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The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

20 July A✠D 2025
Divine Service, Setting III

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Fifth Sunday after Trinity. On this day, we consider our mission as the Church: to proclaim the Good News of Jesus to those who are perishing, that through faith in Christ they might be saved. Although we ourselves are powerless in this work, nevertheless we rejoice that God works through us by His Word to save all those whom He has chosen. Therefore, we follow Christ gladly and fulfill our part in this mission with joy.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Hymn of Invocation: 578 Thy Strong Word



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; At Thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, Dark as
3 Thy strong Word be - speaks us righ - teous; Bright with
4 From the cross Thy wis - dom shin - ing Break - eth



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed
night and deep as death, Broke the light of
Thine own ho - li - ness, Glo - rious now, we
forth in con - qu'ring might; From the cross for -



light we thank Thee, While Thine or - dered sea - sons run.
Thy sal - va - tion, Breathed Thine own life - breath - ing breath.
press toward glo - ry, And our lives our hopes con - fess.
ev - er beam - eth All Thy bright re - deem - ing light.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to



Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
Thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!

5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory,
Tongues Thy mercy to
proclaim,
Throats that shout the hope that
fills us,
Mouths to speak Thy holy
name.

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the light which Thou dost
send
Fill our songs with alleluias,
Alleluias without end!

△6 God the Father, light-creator,
To Thee laud and honor be.
To Thee, Light of Light begotten,
Praise be sung eternally.

Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
Glory, glory be to Thee.
Mortals, angels, now and ever
Praise the holy Trinity!

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 27:1a, 11-12, 14; antiphon: vv. 7, 9b

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C O you who have been my help,
forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

P The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

C Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

P Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
for false witnesses have risen against me, and they breathe out violence.

C Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the LORD!

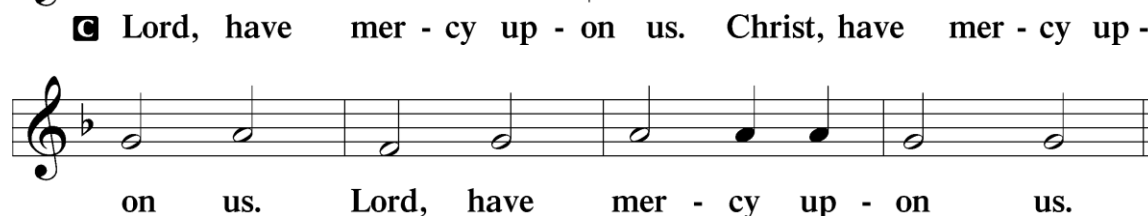
All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
be gracious to me and answer me!

C O you who have been my help,
forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

Kyrie

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Gloria in Excelsis

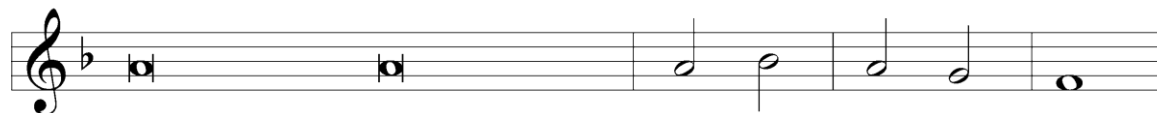
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P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



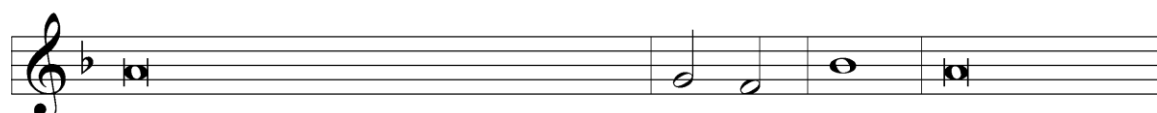
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



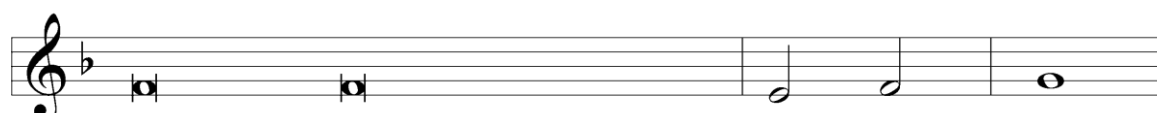
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



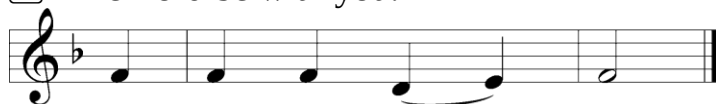
Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

P Let us pray.

O God, You have prepared for those who love You good things that surpass all understanding. Pour into our hearts such love toward You that we, loving You above all things, may obtain Your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 19:11–21

¹¹[The Lord] said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by

him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 84:9,8

P Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed!

C O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!

Epistle

1 Peter 3:8–15

⁸Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰For

“Whoever desires to love life
and see good days,
let him keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from speaking deceit;
¹¹let him turn away from evil and do good;
let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are open to their prayer.

But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

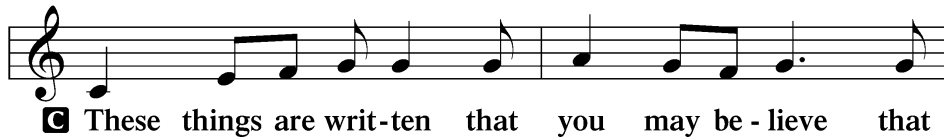
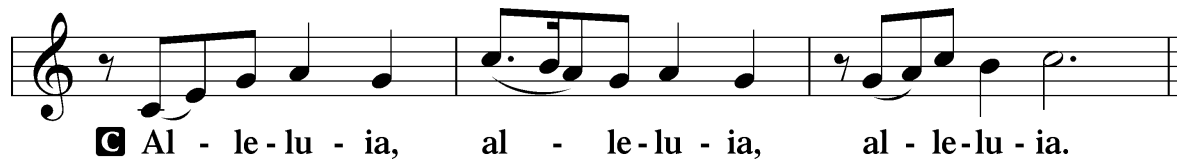
¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on [Jesus] to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, ²and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. ⁴And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." ⁶And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. ⁷They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." ⁹For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." ¹¹And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*spoken together*)

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 688 Come Follow Me, "The Savior Spake



1 "Come, fol - low Me," the Sav - ior spake, "All in My
2 "I am the light, I light the way, A god - ly
3 "My heart a - bounds in low - li - ness, My soul with
4 "I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your
5 Then let us fol - low Christ, our Lord, And take the



way a - bid - ing; De - ny your-selves, the world for-sake,
life dis - play - ing; I bid you walk as in the day;
love is glow - ing; And gra - cious words My lips ex-press,
soul's sal - va - tion, Your heart from ev - 'ry guile to free,
cross ap - point - ed And, firm - ly cling - ing to His Word,



O - bey My call and guid - ing. O bear the cross, what -
I keep your feet from stray - ing. I am the way, and
With meek-ness o - ver - flow - ing. My heart, My mind, My
From sin and its temp - ta - tion. I am the ref - uge
In suf - f'ring be un - daunt - ed. For those who bear the



e'er be - tide, Take My ex - am - ple for your guide.
well I show How you must so - journ here be - low.
strength, My all, To God I yield, on Him I call.
of the soul And lead you to your heav'n - ly goal."
bat - tle's strain The crown of heav'n - ly life ob - tain.

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Sermon Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand

Offertory

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C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the depressed, the frail and the lonely, that God would uplift them by the bold proclamation of the Gospel and the constant reminder that they remain a part of the Lord's faithful remnant, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all preachers and hearers, that since God's foolishness is wiser than men's wisdom and His weakness stronger than men's strength, we would delight in the folly of Christ crucified, in which the fullness of divine power and wisdom are hidden, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P That each Christian, strengthened by the good news of life in Christ, would gladly tell others of the hope that they have, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For faith to let down the nets of the Lord's Word in our daily vocations, trusting His Son will do His gracious work through poor sinners like us, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the young people of the LCMS as they gather in New Orleans, that their eyes may be fixed on Jesus, who endured the cross for them; that they may have hope and discipline to run their course after Christ; and that they may return safely to their homes, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer in body, mind or soul, [*especially* _____,] that they would be hid in the shelter of Christ, our light and salvation; and that God would keep them from falling into faithless fear in their day of trouble, upholding them in His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P O Lord, never depart from us. Though we are unworthy of You and Your bounty, You are pleased to receive our meager thanks and reluctant obedience for the sake of Christ's perfect obedience. Let Your Word rule us and Your Spirit revive us to leave behind pride and anxiety alike, that we may follow You in all we do; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**C 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.**

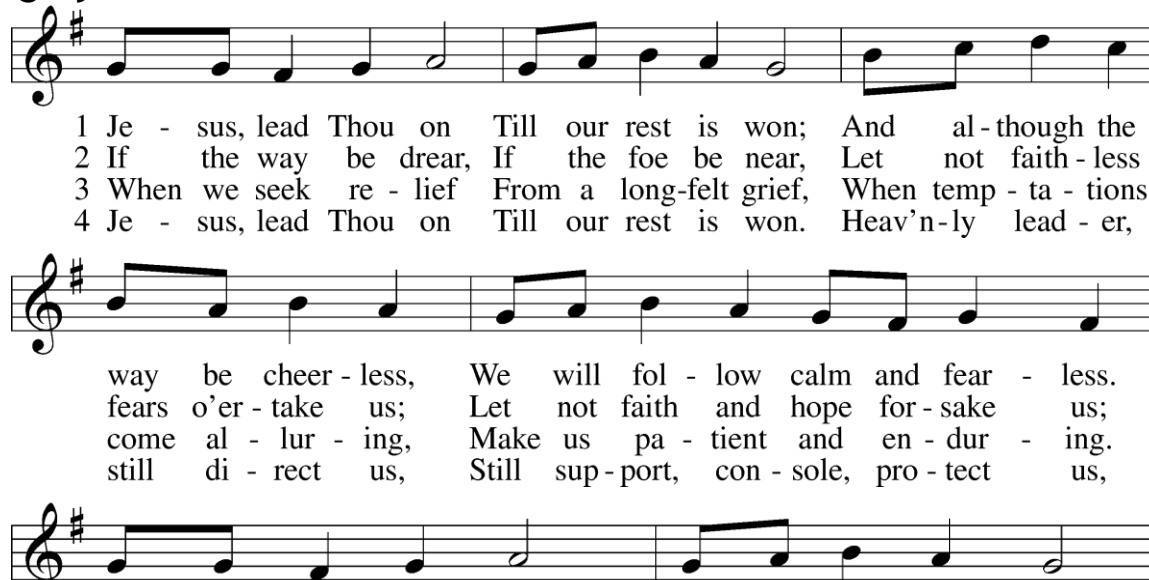
Concluding Collect

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

Closing Hymn: 718 Jesus Lead Thou On



1 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won; And al-though the
2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faith-less
3 When we seek re-lief From a long-felt grief, When temp-ta-tions
4 Je - sus, lead Thou on Till our rest is won. Heav'n-ly lead-er,
way be cheer-less, We will fol-low calm and fear-less.
fears o'er-take us; Let not faith and hope for-sake us;
come al-lur-ing, Make us pa-tient and en-dur-ing.
still di-rect us, Still sup-port, con-sole, pro-protect us,
Guide us by Thy hand To our fa-ther-land.
For through man-y a woe To our home we go.
Show us that bright shore Where we weep no more.
Till we safe-ly stand In our fa-ther-land.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 7/20 **The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**
Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, presiding
• **Divine Service without Holy Communion** 9:30 a.m.
• **Adult Bible Class** 10:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Wed. 7/23 **Quilting Bee** 10:00 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Fri. 7/25 **Final Distribution of the Newsletter**

Sun. 7/27 **The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**
Pastor Frank Pies, presiding
• **Divine Service without Holy Communion** 9:30 a.m.
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TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY TODAY – Everyone is welcome to join Pastor in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Study right after this morning's Divine Service (around 10:45 a.m.). He would love to have you join him!

Dear Members: Please be reminded that the deadline of July 24th, for providing the office the church of your choice is fast approaching. Please Contact the office if you haven't done so already to express your decision. Thank you.

Please note that August 3rd's Church Service and Bible Study is cancelled. This is because all our Pastors have prior commitments. Church service and Bible Study will resume on August 10th.

QUILTING BEE is currently meeting on Wednesday mornings at 10 am if anyone is interested please just show up.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Closing Service Announcement

Dear Beloved of the Lord,

St. Mark's Lutheran Church will hold its final worship service on **Sunday, August 31, 2025, at 2:00 PM**. This closing service will mark the end of this chapter of our congregation's journey as we gather one last time to give thanks for the countless blessings, memories, and ministries shared within these sacred walls. Our new chapter begins on September 7th, 2025 as part of Christ Lutheran Church, Milford, Michigan.

The Reverend President David Davis will preside over this special service as we reflect on our legacy and look forward to God's continued goodness and faithfulness. All are warmly invited to join us—members, former members, friends, and neighbors—to worship together and celebrate the impact St. Mark's has had on our lives and community.

Please come and share in this meaningful moment of closure and fellowship.

In Christ's love,
The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Council

SHARE A STORY ABOUT YOUR TIME AT ST MARKS: The Closing service on August 31st at 2 pm will offer several opportunities to express a short loving Story about the impact St Marks has made on you and or your family (No longer than 3 minutes). If you're interested in sharing your story (in person or read by someone), Please contact Darryl Swainson or the Church office.

LWML – CHRIST MILFORD: has extended a warm hello to the sisters at St. Mark's. They have extended an invitation for anyone at St. Mark's, regardless of where your new chosen church home will be, to join LWML at Christ. If you are interested in joining them: Please contact Leslie Oehring so that you can get on the Mailing/email list so that you would receive information on meetings, events and rally's.

July 27th will be the last day to collect **Mites** until we join with our respective congregations.

IF YOU SHOP AT A KROGER STORE, and participate in their Community Rewards Program and currently contributing your dollars to St. Marks, please go into your Kroger account and make the change to either Christ Lutheran Church and School in Milford or another preferred Congregation. Please do this soon. It's simple to do, go into the Community Rewards page on at the Kroger website, enter into the search engine at the top of the page "Christ Lutheran Church" and it will provide you with ability to make the selection.

Due to the timing for transition and in order to provide final delivery of items in timely matter:

7/27th is the final day that we will be collecting for the following:

- Used **postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries** in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please leave ¼” of the paper around the stamp.
- **TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER** We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. There are two bins located on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs where you can place product donations. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**
- **Bottles and cans for Joe Boway.**

We wish to thank everyone who has donated to these important causes.

Christ Lutheran Preschool & Kindergarten is seeking a Teacher Assistant for a Preschool 4's class on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:45-3:00pm for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond. This position implements a safe, nurturing environment, partners and communicates with parents, cultivates positive relationships, and shares the love of Jesus. A successful applicant would be a Christian.

Interested candidates please send a letter of interest and resume.

By Email to: Ruth Carlton, Director
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SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Rev. Rod Zwonitzer
Altar Guild	TBD
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Gail Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	TBD
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister	Rev. Frank Pies
Altar Guild	Karen Kaufman
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	TBD
Organist	Rob Wheeler
Usher	John Reardon