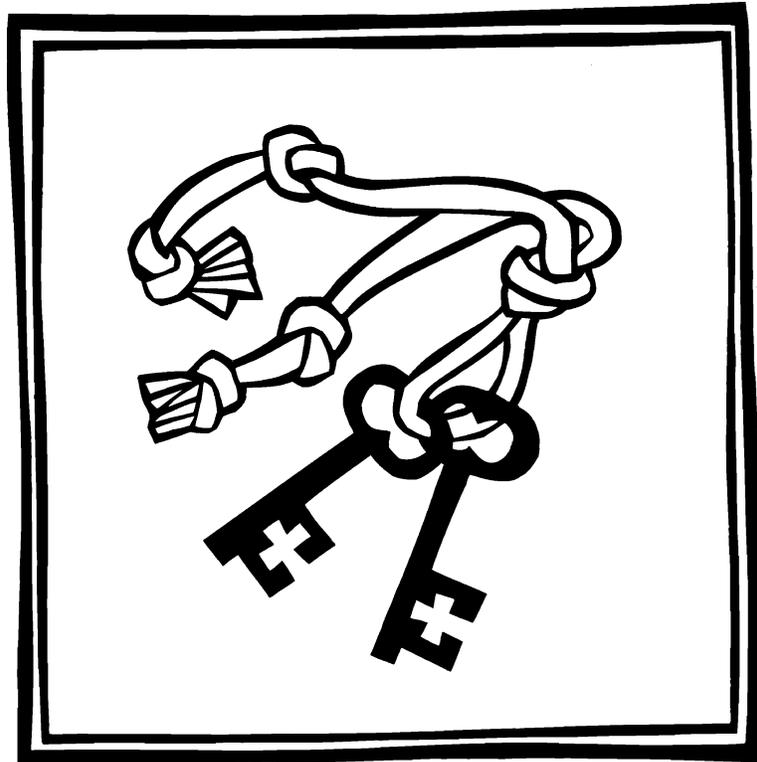


Welcome to online worship! | Sunday, August 23, 2020 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Much of our service today has been pre-recorded. We will not be taking prayer requests.



Our Worship Leaders

Pastor Mark Solyst, Pastor Becky Goche

Tech Team: Rob Ramseier, Kathy Slindee, Jennifer Jones, Arthur Karbowski

Musicians: Trevor DuPey, Alli Langer, Brittany Thummel, Gary Walth,

Chance Mortenson, Sarah Jackson, Joe Fendt, Adam Carty, Mike James

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We have a limited number of invited guests in the sanctuary today. For those worshipping in person, **please speak the bolded responses QUIETLY**, and enjoy Alli and Brittany singing the hymns and liturgy – **please do not sing along**. These practices will decrease aerosol transmissions and the likelihood of inadvertently transferring COVID-19 to others.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation. **Amen.**

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin. Reconciling God,

**we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

**We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.**

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.**

We sin in thought, word, and deed.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Beloved of God, by the radical abundance of divine mercy we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus, through whom we have obtained grace upon grace. Our sins are forgiven. Let us live now in hope. For hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In Celebration!



We give blessings on two couples who joined together in marriage:

Mandi Eckelberg and Albie (Lloyd) McKinney, married on Friday, August 21, 2020

Kara Larson and David Seiffert, married on Saturday, August 22, 2020

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Pastor Mark Solyst's life of ministry.

Gathering Song #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
if with his love he be - friend you.
Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

Lesson | Isaiah 51:1-6

¹Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

³For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness

like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Lesson | Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Young People's Message

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel | Matthew 16:13-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew the 16th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon | Pastor Mark Solyst



Hymn of the Day #723 Canticle of the Turning



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

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

In the certain hope that nothing can separate us from your love, we offer these prayers to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering | englishlutheran.org/onlinegiving

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The Hungry Jar is suspended until we can meet again in fellowship.

Offering Song | Special Music

Offering Prayer

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gary Walth

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Adagio

D G C/A G/B C G D C D



Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy

G C/A G/B C G D C G Em



king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this

Bm Em Bm G D G Am



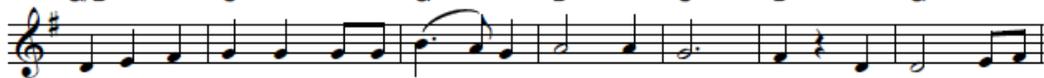
day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give

D G Em D C D G C/A



those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not

G/B C G D C D G



in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the

C/A G/B C G D C G



king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.

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SENDING

Announcements

Let Your Light Shine | A Message for Pastor Mark

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call

Address

People of God, members of English Lutheran Church, do you release Pastor Mark Solyst from service as your pastor?

We do, and we give thanks to God for our ministry together.

Thanksgiving and Sending

Let us pray... Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. You equip your people with abilities that differ according to the grace given to them, and you call them to various avenues of service. We give you thanks for the ministry of Pastor Mark among the people of God in this place. You watch over our going out and our coming in: bless this time of ending and beginning. You surround your people in every time and place: keep us close in your love. You accompany your people in times of joy and times of trial: prosper all that has been done to your glory in this time together; heal and forgive all that has fallen short of your will for us. Help Pastor Mark, Carol, and their family and all of us to live with courage and gladness in the future you give to us. As they have been a blessing to us, so now send them forth to be a blessing to others; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Remarks from Pastor Mark Solyst

Benediction/Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

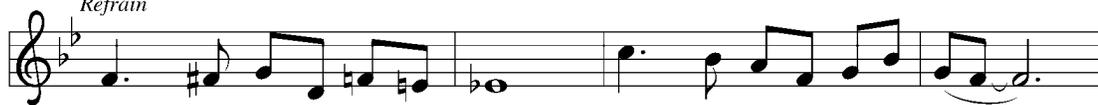
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Song #697 Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Refrain



Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea;



dai - ly walk-ing close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



1 I am weak but thou art strong: Je - sus, keep me from all wrong;
2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
3 When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;

Refrain



I'll be sat - is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy king - dom shore, to thy shore.

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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Thank you to all those who participated in Pastor Mark's last worship service.
Whether it was in person or pre-recorded, your presence is cherished.

LET YOUR LIGHT
SHINE
BEFORE OTHERS
THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR
GOOD WORKS
AND GLORIFY YOUR
Father in Heaven
-MATTHEW 5:16

Pastor Mark,
You are indeed a reflection
of God's love.

We want you to know how much
you are loved and appreciated.

Thank you for all you have
done for our congregation.

We will miss you.

