

Pentecost Sunday

May 15, 2016



St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Our Vision St. Mark's seeks to spread God's Word among ourselves and in the greater Conshohocken community.

Our Mission We will equip our members with biblical knowledge and spiritual growth through worship, education and fellowship, in order **to share our faith in Christ** through our words, hospitality and deeds of service in the community.

Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. ***This is Christ's Church.*** There is a place for you here. We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. We invite all children to try to be in worship through the children's sermon (about 20 minutes) and then invite the children, if they want, to head to the nursery, but we love to have the children with us through the whole worship service! To help our youngest worshipers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a children's bulletin that has puzzles and activities for little worshipers to work on during the service, and we offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

Restrooms are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

Cell phones and other electronic devices **are welcome** to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the Good News you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshipers.

Our team of ushers is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need.

Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

Are you new or visiting St. Mark's? Our congregation is a member of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us. At the entry ways to the sanctuary, you will find our guest books in which you can leave your name and contact information, or in the pews we have blue cards that you can fill and place in the offering plate, or if you like, you can sign our electronic guest book. We'd be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.

For the electronic book, open your mobile device to the bar code scanner and take a picture of this square QR code; it will take you to our electronic guest book.



Instructions

Leader says

Assembly says together

+ GATHERING +

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Pentecost is a day of promises fulfilled. The promised Spirit of God is poured out. The baptized have become "children of God" and "joint heirs with Christ." By the power of the Spirit we have seen the face of the Father in his only begotten Son and been saved by him. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

PRELUDE

Partita on Wie Shon Leuchtet'

Anne Krentz, Organ

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.
Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection and the assembly may stand or kneel for the confession.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us, renew us and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

The presiding minister announces God's forgiveness

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
and by his authority,

I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father,
and of the + Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

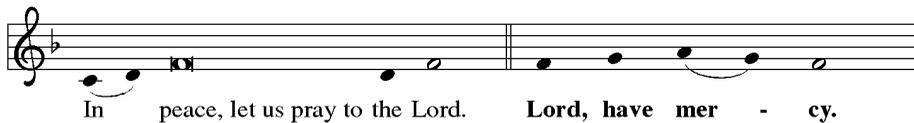
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 Music: WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET, Philipp Nicolai, 1556–1608

GREETING

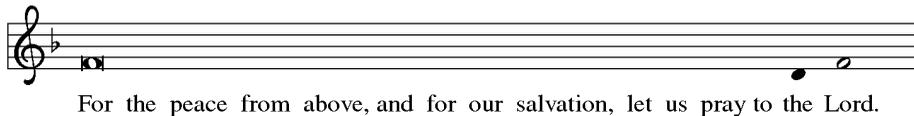
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

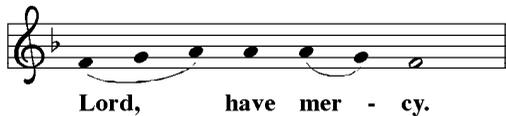
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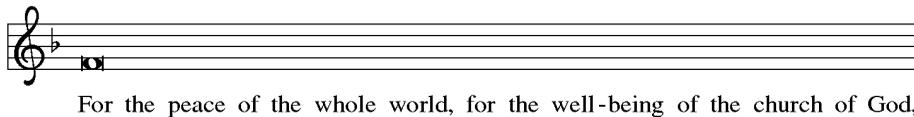
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



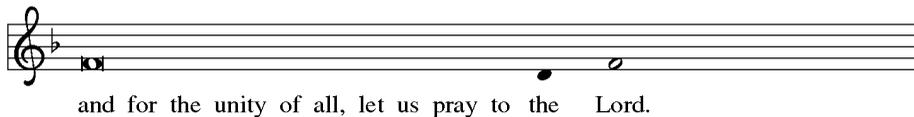
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



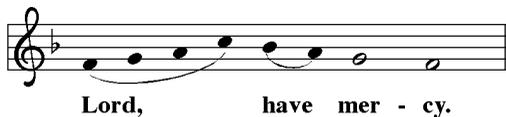
Lord, have mer - cy.



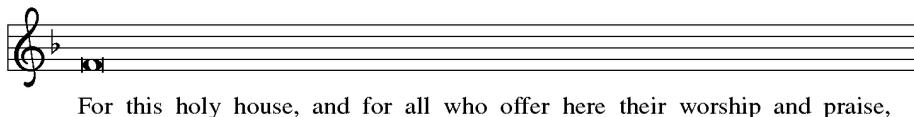
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



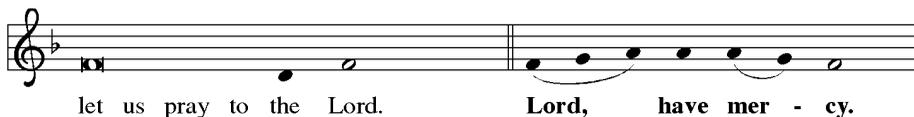
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



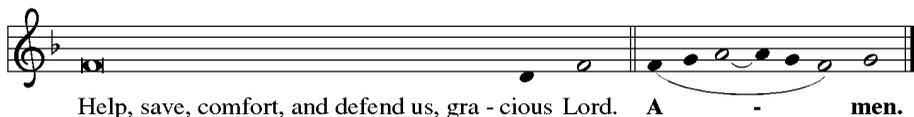
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated for the readings.

+ WORD +

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song

FIRST READING

Acts 2:1 - 21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs - in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 104:24 - 34, 35b

Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. (Ps. 104:30)

²⁴ How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to
number, living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷ **All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸ You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰ You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹ **May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
O Lord, rejoice in all your works.**

³² You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³ **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the Lord.

^{35b} **Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:14 - 17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ - if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly stands for the reading of the gospel

THE 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.

The holy gospel according to St. John in the 14th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING

St. John 14:8 - 27

Though the disciples struggle with Jesus' nature and identity, they receive the promise that they too will be identified with God and God's mission. Though he must leave them now, Jesus promises the coming of the Advocate whom God will send to comfort and enlighten them.

⁸ Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”
⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father?’ ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you and he will be in you.

²⁵“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Children are invited forward for a short lesson before the sermon. After the children’s sermon, the children are invited to return to their seats with their parents or leave to spend time in the nursery.

SERMON

Pastor Bryan Penman

The assembly stands for the Hymn of the Day.



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, root of life, cre -
 2 E - ter - nal vig - or, Sav - ing One, you
 3 O ho - ly Wis - dom, soar - ing pow'r, en -



a - tor, cleans - er of all things: a - noint our wounds, a -
 free us by your liv - ing Word, be - com - ing flesh to
 com - pass us with wings un - furled, and car - ry us, en -



wak - en us with lus - trous move - ment of your wings.
 wear our pain, and all cre - a - tion is re - stored.
 cir - cling all a - bove, be - low, and through the world.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Hildegard of Bingen, 1098–1179
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

During the prayers we will lift up the names of members, family and friends in their times of need and in times of joy. If you wish to have someone added, please add them to the list in the back of the church or call the church office during the week. We will carry their names for four weeks unless otherwise specified.

Rooted in the abundant life and love of Christ Jesus, we pray for the life of the church, the lives of people in need, and the life of all creation.

Each petition will end with

Hear us, O God

Your mercy is great.

We deliver all this into your care, O God, trusting in the work of your Holy Spirit to bring all things into the risen life of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. The assembly may be seated.

We pray for our family and friends especially for

*Katie Gresh, Dolores, Joan Metz,
Dottie Woodring, Don Dunn, Bob,
Dillon, Isaiah, Robb, Davie, Nancy,
William I Holdsworth, Joe, Jeanne,
Dawn, Nancy Saldutti,
Dorothy Hatfield, Ricky, Sallie, Gina,
Kris, Carey, Bob, Harry, Nan,
Shepherd, Roberta & Tom Pertuch,
Joanne
and all those serving overseas*

We lift up our

Joys and Thanksgivings

*Thank you for touching each of us with
your Holy Spirit and uniting us all.*

***We pray for those who
are grieving***

The Johnson and Altman Families

+ MEAL +

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. For the month of May we will be collecting for BabyManna, Philabundance's campaign to raise funds to purchase infant formula, baby food, kid-friendly food and other needed children's items.

Every year, Philabundance purchases large quantities of formula, food and other goods at deeply discounted rates for the almost 500 nonprofit agencies that depend upon Philabundance to help feed children in need. Also, if you wish to give and tithe electronically, please see an usher to sign-up for our electronic giving programs.

OFFERING ANTHEM

'Vieni Spirito creatore'
Adult Choir

J. Berthier
Arr. Emily Ballentine Erb

Stand; the assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward and the table is set for Communion.

OFFERTORY CANTICLE

'Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ'

ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.

Day by day you shower us with blessings.

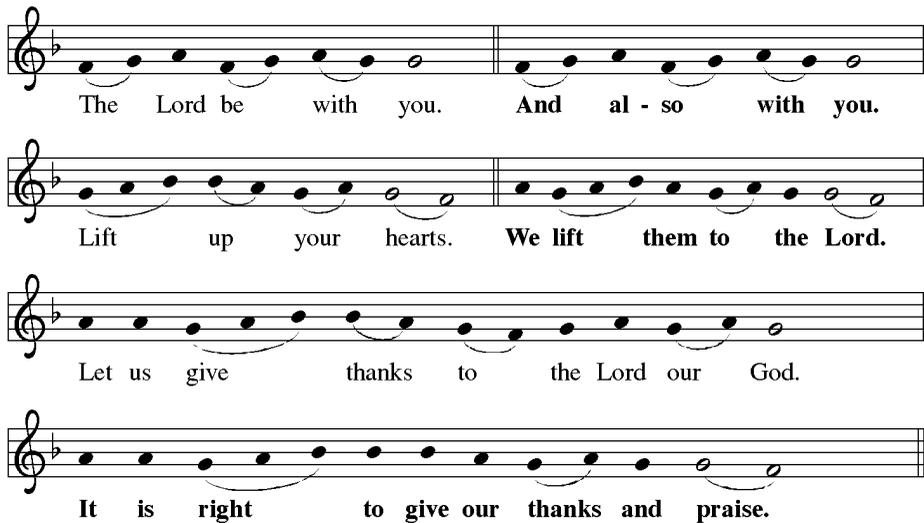
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,

give us glad and generous hearts,

ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

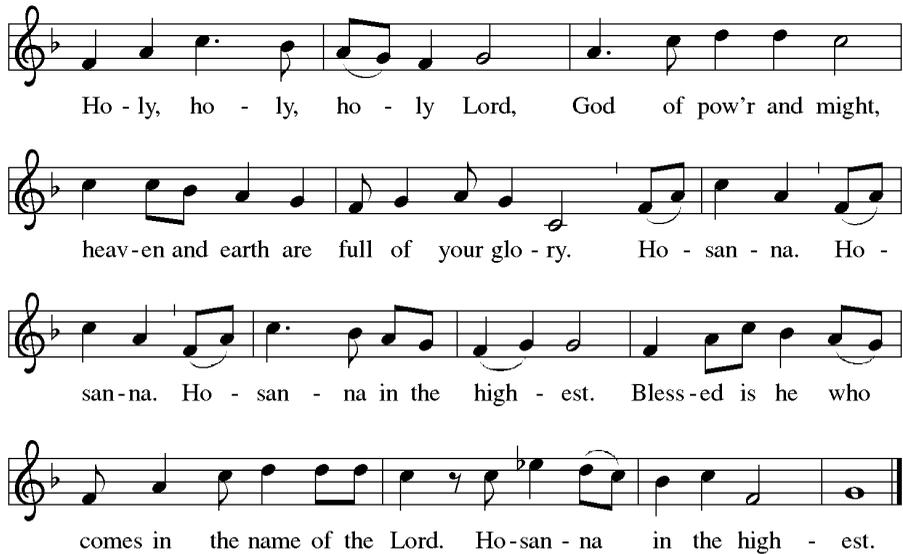
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

The presiding minister continues by chanting:

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

The presiding minister continues

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with grace and receive the forgiveness of sin,
that we might be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.
To you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 assembly may be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The bread may be broken for the communion. As Lutherans we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine.

Jesus said, "I am the true vine.

Abide in me as I abide in you."

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION

At the direction of the ushers please come forward to the Altar rail where you may kneel or stand. Receive the bread from the pastor, then take an empty cup if you would like wine, or if you would like grape juice, the pre-filled cups are in the center of the tray. When you have finished communing you are invited to return to your seat by the side aisle and join our cantor in singing the communion hymns printed in the bulletin.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- **Amen.***

COMMUNION HYMN

'Spirit of Gentleness'

ELW 396

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.

COMMUNION HYMN

'Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether'

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1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,
we give you thanks for nourishing us
with the bread of heaven and the wine of love,
Jesus our risen Savior.
As you send us into the world,
guard us from the power of evil,
keep us in unity with all your people,
and by your Spirit move us to testify
to your grace in our words and actions;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+ SENDING +

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

ANNOUNCEMENTS

~ Ways for you to be sent to do God's work this week with your hands.

The assembly stands.

BLESSING

Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death,
lift you up and restore you to wholeness. **Amen.**

Jesus Christ, the Word of life,
bless you and send you to be his witnesses. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth,
refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always. **Amen.**



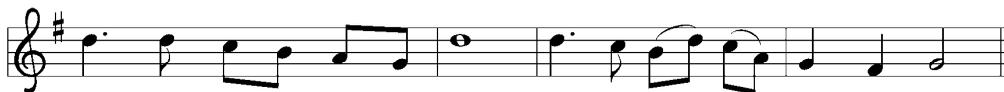
1 God of tem - pest, God of whirl - wind, as on Pen - te -
 2 God of blaz - ing, God of burn - ing, all that blocks your
 3 God of earth - quake, God of thun - der, shake us loose from
 4 God of pas - sion, God un - sleep - ing, stir in us love's



cost de - scend! Drive us out from shel - tered com - fort;
 pur - pose, purge! Through your church, Christ's liv - ing Bod - y,
 leth - ar - gy! Break the chains of sin a - sun - der,
 rest - less - ness! Where the peo - ple cry in an - guish,



past these walls your peo - ple send! Sweep us in - to cost - ly ser - vice,
 let your flam - ing Spir - it surge! Where de - ceit con - ceals in - jus - tice,
 for earth's heal - ing set us free! Crum - ble walls that still di - vide us;
 may we share your heart's dis - tress. Rouse us from con - tent with e - vil;



there with Christ to bear the cross, there with Christ to bear the cross!
 kin - dle us to speak your truth, kin - dle us to speak your truth!
 make us one in Christ our Lord, make us one in Christ our Lord!
 claim us for your king - dom's work, claim us for your king - dom's work!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wie Schon leuchtet'

Georg Philipp Telemann

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COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

ERIK, KING OF SWEDEN, MARTYR, DIED 1160

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

HELENA, MOTHER OF CONSTANTINE, DIED AROUND 330

SATURDAY, MAY 21, 2016

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ's life.

This Week at St. Mark's

St. Mark's Events

Building Use

Monday:		6:00am Meals on Wheels 7:00pm Boy Scouts
Tuesday:	10:30am Pastor's Bible Study	6:00am Meals on Wheels 7:30pm Cub Scouts
Wednesday:	5:30pm Homework Help Conshohocken Library	6:00am Meals on Wheels 7:00pm Yoga
Thursday:	6:30pm Dinner Church 7:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal	6:00am Meals on Wheels
Friday:		6:00am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm AA/Al-Anon
Saturday:		2:00pm MCYO 7:00pm MCYO Concert 7:00pm AA
Sunday	9:30am Worship Service 10:30am Fellowship Hour/ Celebration for Dylan	7:00pm Venture Crew

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, May 22nd

Celebration of Dylan's Graduation from College

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can help us serve God here at St. Mark's.

Special Collection Envelopes

During the month of May we will be collecting specifically for 'BabyManna - Philabundance'. BabyManna is Philabundance's campaign to raise funds to purchase infant formula, baby food, kid-friendly food and other needed children's items.

Every year, Philabundance purchases large quantities of formula, food and other goods at deeply discounted rates on behalf of the almost 500 nonprofit agencies that depend upon Philabundance to help feed children in need.

Infant and childhood malnutrition robs kids of their ability to learn, grow and develop physically, mentally and socially. Thousands of children in the Delaware Valley are born into poverty each year, placing them at risk for chronic malnutrition. With economic changes and the continued under-funding of government programs, many families are faced with difficult choices as to how to provide proper nutrition for their children. Consequently, many infants may receive watered-down formula or sugar water or be started on solid food before their bodies are ready; children may receive cheaper foods low in the nutrients necessary for their development.

If you use the box envelope sets for your offering, there is a special offering envelope this month labeled "Baby Manna - Philabundance" which you are invited to use. If you give electronically or via the pew back envelopes in church – you are welcome to give a special offering towards this collection by using the white pew back envelopes and designating on the envelope for the "monthly special collection."

May Items Collection

During the month of May, we will be collecting children's pajamas sizes 2T to adult small for Cradles to Crayons. You can place your items in the basket at the back of the church. If you have any questions, please see Karen Hanna.

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Remember our College Student

This May is a special time for Dylan who graduated from Temple University on May 6th. We will also be celebrating with him here at St. Mark's **NEXT WEEK**, Sunday, May 22nd. All are invited to a time of fellowship and celebrating his accomplishment. If you would like to give a gift, you may share it with him on that day or you can place your contribution in the offering plate in a Pew envelope marked 'College Student'. We will be collecting through **TODAY**, May 15th so we can have a check prepared for him on May 22nd.

Homework Help Program at the Conshohocken Free Library

This Wednesday will be our last session of Homework Help at the Conshohocken Free Library. Starting at 5:30pm we have been able to assist many of the local children with their homework issues and to everyone who participated - **Thank you!**

Items Needed for CNC Food Pantry

Colonial Neighborhood Council helps and supports those living here in Conshohocken, that are in need of basic daily items of such as food, toiletries and paper products. Please place your donated items in the bin for Colonial Neighborhood Council.

Educational Box Top/Soups Labels

Silver Springs is grateful for the many years that St. Mark's has helped the children we serve by collecting labels as part of the Campbell's Labels for Education program! We recently learned that this program will be ending in July. If you have any labels about your home, please bring them and place in the basket in the McCarney as soon as possible so they can be sent over to Silver Springs before the program has closed down in July.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can develop your faith life, learn about God and develop as disciples

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Bible Study is held at 10:30am, Tuesday morning and is open to anyone who would like to come. If your schedule allows, please come out and join us for an hour of bible study. Coffee is always permitted.

Tweener's Bible Study

The next Tweener's Bible Study will be Tuesday, May 24th at 7pm. We are studying Rachel Held Evan's book - *Searching for Sunday - Loving, Leaving and Finding the Church*.

- May 24th - Confession
- June 14th - Communion
- June 28th - Confirmation/Holy Order and Anointing of the Sick

There is still room to join the group. Any questions, please see Pastor.

Vacation Bible School

Summer is just around the corner, so be sure to mark your summer calendars with Vacation Bible School! This year we will hold VBS from Sunday evening through Thursday evening from 6:30pm - 8:30pm July 31st - August 4th. The theme this year will be 'Cave Quest'. If you are interested in helping out, please see either Pastor or Kim Kriebel. More details to come!

Adult Faith Formation

TODAY will be our last Adult Faith Formation class! We will meet again in the fall. Thank you to Joanne Copestick for leading the class this year.

Faith Formation

TODAY will be our last Faith Formation class for the young. We will meet at the back of the church after communion for their final lesson of the year.

Please be sure to thank our teachers - Kim Kriebel, Joe Ruggiero, Stephanie Conklin, Lara Hoffman, Beth Patruno and Pastor Bryan.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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Dinner Church

St. Mark's holds Dinner Church that meets on Thursday evenings at 6:30pm. We gather in the Auditorium downstairs for a meal and worship. It's informal, it's relaxing, and we promise to feed you in more ways than one! We have soup and salad for the meal. Communion is also given during the worship. There is a sign up sheet in the McCarney Room if you would like to help provide food for the service; we do have some openings in May and June. Any questions, please see either Pastor Bryan or Stephanie Conklin.

Pastoral Care Visits

If you know that you are going to be away from our worshiping community for an extended period of time either due to illness or a surgery, Pastor Bryan is asking that you please call the office that we can schedule home visits for you. 610.828.0581.

Looking for Volunteers

There are many hands needed each week to make the worship service possible. We thank the members of our congregation who volunteer in various ways each week and would love to welcome new faces to the mix. If you are interested in learning more about how you can help please do not hesitate to contact the following people.

Communion Assistant - Joanne Copestick (jcopestick2010@gmail.com)

Altar Guild - Sandy Portzer (abbie17@verizon.net)

Readers - Donna Kobi (rae683@verizon.net)

Nursery Assistant - Joe Ruggiero (josephmruggiero@yahoo.com), or
Lauren Parkin (laparkin31@gmail.com)

Thank you for continuing to use your hands to do God's work & spread the good news!

SAVE THE DATE
First Communion - June 12th

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

Montgomery County Youth Orchestra

The students of the Montgomery County Youth Orchestra will be having their year end concert here at St. Mark's, **NEXT SATURDAY**, May 21st starting at 7pm. The congregation is invited to this special treat and a reception will follow hosted by the parents. There is an admission fee of \$5.00 and a request for donation of canned good(s) to be collected for CNC. This will be their final concert here as they will be disbanding.

Fellowship Hour

We currently have an opening left in May and a couple in June. If interested, please check the sign up board in the McCarney room. With the weather starting to warm up a change to Ice Tea would be nice.

St. Mark's Spring Fling

St. Mark's annual Spring Fling will be on Saturday, June 4th from 8am - 3pm (set-up will start at 7:30pm) and it will coincide with the Conshohocken Car Show. Tables will be rented out to members as well as vendors for \$15 each. If anyone would like, we can open the church on Friday evening for our members to bring their items here to have an easy set-up on Saturday morning. So if you have crowded cupboards or crammed closets that need cleaning out or clothes that are just not needed or fitting well, put them aside for a chance to sell them off. If you would like to rent a table, please contact the church office at 610.828.0581. We will also be having a bake table. If interested, please contact Ann Beatty at 215.482.4132. If you would like to help the day of sale, please check the bulletin board in the McCarney room.

St. Mark's Website

Be sure to check out the St. Mark's website (stmarksconshy.org) to see the latest in church news and activities. Announcements are updated weekly. Also included are the Pastor's weekly sermons.

Helping with Worship Next Sunday

Assisting Minister	Sheldon Erb
Communion Assistant	LJ Kriebel
Reader	Jennifer Jones
Ushers	George & Kathy Pokalo
Acolyte	Open
Nursery	The Ruggiero Family
Altar Guild	Erin Orekar and Pam Keebler
Counters	Rhea Moore and Erin Orekar
Offering Recorder	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	Social Ministry

*If you are unable to serve next week, please let the office know;
we kindly ask that you also do your best to find a replacement.*

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday May 22, 2016 - Holy Trinity Sunday

First Reading	Proverbs 8:1 - 4, 22 - 31
Psalmody	Psalm 8
Second Reading	Romans 5:1 - 5
Gospel	St. John 16:12 - 15