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Welcome to God's House of Worship!

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you today! If you have any questions regarding our congregation, please talk with the pastor. We look forward to meeting you. Please come again and worship with us very soon!

- The order of worship is found in this folder.
- Restrooms are located in the entry area.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.

Believers Eat Wisdom Like Bread

The theme of our service today is "Believers eat wisdom like bread." The wisdom we "eat" is not the wisdom of the world like, "Would it be wise to buy a car right now?" No, the wisdom we are meditating on today is the wisdom that God gives from on high. Solomon said it best, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom!" Our readings today talk about "eating" wisdom, that is, making it a part of you. God invites us to come to his banquet of wisdom and eat our fill. We do this when we meditate and ponder the ultimate expression of God's wisdom, our Savior Jesus, the bread of life!

Meditation Before Worship

You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat. Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the Bread of Life to eat. The mystery of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell; whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. (CWS 744:4)

Personal preparation for Holy Communion can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 156.

Preservice music will be used to help in quiet preparation for worship.

Service of Word and Sacrament

The "Service of Word and Sacrament" is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church. If you would like to follow along with the music for this liturgy, it begins on page 26 in the front of the hymnal.

We Enter God's Presence

OPENING HYMN

The Man Is Ever Blest

Christian Worship 475

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: *(spoken)* **And also with you.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called 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.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Kyrie*)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: (*sung*) **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:

C: (*sung*) **Amen.**

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD (*music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 28*)

C: (*sung*) **O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth. Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love. You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit; you make us pure and holy in your sight. You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.**

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us; you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the King of glory; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* Amen.

Be seated

We Listen to God's Word

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 9:1-6 (NIV)

Wisdom has built her house;
she has set up its seven pillars.
² She has prepared her meat and mixed her wine;
she has also set her table.
³ She has sent out her servants, and she calls
from the highest point of the city,
⁴ "Let all who are simple come to my house!"
To those who have no sense she says,

⁵ “Come, eat my food
and drink the wine I have mixed.
⁶Leave your simple ways and you will live;
walk in the way of insight.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 1

Page 64 in the front of the hymnal

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:15-20 (NIV)

¹⁵Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord will do. ¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, ²⁰always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Hebrews 4:12 cf. (RSV)

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

C: *(sung)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Please stand for the highlight of the service: the Gospel.

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58 (NIV)

⁵¹“I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”

⁵²Then the Jews began to argue sharply among themselves, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?”

⁵³Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. ⁵⁵For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. ⁵⁶Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so the one who feeds on me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven. Your ancestors ate manna and died, but whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”

M: This is the gospel of the Lord.

C: (*sung*) **Praise be to you, O Christ!**

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace
Christian Worship 185

SERMON

Text: John 6:51-58

Theme: “Eat and Live!”

1. It matters what you eat
2. It matters when you eat

Please stand

CONFESSION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Be seated

We Respond to God's Word with Thanks

OFFERING & FRIENDSHIP REGISTERS

The members of St. Mark's have joined together to spread God's message both in this community and around the world. If you are a visitor, please do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. You are our guests, and we thank you for giving us the opportunity to share God's Word with you! Please take a moment to sign our friendship register.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions

that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

God wants us to regard the Lord's Supper as a precious gift from Him. Accordingly, He has given us some direction as to how this gift is to be properly administered. God instructs us to invite to the Lord's Supper:

- 1) *Those who have been instructed in its truths (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) and*
- 2) *Those who have had the chance to declare a unity of faith based on the Word (1 Corinthians 10:17)*

Because we trust God's judgment regarding these matters, at St. Mark's we practice "Close Communion." This means we ask that only members of St. Mark's—or the church body to which it belongs—partake of the Lord's Supper this morning. If you would like to know how to declare unity with St. Mark's, please speak to the Pastor—we're eager to share this precious gift of unity with you.

If you wish to follow along with the music for the communion liturgy, it begins on page 33 in the front of the hymnal.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: *(sung)* **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: *(sung)* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: *(sung)* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(Sanctus)*

C: *(sung)* **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory. You are my God, and I will exalt you. I will give you thanks for you have become my salvation. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

C: *(sung)* **O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

Be seated

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Christian Worship 313

(Followed by 314 and so on as time permits)

Please stand

THANK THE LORD (*music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 36*)

C: *(sung)* **Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: *(sung)* **Amen.**

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: *(sung)* **Amen. Amen. Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Feed Your Children, God Most Holy

Christian Worship 616

Following the final hymn the church bell will be rung concluding our worship hour.

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Welcome!

If this is your first time worshiping with St. Mark®, we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with the pastor or one of the members. Materials are available in the entry; take as much as you'd like.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Janet Bitzer (with health concerns)
Sally Carroll (with health concerns)
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)
Milo Holderbecker (with health concerns)
Gene Wagner (Brenda® brother, with health concerns)

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 61
Late: 66
Total: 127

YOUR GIFTS OF LOVE FOR JESUS

"Just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving." (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Contributions last week \$4,243
Contributions needed each week \$5,264
Contributions year to date \$157,394
Budget year to date \$168,448
Amount borrowed from savings to meet expenses \$0

SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Jan Barckholtz, Julie Bengtson
Greeters: Loren & Belinda B., Tom & Tammy C., Leonard & Debra N.
Communion helpers (August): Early— L. Tasa, J. Johnson
Late— D. Kranich, K. Grob
Ushers (August): D. Kranich, D. Bentler, I. Bitter, J. Stewart, M. Webb
Church cleaning for 8/25: Webb, Stinar, M & TJ Holderbecker

Announcements

SPECIAL VOTERS MEETING

Please take note of an upcoming special voters meeting on **Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m.** This meeting will cover the future construction and building plans at St. Mark's.

A congregational meeting will be held after both early and late services on **Sunday, August 26th** where the building committee will present information on the upcoming building project possibilities.

INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY

Melissa Koenig will be installed as our K-2 teacher next Sunday, August 26th in the late service. Cake and ice cream will be served after the service.

LADIES GUILD

Mark your calendars! The next meeting of the Ladies Guild will be held Thursday, September 13th. There will be a Bible study at 6:30 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:00 p.m. All women of the congregation are invited and encouraged to attend!

A Prayer for Lutheran Schools

Savior God, in love you have shared a simple, powerful truth with each of us—that you love us and have already forgiven us! Thank you for bringing us to a knowledge of this saving truth through your Son, Jesus. As students return to their classrooms this fall, we humbly ask you to accompany them with your truth. Let their learning lead to many benefits for their lives and a better appreciation of you, their God. Let their thirst for knowledge remain in its proper place—never replacing you. Preserve their faith. Guide their daily decisions. Allow them to “grow in the grace and knowledge” their Savior. In his name we ask this, Amen.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug 19 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Worship with Communion
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship with Communion
Aug 21 (Tues).....	7:30 a.m.	Mens Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
Aug 24 (Fri).....	3:00 p.m.	Elders meeting
Aug 26 (Sun)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
	9:15 a.m.	Congregational meeting/Bible Class
	10:30 a.m.	Worship (with teacher installation)
	11:30 a.m.	Congregational meeting/cake and ice cream

If you would like to have St. Mark's online calendar synced with your Google calendar, you can choose "Add a friend's calendar" and put in: stmarkbemidji@gmail.com.

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St. Mark's Mission Statement

We, the members of St. Mark's, are a Christ-centered church family that will **glorify** God, **grow** in His Word, and **go** with it to all.
(1 Corinthians 10:31, 2 Peter 3:18, Matthew 28:18-20)