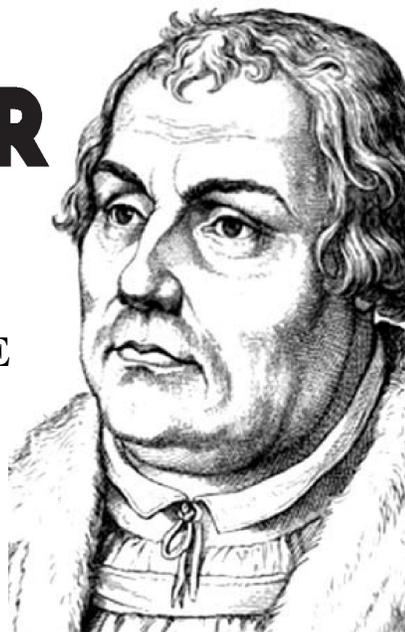




# **IN ROMANS WITH LUTHER**

*The Christian Faith:  
One Word at a Time*

**INSEPARABLE**



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## **Welcome to God's House of Worship!**

We consider it a privilege to worship our living Lord with you this morning! 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 foyer.
- Our fellowship hall is equipped with a speaker and child-friendly toys.
- Our service lasts about 65 minutes.

## **In Romans with Luther: INSEPARABLE**

500 years ago in 1517 Martin Luther nailed 95 theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany starting what was later known as the Lutheran Reformation. Martin Luther rediscovered the truth of God's Word that we are saved by grace alone, through faith alone, and the truth is found in Scripture alone. This summer we're working through a sermon series on the book of Romans. This letter was very dear to Luther because it explains the Christian faith so clearly. Each Sunday we'll focus on one word about the Christian faith as we walk through the book of Romans. This Sunday we're focusing on the word "inseparable." God gives us an amazing and incredible promise that He wants us to believe and count on: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. What does it mean that God cares for us so completely? How can we apply that to our lives? We'll find out today!

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

## Prayer Before Worship

“No danger, thirst, or hunger, no pain or poverty, no earthly tyrant’s anger shall ever vanquish me. Though earth should break asunder, you are my Savior true; no fire or sword or thunder shall sever me from you.” (Christian Worship 419:6)

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## The Common Service

*“The Common Service” is a version of the historic liturgy of the Christian Church. It became the service commonly used by English speaking Lutherans in America and appeared as “The Order of the Holy Communion” in The Lutheran Hymnal. If you would like to follow along with the music for this liturgy, it begins on page 15 in the front of the hymnal.*

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## We Enter God’s Presence

OPENING HYMN

**Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now**  
*Christian Worship 230*

*Please stand*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation:** *(sung)* Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY** (*Kyrie*)

**C: (sung) Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

**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: (sung) Amen.**

**M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.**

**GLORY BE TO GOD** (*Gloria in Excelsis*)

*(music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 16)*

**C: (sung) Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father almighty.**

**O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer. You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us. For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.**

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

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

M: Let us pray.

O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

**Daniel 6:13-23** (NIV2011)

*The Lord graciously rescues Daniel from the lions.*

<sup>13</sup> Then they said to the king, "Daniel, who is one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, Your Majesty, or to the decree you put in writing. He still prays three times a day." <sup>14</sup> When the king heard this, he was greatly distressed; he was determined to rescue Daniel and made every effort until sundown to save him.

<sup>15</sup> Then the men went as a group to King Darius and said to him, "Remember, Your Majesty, that according to the law of the Medes and Persians no decree or edict that the king issues can be changed."

<sup>16</sup> So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, "May your God, whom you serve continually, rescue you!"

<sup>17</sup> A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the rings of his nobles, so that Daniel's situation might not be changed. <sup>18</sup> Then the king returned to his palace and spent the night without eating and without any entertainment being brought to him. And he could not sleep.

<sup>19</sup> At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. <sup>20</sup> When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?"

<sup>21</sup> Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! <sup>22</sup> My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty."

<sup>23</sup> The king was overjoyed and gave orders to lift Daniel out of the den. And when Daniel was lifted from the den, no wound was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

**Psalm 73**

*Page 94 in the front of the hymnal*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**John 14:23** (NIV84)

**M:** Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia.

**C:** *(sung)* **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 10:17-20, 26-31** (NIV2011)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

**C: (sung) Glory be to you, O Lord!**

*Jesus tells us not to be afraid because God our Father watches over and cares for us.*

<sup>17</sup> "Be on your guard; you will be handed over to the local councils and be flogged in the synagogues. <sup>18</sup> On my account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, <sup>20</sup> for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

<sup>26</sup> "So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. <sup>27</sup> What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. <sup>28</sup> Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. <sup>30</sup> And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. <sup>31</sup> So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**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*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**I Walk I Danger All the Way**  
*Christian Worship 431*

## SERMON

Theme: Inseparable

Text: **Romans 8:35-39** (NIV2011)

*Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord*

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?<sup>36</sup> As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## We Respond to God’s Word with Thanks

*Please stand*

**CREATE IN ME** (*music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 20*)

**C:** (*sung*) **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## 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 book.*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### 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 Cor. 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 21 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 unto the Lord.**

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

**C:** *(sung)* **It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock till he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *(Sanctus)*

**C:** *(sung)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of heavenly hosts; heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**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**

**#419 If God Himself Be for Me**

**#415 Be Still, My Soul**

**#444 If You But Trust in God to Guide You**

*Please stand*

**SONG OF SIMEON** (*Nunc Dimittis*)

*(music can be found in the front of the hymnal on page 24)*

**C:** *(sung)* **Lord, now you let your servant depart in peace according to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: *(sung)* **And his mercy endures forever.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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

### BLESSING

M: 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

### Children of the Heavenly Father

*Christian Worship 449*



*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's, we pray it will be the first of many times! If you have questions, please feel free to speak with Pastor Nitz 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)  
Ruth Willberg (with health concerns—cancer)  
Kevin Peterson (with health concerns—cancer)  
Befriend-a-Mission - Iglesia Luterana Cristo in Milwaukee

## ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

Early: 34      Late: 73      Total: 107

## 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 \$4,881

Contributions needed each week \$5,122

Contributions year to date \$159,832

Budget year to date \$159,412

Amount borrowed from savings to meet expenses \$0

## SERVING THE LORD AND US

Organists: Marjorie Gildersleeve, Julie Bengtson

Greeters: Dean & Terri B., Doug & Carol K.

Ushers: J. Mathweg, R. Kuehn, L. Tasa, A. Tasa, B. Matzke, B. Boe

Church cleaning for 8/26: Nitz (group leader), Schnackenberg, Stewart, Freyes, Lee

# Announcements

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Because of a lack in volunteers for leading the children activities and serving meals, the board of Stewardship decided to schedule the Wednesday Night Fellowship for only the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The first one will be September 13th and the meal will be sponsored by the board of Stewardship.

## SUPPER CLUB

Supper club is an opportunity for individuals, couples, and families to gather together at each other's homes and share a meal together once a month. There is a sign up sheet at church. Please indicate whether you would be willing to host the meal. Those who sign up will then be put into small groups with a group leader to organize the meal. It is also hoped that the groups will have an opportunity to do a short Bible study together provided by pastor.

## PARENTING WORKSHOPS

Starting on the 3rd Wednesday of September, September 20th, Pastor will be offering a video based parenting workshop called "Shepherding a Child's Heart." It's open to anyone. Please indicate your interest in such a workshop on the sign up sheet on the counter in the foyer.

## TIME OF GRACE

Time of Grace ministry hosted by Pastor Mark Jeske (WELS) is available in our area at 6:30 a.m. every Sunday morning on Fox 9 KMSP.

## WELCOME BSU STUDENTS

Welcome to Bemidji! We're glad to serve as your home church away from home. Please leave your contact information on the college student sheet on the counter in the entry area. Pastor Nitz will be sending out information on our campus ministry shortly. Also, our synod keeps a database of information on college students in order to send them free Forward in Christ magazines as well as Meditations throughout the school year, please indicate whether you've signed up or not.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>Aug 20 (Sun)...</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b> (Pentecost 11)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship with Communion</b>
Aug 22 (Tues)...	7:30 a.m.	Men's Bible Study @ Country Kitchen
Aug 23 (Wed)...	10:00 a.m.	Moms & Tots
Aug 24 (Thurs)...	5:00 p.m.	Our Promise at Your Baptism @ Lueken's north deli
	7:00 p.m.	Back-to-School Night
<b>Aug 27 (Sun)...</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b> (Pentecost 12)
	9:15 a.m.	Bible Class
	<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship</b>

\*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](mailto: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)