

Isaiah 65:1-9 (ESV)

65 I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by my name.

² I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and making offerings on bricks; ⁴ who sit in tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat pig's flesh, and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶ Behold, it is written before me: "I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their lap ⁷ both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together, says the LORD; because they made offerings on the mountains and insulted me on the hills, I will measure into their lap payment for their former deeds." ⁸ Thus says the LORD: "As the new wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,' so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth offspring from Jacob, and from Judah possessors of my mountains; my chosen shall possess it, and my servants shall dwell there.

Galatians 3:23-4:7 (ESV)

²³ Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. ²⁴ So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise. **4** I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything, ² but he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father. ³ In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. ⁴ But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, ⁵ to

redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. ⁶ And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

Luke 8:26-39 (ESV)

²⁶ Then they sailed to the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ When Jesus had stepped out on land, there met him a man from the city who had demons. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he had not lived in a house but among the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him and said with a loud voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me." ²⁹ For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many a time it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the desert.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ And they begged him not to command them to depart into the abyss. ³² Now a large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside, and they begged him to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and drowned. ³⁴ When the herdsmen saw what had happened, they fled and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid. ³⁶ And those who had seen it told them how the demon-possessed^[c] man had been healed. ³⁷ Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked him to depart from them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." And he went away, proclaiming throughout the whole city how much Jesus had done for him.

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Luke 8:39, NRSV

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2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ *Jesus Brings Release from the Bonds of Sin, Death and the Devil.* The Lord finds those who did not seek Him or ask for Him. He spreads out His hands “to a rebellious people” (Is. 65:2) and calls them to be His people and to dwell in peace upon His holy mountain (Is. 65:9). For wherever Jesus Christ enters in, Satan is cast out. Those who were enslaved and driven mad by the assaults and accusations of the devil are set free by the Word of Christ. He drowns and destroys the old Adam in us with the waters of Holy Baptism and thereby brings us out of death into life. No longer naked in our shame, living “among the tombs” (Luke 8:27), we are brought into the Lord’s house, fully clothed by Christ; He has come in “the fullness of time” (Gal. 4:4) to fulfill the Law on our behalf and to redeem us from its every accusation. Therefore, having been justified by His grace through faith in His Gospel, “you are no longer a slave, but a son” (Gal. 4:7).

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SERMON HYMN “Father Welcomes”	LSB 605
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Pastor	Paul Hauser
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Elder/Reader	Dick Bluemer
A/V	Dave Hutfilz
Ushers	Paul Bohn & Roger Kade
Greeters	Les & Sharon Hyatt
Altar Guild	Connie Richardson & Carolyn McKellar

“In Christ Jesus [we] are all children of God” (Galatians 3:26).
Welcome to worship as we celebrate such good news!

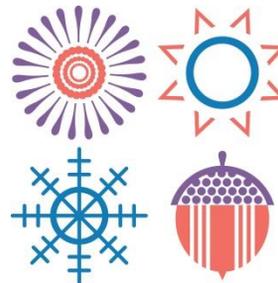
Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 108

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Jun 28- Betty Reno; Jun 29- Pat Baker, Anna Gardner, Cooper Klemish, Grace Knoerr, Shirley Tessin (her 84th); Jun 30- Linda Grossman; Jul 1-Gertie Schomaker (her 83rd); Jul 2- Jack Armstrong, JoAnn Pinet, Lois Tessin; Jul 4- Byron Weber, Tyler Willman.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.” Jeremiah 17:7

St. Mark Lutheran Church and Preschool has an opening for a part time Preschool Aide 28 hours/week during the school year. Must be 19 years of age or older with a high school diploma. Minimum of 1 year experience in an early childhood classroom preferred. Be trained (or able to complete training) in first aide, CPR and OSHA practices. Resumes to stmark@stmarksaginaw.org or submit to the church office: St. Mark Lutheran Church & Preschool, 2565 N Miller Rd, Saginaw, MI 48609 by June 30. For additional info please call church office at 781-3025.



By the time the summer solstice occurs, it sometimes feels as if the season has been in full swing for weeks. It’s bittersweet that just when summer officially starts, the length of daylight begins decreasing. Before we’re ready to let go of the season, summer marches toward fall, and then winter with the year’s shortest day.

Yet that is our Creator’s plan: “You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter” (Psalm 74:17, ESV). God fashioned the world to be beautiful, good and perfectly symmetrical. With concise order, he ordained seasons, rhythms, orbits and natural boundaries. As God’s beloved children, we’re blessed to enjoy the intricacies and patterns of this magnificent universe. — MaryAnn Sundby

“There is just one way to bring up a child in the way he should go,
and that is to travel that way yourself.”
—Abraham Lincoln