to the glory of God in honor of the 29th anniversary of Valerie & Brad Isbell on November 11th.

UNCLE PHIL'S DINER – Come and be a part of this interactive dinner theater show! The cast is comprised of mostly St. Mark folks that are practicing to entertain you and serve up a whole lot of fun! The show will take place in the St. Mark gym on December 8th, 9th, and 10th. Tickets can be purchased by visiting our website at www.StMarkToledo.com and click on "News & Events" at the top, and then choose "Uncle Phil's Diner". Or call the church office at (419) 691-3597. Hope to see you there!

BOOK STUDY – Join our NEW 6-week session on "The Apostle Paul," which began on Wed. Nov. 1st. Gather to watch & discuss the DVD "THE CALL". In-person meetings at St. Mark on Wed. mornings in the Ladies Lounge at 9:30 am, and on ZOOM Wed. evenings at 7:11 pm. All are welcome! Call the church office or email Pr. Cindy Ritter at PastorCindyRitterToledo@Gmail.com for more information. (Optional- there is a book to read along with this study if desired).

DARTBALL NEWS – 1st St. John's took 2 games from St. Mark. Those hitting homeruns were Greg Smith (2), Sue Padley (1), and Dave Geisert (1). Mike Agoston had 7 hits and Tim Keefe added 5 hits and 1 homerun. St. Mark is in third place, one game out of first.

MENS NIGHT – Join us Wednesday, November 15th at 6 pm for Trivia Night at Quenched & Tempered Brewing Co. 1210 Jackson St. in Toledo. RSVP by texting Brad at (419) 467-0288.

PANTRY DONATIONS – We are currently looking for boxes of macaroni and cheese, and full-sized shampoo. If you can help, please place them in the pantry bins in the lobby area. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE – On Christmas Eve, there will not be a morning service even though Dec. 24th is a Sunday. There will be two Christmas Eve services at 4 pm and 11 pm, with music starting at 10:30 pm. Both services will have candlelight and Holy Communion. On New Year's Eve, Sunday Dec. 31, there will be one morning service at 9:30 am.

OWL'S LUNCHEON – (Older Wiser Lutherans) This month's meeting will be on Thursday, November 16th at 11:30 am at The Garden by Poco Piatti 1521 Front Street in Toledo. It is located near the S.S. Willis B. Boyer ship, take the light at Broadway and follow the signs for The Market Hall. Please contact Kathy Agoston to reserve your spot. Phone: (419) 508-5453 or Email: kagoston@sbcglobal.net.

FREE VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST – At St. Mark on November 11th from 8 am – 10 am. Come and take part in a special time where we will treat our Veterans with an appreciation breakfast and fellowship. Open to all Veterans and their families.

PICKLE BALL – We are starting Pickleball back up on Friday, November 10th & 24th at 7 pm, and Monday mornings starting November 13th through November 27th from 9 am – 11 am at St. Mark. Pickle ball will then take a short break due to the gym being used for Uncle Phil's Diner, then we will start back up after the show has ended. Keep an eye out for future announcements. Please contact Brad with any questions (419) 467-0288.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS – Red Poinsettias are available to order, help beautify the church & lobby for Christmas Eve services! Please either fill out a form to turn in, or call the church office at (419) 691-3597. You will receive a mention in the bulletin in honor or in memory of a loved one(s). You will be able to take home your pot after the 11 pm service, or that following week. Each pot is \$11, deadline to order is Friday, December 8th.

NEIGHBORHOOD GIVEAWAY – We are always in need of all sizes of pillows, bedding, and towels, purses and gently used bras. We welcome jewelry and hair care products. Do you have lotions, shampoo, or perfume that you tried but didn't care for? We will accept your partial bottles. We welcome NEW underwear in any size (still in the package). Because the weather is quickly changing, we are looking for any winter clothing including hats, gloves, scarves, boots, coats, etc. Please, no furniture or wine glasses. We will also happily accept your gently used artificial Christmas trees for our November 29th giveaway. Due to storage issues, trees may ONLY be dropped off between Friday November 25th, and Tuesday November 28th. Bring your items on Sundays or during office hours to the lower level and follow the orange signs. Thank you!

NORTHWESTERN OHIO SYNOD IMAGINING RENEWAL MICROGRANTS – Since 2020, the Imagining Renewal Microgrants have provided seed money to faithful people who have big dreams of how to serve their community. In three years, microgrants have awarded more than \$140,000 to over 95 projects that have made a difference in communities across northwestern Ohio. The NWOS needs your help to continue this important ministry. To learn more or to give, please visit- nwos-elca.church/microgrants/

**At St. Mark, we glorify Jesus Christ when we KNOW, LIVE,
and SHARE the Word.**

**We KNOW the Word through study of the Bible, worship, and developing and
nurturing relationships with Jesus and others.**

**We LIVE the Word through prayer, perseverance,
and the power of the Spirit.**

We SHARE the Word by boldly crossing boundaries, welcoming all.