

Messiah Lutheran Church
Wednesday Worship
October 16, 2024 7:00 PM

For I know the plans
I have for you
declares the Lord,
plans to prosper you
and not to harm you,
plans to give you
hope
and a *future*

Jeremiah 29:11

A Walk Through The Gospel of Mark-Each Wednesday we focus on Mark's writings and witness the life of Jesus on earth; how He impacted His followers, and those who came into contact with Him. See page 11 for more information about this Gospel.

Tonight our worship centers around the fact throughout your entire life, God has a plan for you; a unique purpose that He designed with you in mind. The Bible reveals a beautiful plan for our lives. We can know with all certainty many aspects of God's plan because they are revealed in His Word. Other parts we discover as we walk in ever-deepening fellowship with God. Some pieces of the puzzle will only be revealed to us in eternity when we see Jesus face to face. We don't get the whole schedule or all of the details but only what we need to keep moving forward. Our job is to trust Him on the journey and allow Him to do the creative work in and through us as we "walk by faith and not by sight."

As you enter into worship, we invite you to be still and ask the Spirit to fill you with His presence. Meditate 1 Corinthians 13:9-12, 1 Corinthians 8:2 and Jeremiah 29:11. Follow Jesus' example in Luke 4:42-44 as He daily sought the will and purpose of His Father in solitude. Use the Bible Study questions on page 11 for quiet time.

THE PRELUDE

¶ WE GREET ONE ANOTHER IN PEACE

THE HYMN OF INVOCATION *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" LSB 940*

Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.
All on earth Thy scepter claim, all in heav'n above adore Thee.
Infinite Thy vast domain, everlasting is Thy reign.

Hark! The glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord: Holy, holy, holy Lord!

THE INVOCATION

P: We gather tonight in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen. We celebrate lives filled with purpose: Lives created by the Father; restored by Jesus Christ and made holy by the living breath of the Holy Spirit.

THE CONFESSION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

P: Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in You my soul takes refuge;

C: in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,

P: I cry out to God Most High, to God who fulfills His purpose for me.

C: God will send out His steadfast love and His faithfulness!

P: So that we may experience the peace of sins forgiven, let us come before our Lord with humble hearts as we confess together.

¶ C: Gracious Lord, we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You, placing our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may follow Your plan for our lives.

P: God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

¶ WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD *"Word of God, Come Down to Earth" LSB 545*

1 Word of God, come down on earth, Liv - ing rain from
heav'n de - scend - ing; Touch our hearts and bring to birth
Faith and hope and love un - end - ing. Word al - might - y,
we re - vere You; Word made flesh, we long to hear You.

THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:14-21

¹⁴ Now they had forgotten to bring bread, and they had only one loaf with them in the boat. ¹⁵ And he cautioned them, saying, "Watch out; beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod." ¹⁶ And they began discussing with one another the fact that they had no bread. ¹⁷ And Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why are you discussing the fact that you have no bread? Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened? ¹⁸ Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹ When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" They said to him, "Twelve." ²⁰ "And the seven for the four thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" And they said to him, "Seven." ²¹ And he said to them, "Do you not yet understand?"

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH-*The Apostles' Creed*

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

🔒 THE SERMON HYMN "Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" LSB 737

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;
For God, the source of ev'rything, Your portion shall remain.

He is your treasure, He your joy, your life and light and Lord,
Your counselor when doubts annoy, your shield and great reward.

His wisdom never plans in vain nor falters nor mistakes.
All that His counsels may ordain a blessed ending makes.

Upon your lips, then, lay your hand, and trust His guiding love;
Then like a rock your peace shall stand here and in heav'n above.

THE SERMON

İ THE RESPONSE "God's Holy Plans" [LSB 908]

God's holy plans we cannot know, From far above us forth they flow.
We cannot see or understand Why He allows or will command.

But from us here and all around, To God above shall praise resound.
All things belong to Him alone Who sits upon th' eternal throne.

THE OFFERING PRAYER

ÿ THE OFFERING HYMN AND OFFERING "We Give Thee But Thine Own" LSB 781



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

İ THE PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Merciful Father, You did not abandon Your people when they rebelled against You but delivered up Your Law and the Prophets that we might know of Your saving will and purpose.

C: Give us Your Holy Spirit that we trust in Christ our Savior, who was obedient even to death on a cross, and walk in His ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: As Your Son loved Your temple, so may we love Your house, where Your Word is proclaimed and Your Holy Sacraments administered.

C: Receive our thanks for those who serve us in Your name and bless those who preach and teach Your Word to us, that what we hear we keep in holy hearts and blameless lives.

P: Lord, we lift up all impacted by the recent hurricanes, suffering the loss of precious people, property and cherished possessions. We praise You for the countless number of volunteers reaching out to help in the relief efforts, including the LCMS Disaster Response teams.

C: May we give generously of the resources You have given us to show Your love to our brothers and sisters in need in these ravaged areas. Lord, we pray that Your precious children feel Your love and comfort.

P: Merciful Father, You have ordered all things according to Your purpose. Send Your blessing upon our nation, our president; our governor; and all who make, judge, and administer our laws. Deliver the nations from evil, and bring peace to benefit all people.

C: Merciful Father, make us to love what You desire and to hate evil, opening our hearts to those in need of body or spirit. Give us a generous heart to supply what is lacking to those in poverty and bring to You the tithes and offerings of a faithful and grateful people.

P: Merciful Father, teach us to love one another as You have loved us, that our homes be places of blessing and love. Give patience to parents and forgiving hearts to their children, that all strive for what is good, right, true, and holy in our relationships.

C: Merciful Father, give us faith in Your promises so that we who receive the Lord's body and blood today, be found well-prepared and worthy. Build in our hearts the hunger for the everlasting Meal to come-the marriage supper of the Lamb.

P: Merciful Father, help us to know Your ways, to delight in the instruction of Your Word, and to love righteousness. Deliver us from temptation and guard us against all our enemies. May we be found faithful when our Lord returns.

C: Amen.

THE PREFACE AND SANCTUS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

P: Lift up your hearts.

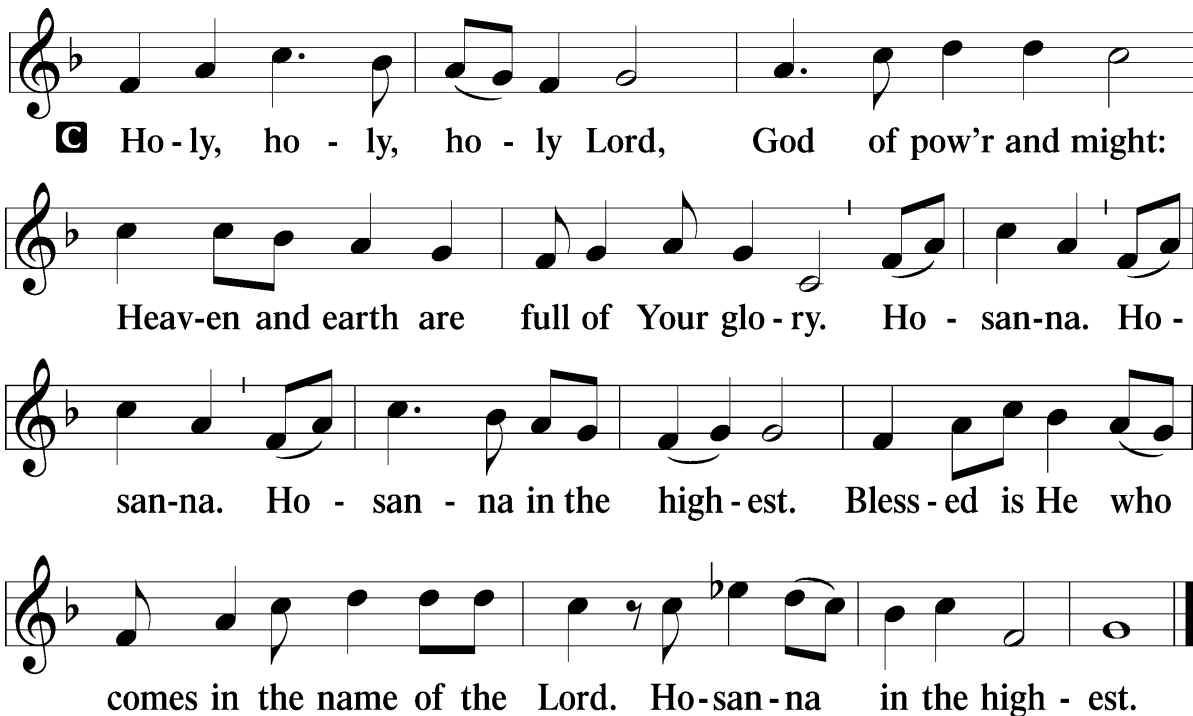
C: We lift them up unto the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, whose Son was undeterred in following His purpose in life, going to the cross and dying and rising for us.

Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

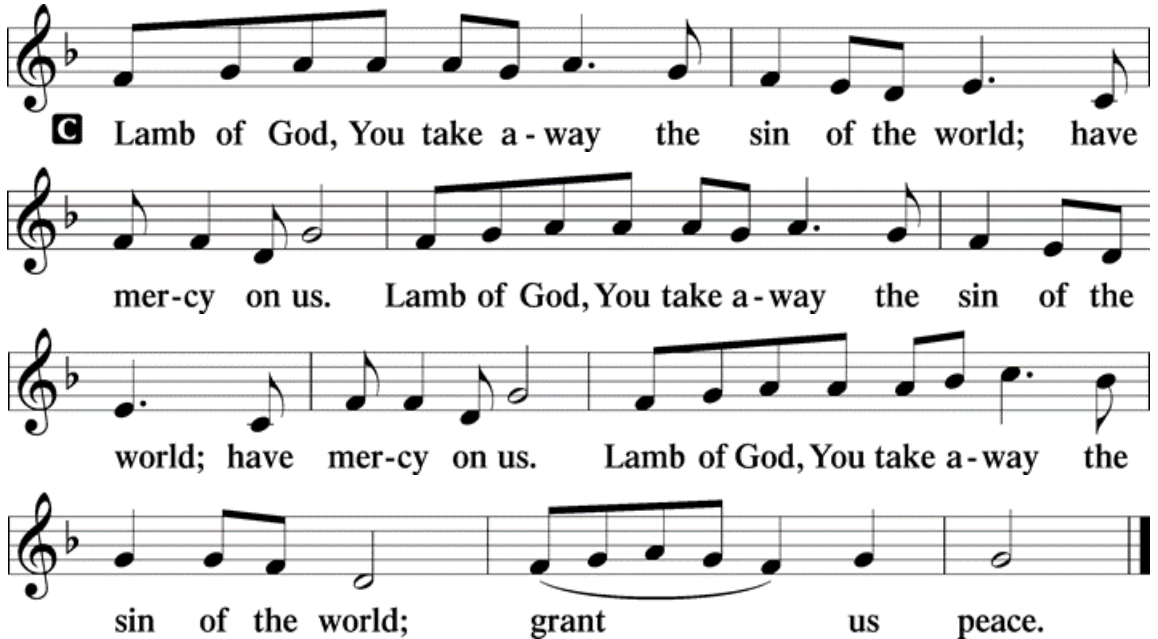
C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THE AGNUS DEI



☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION

If you are a guest with us this evening and would like to commune, please read the article on the back page before communing with us.

THE COMMUNION HYMN "Thy Body, Given For Me, O Savior" LSB 619



1 Thy bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, Thy blood which
2 With Thee, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con - demn me now? For sure - ly The Lord is
4 Though death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, It can - not
5 My heart has now be - come Thy dwell - ing, O bless - ed,



Thou for me didst shed, These are my life and
Thee and Thou in me, No sor - row fills my
nigh, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and
rob me of my cheer; For He who is of
ho - ly Trin - i - ty. With an - gels I, Thy



strength for - ev - er, By them my hun - gry soul is fed.
soul, de - light - ed It finds its on - ly joy in Thee.
thus se - cure - ly With Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
death the mas - ter With aid and com - fort e'er is near.
prais - es tell - ing, Shall live in joy e - ter - nal - ly.

Refrain



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

! THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE BENEDICTION

P: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.

C: He knows the plans He has for us; plans to prosper us and not to harm us; plans to give us hope and a future.

P: Go into the world in peace—have courage, hold to what is good, strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor all people, love and serve the Lord—rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless you.

C: Amen. May we leave this holy place knowing that we are fully known and truly loved and pass it on to others.

THE SILENT PRAYER

Dear God, please give me hope in times of uncertainty and despair. Help me to trust in Your plan for my life and to have faith that everything will work out for my good. Give me the strength and courage to face each day with positivity and determination, knowing that Your love and grace will carry me through. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" LSB 722



1 Lord, take my hand and lead me Up - on life's way;
2 Lord, when the tem - pest ra - ges, I need not fear,
3 Lord, when the shad - ows length - en And night has come,



Di - rect, pro - tect, and feed me From day to day.
For You, the Rock of A - ges, Are al - ways near.
I know that You will strength - en My steps toward home.



With - out Your grace and fa - vor I go a - stray;
Close by Your side a - bid - ing, I fear no foe,
Then noth - ing can im - pede me, O bless - ed Friend;



So take my hand, O Sav - ior, And lead the way.
For when Your hand is guid - ing, In peace I go.
So take my hand and lead me Un - to the end.

THE POSTLUDE

The Gospel Of Mark is the shortest of the four gospels, Probably the first gospel written. All but 31 verses are quoted in the other gospels, leading many to conclude that Matthew and Luke used Mark's gospel as source material. The Believer's Bible Commentary notes that because of its brevity, Mark's gospel is an ideal introduction to the Christian faith. In mission fields it is often the first book translated into a new language.

Date According to tradition, Mark went to Alexandria in Egypt where he died in 64 A.D. Barnes suggests the book was written between 56 and 63 A.D., and other scholars date the book in the early 50's. A plausible date would be 57-59 A.D. (Bible Knowledge Commentary).

Theme Mark's gospel was evidently written to Gentiles, perhaps Christians in Rome. Jewish customs are explained - Mk 7:3-4 • Aramaic expressions are translated into Greek - Mk 3:17; 5:41; 7:11 • Roman reckoning of time is used - Mk 6:48; 13:35 • Only Mark identifies Simon of Cyrene as the father of Rufus - Mk 15:21; Ro 16:13 • Few Old Testament quotations are used.

The focus appears to be on Jesus as the Perfect Servant (BBC). Mark emphasizes the deeds of the Lord more than His words (he records nineteen miracles, but only four parables), the deeds of one who "did not come to be served, but to serve" (Mk 10:45). Thus one could say that the theme of Mark's gospel is: Jesus, Servant of Man.

Outline

1. The preparation for Jesus' ministry - Mark 1:1-13
2. His ministry in Galilee - Mark 1:14-9:50
3. His journey to Jerusalem - Mark 10:1-52
4. His ministry in Jerusalem -Mark11:1-13:37
5. His suffering and death in Jerusalem - Mark 14:1-15:47
6. His resurrection and appearances - Mark 16:1-13
7. His great commission and continued work from heaven - Mark 16:14-20

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

As You come to the Lord's Supper, you are affirming with each communicant that Jesus is your Savior and Lord, that with Lutheran Christians, you believe His Body and Blood are present and you desire to serve Him as a dynamic disciple in the fellowship of all believers. Our Holy Communion practice is called "CLOSE" communion, not "CLOSED" communion. "Close" communion invites all those who answer the following questions in the affirmative. We DO seek to help each visitor and member, to prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament. If you have not communed with us before, or if you cannot answer yes to the questions below, please speak to our Pastor or an Elder before communing.

1. Have I been baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do I believe that I am a sinful human being without hope of eternal life except for God's mercy in Christ?
3. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son and my personal Savior from sin, death, and the power of the devil?
4. Do I believe that Jesus Christ is personally present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion with His true Body and Blood?
5. Do I intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to live a Godly life?

At Messiah, Communion is distributed in a manner whereby the individual cup, followed by the common cup, are offered at the same table. Communicants seated in the left section of the Sanctuary proceed to the altar first, standing behind the usher. Then the communicants in the right section will proceed to the altar, also standing behind the usher. This will provide a prayerful setting surrounding the significance of receiving Christ's body and blood.

A light, alcohol-free wine is offered in clear glasses in the individual trays. Gluten-free wafers are available at the usher table in the back.

Those Serving Us in Worship Tonight

PREACHER	Rev. Victor J. Kollmann
ELDER	Joseph Schinnerer
ORGANIST	Teresa Logue
SOUND	Danny Ladishew, Chuck Tolsma
USHERS	Bruce Kofoed, Chris Trimpe

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