

St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Van Wert, Ohio
3rd Sunday of Pentecost. June 13, 2021.

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[Livestream Order of Service](#)

Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Prelude 8:00 "When He Cometh"

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude 8:00/10:30 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Call to Worship

P: The church is the place where the broken gather:

**C: let us worship the One who reconciles us
to one another and to God.**

P: The church is the place where sinners are welcome:

**C: let us worship God who, with forgiving hands,
shapes us into new people.**

P: The church is the place where the forgotten gather:

C: let us worship God who looks at us with the eyes of love!

Gathering Hymn "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" Hymn 712 vv. 1 & 3

Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
we, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service, your abundant life to share.

Prayer of the Day

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray...through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen!

Noah's Park Children's Church (10:30 service)

Ezekiel 17:22-24 Israel Exalted at Last

²² Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree

and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Psalm 92 Thanksgiving for Vindication

R: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
**C: to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,**

R: to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

**C: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 The Ministry of Reconciliation

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (10:30 service; page 102)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. {John 6:68}
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Mark 4:26-34

The Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ He also said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

³⁰ He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

The Use of Parables

³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: Word of God. Word of life.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day “We Walk by Faith” Hymn 635 vv. 1 & 5

We walk by faith and not by sight; with
gracious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."

And when our life of faith is done, in
realms of clearer light may we behold you
as you are, with full and endless sight.

Musical Meditation "Rock of Ages"

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

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

P: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those
in need, and all of God's creation...

P: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

The continuing 157 year ministry of your church functions as the hands, voice and feet of Jesus in our local, national, and global communities. You can give your financial offering in a number of ways:

- Electronically. Go to [My Offering](#) or text 419-273-9947.
- Mail your offerings or bring them to the church office directly.
- Save your offerings and bring them collectively when we can worship again in person.

“Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Luke 1:38

Holy Communion (pages 107, 109)

8:00 service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.

10: 30 service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Lord’s Prayer (page 112)

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

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.

Blessing (page 114)

P: Blessed and beloved people of God and members of his forever family, God has shown you what is good. What does the Lord require of you but to do

justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)

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.

In the name of the Father, Son ☩ and Holy Spirit. (Numbers 6:24-26)

C: Amen.

Dismissal (page 115)

P: Go in peace. Share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God!

Sending Hymn “On What Has Now Been Sown” Hymn 550 v. 1 & 3

On what has now been sown your blessing Lord, bestow; the power is yours alone to make it sprout and grow. O Lord, in grace the harvest raise, and yours alone shall be the praise!

Oh, grant that each of us, now met before you here, may meet together thus when you and yours appear, and follow you to heav’n, our home. E’en so, Amen! Lord Jesus, come!

Doxology Sung By The Congregation (8:00 service)

Praise God, from whom all blessings
flow; praise him, all creatures here
below; praise him above, ye heavenly
host; praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

Doxology on the Tower Chimes (10:30 service)

Dismissal

Postlude “All People That On Earth Do Dwell”