

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

stmarksconshy.org



*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

*May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

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Assisting Minister	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Joanne Copestick</i>
Reader	<i>Don Dunn</i>
Usher	<i>Pam Keebler and Theodora Moreley</i>
Acolyte	<i>Garrett Kriebel</i>
Nursery	<i>The Kriebel Family</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jen and Karl Schreiter</i>
Counters	<i>Lara Hoffman and Pam Keebler</i>
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# 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?** 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

**We all say together**

## **+ Gathering +**

*The Holy Spirit gathers us together for worship*

**Introduction**      *God hears every prayer—the prayer of the outsider as well as the prayer of the insider. The attentive nature of our God is evident as God comes to us again and again in the word and in the supper. “Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name; bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.” Do it today.*

**Prelude**              *Choral et Cinq Variations on “Nun danket all”*                      Gael Liardon

**Welcome**

**Confession & Forgiveness**      *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign 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.*

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.**

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  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**



**Gathering  
Song**  
ELW 847

## Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs

1 Come, let us join our cheer-ful songs with an-gels round the throne;  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name

ten thou-sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless-ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748  
Music: NUN DANKET ALL, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

### Greeting

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

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.**

### Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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 mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen!**

**Canticle  
of Praise**



☩ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



① Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



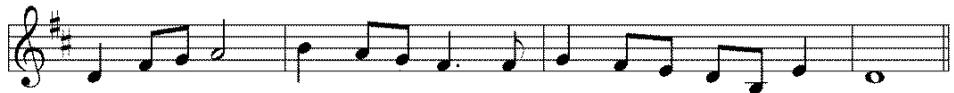
I Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al-might- y God and Fa- ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



II Glo- ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.



III Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.

I  
II For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa- ther, A - men.

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,

and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

Merciful Lord God, we do not presume to come before you trusting in our own righteousness, but in your great and abundant mercies. Revive our faith, we pray; heal our bodies, and mend our communities, that we may evermore dwell in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## + Word +

*God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, song and prayer*

### First Lesson

*1 Kings 8:22-  
23, 41-43*

*King Solomon prays at the dedication of the temple in Jerusalem, built under his direction. Solomon prays that the temple will be a sign of God's presence and power, not only to the Israelites, but to all peoples.*

A Reading from First Kings:

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart.

<sup>41</sup>"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalmody**  
*Psalm 96:1-9*

*Declare the glory of the Lord among the nations. (Ps. 96:3)*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord | a new song;

    sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

**<sup>2</sup>Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;  
    proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations  
    and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

**<sup>4</sup>For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,  
    more to be feared | than all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;  
    but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

**<sup>6</sup>Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;  
    power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,  
    ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

**<sup>8</sup>Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;  
    bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;  
    tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

**Second Lesson**  
*Galatians 1:1-12*

*Paul, who started this church in Galatia, is angry and troubled that the congregation is confused by other teachers. As he begins this letter, Paul is direct with them about his desire for Christ's pure gospel to be the center of their lives.*

A Reading from Galatians:

<sup>1</sup>Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God, the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead—<sup>2</sup>and all the members of God's

family who are with me,

To the churches of Galatia:

<sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>4</sup>who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, <sup>5</sup>to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>6</sup>I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—<sup>7</sup>not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. <sup>8</sup>But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! <sup>9</sup>As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

<sup>10</sup>Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

<sup>11</sup>For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin;<sup>12</sup>for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel  
Reading**  
*Luke 7:1-10*

*A Roman centurion stands to lose a highly valued slave. Jewish leaders in Capernaum consider the centurion worthy, but the Gentile declares himself unworthy. In the midst of this tangle of attitudes, the centurion shows his understanding of authority and his testimony that Jesus has it, even authority over illness and death.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. <sup>2</sup>A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. <sup>3</sup>When the centurion heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. <sup>4</sup>When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, “The centurion is worthy of having you do this for him, <sup>5</sup>for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us.” <sup>6</sup>And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, “Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; <sup>7</sup>therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. <sup>8</sup>For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, ‘Go,’ and he goes, and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes, and to my slave, ‘Do this,’ and the slave does it.” <sup>9</sup>When Jesus heard this he was amazed at the centurion, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, “I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith.” <sup>10</sup>When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

*The gospel concludes:  
The gospel of the 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**

**The Rev. Amanda Nesvold**

**Hymn of  
the Day**  
ELW 641

*The  
assembly  
stands to  
proclaim the  
word of God  
in song.*

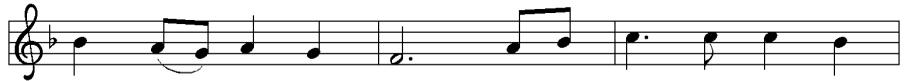
All are welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly  
2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
claim the faith of Je - sus:  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
end to fear and dan - ger:  
claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen  
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## **Apostles' Creed**

Together with the whole people of God, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy  
Spirit**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.\***

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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 the People

*Prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world*

*The Assisting Minister invites us into prayer*

Let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

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

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words:*

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting your promise to hear us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **For our friends and family:**

*Dolores, Bob, Isaiah, Robb, Davie, Edward, Don Dunn, Nancy, William I Holdsworth, Joan Metz, Joe, Jeanne, Dillon, Dawn, Ricky, Sallie, Gina, Katie Gresh, Dottie Woodring, Kris, Carey, Harry, Nan, Shepherd, Joanne, Ann Beatty, Michael, Lorraine B., Marlene B., Dawn W., Amy K.*

## **We give thanks for:**

*We thank you for all those who have laid down their lives for others.*

## **We remember and pray for those grieving this day:**

*The Vasas family*

## Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

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 is seated.*

## + 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.*

#### Offertory

*Two Oaks*

Improvisation

#### Offertory Canticle

*The assembly  
stands as the gifts  
and offerings are  
brought forward*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
Lord, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**Offertory  
Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.  
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:  
our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what  
we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love,  
through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

**Great  
Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.

*Dialogue*

**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*

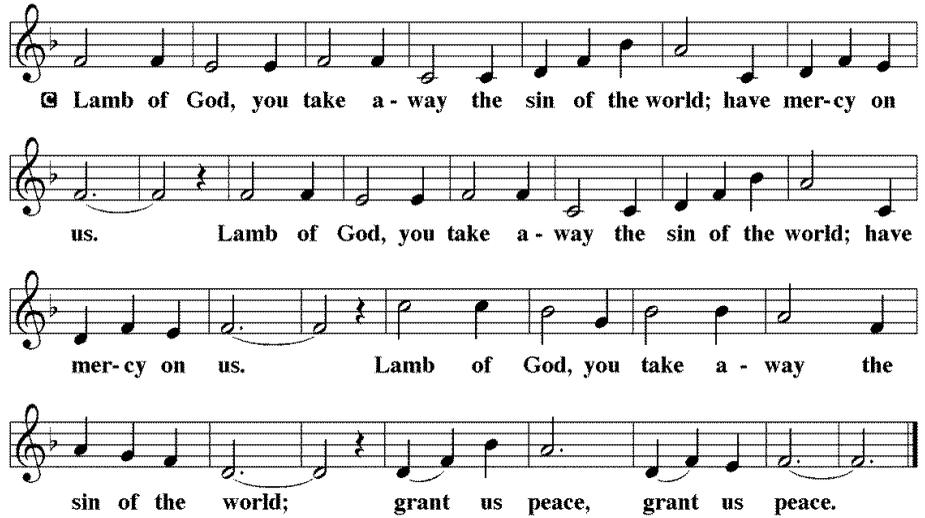
*The Presiding Minister continues:*  
It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all  
places offer thanks . . . we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

*Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## 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, grant us peace.

## Distribution of 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, take a pre-filled cup from the center of the tray.*

*When you have finished communing you are invited to return to your seat by the side aisle and join 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

ELW 654

# The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one founda - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,  
4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,  
5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.  
her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,  
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;  
one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.  
and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Communion  
Hymn  
ELW 661

I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,  
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat  
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.  
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;  
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard  
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.  
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.  
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

*Refrain*

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I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911  
Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

**Post Communion  
Blessing**

*The assembly stands*

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

**Post Communion  
Prayer**

O God, as a mother comforts her child,  
**so you comfort your people,  
carrying us in your arms  
and satisfying us with this food and drink,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Send us now as your disciples,  
announcing peace and proclaiming  
that the reign of God has come near;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.**

**+ Sending +**

*The Spirit sends us into the world to serve*

**Announcements**

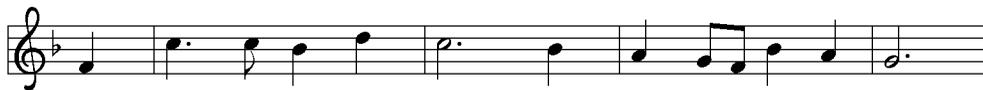
*Ways for you to be sent to do God's work this week with your hands.  
Announcements are made behalf of the community.*

**Sending 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  
Hymn**  
ELW 651

# Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear  
2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds  
3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,  
4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,  
5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:  
and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:  
ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:  
a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:  
with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

*Refrain*



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,  
the love, the word, the tide.  
Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,  
praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*

7 Oh, praise the living Christ  
with faith's bright songful voice!  
Announce the gospel to the world  
and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

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Music: CHRISTPRAISE RAY, Carol Doran, b. 1936  
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## Dismissal

The worship has ended, the service begins...

Go in peace. Share the Good News.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*“Come Thou Almighty King & Come, Holy Ghost in  
Love”*

Arr. Healey  
Wilan

## COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

### **Jiri Tranovsky, hymnwriter, died 1637**

**Sunday, May 29, 2016**

Tranovsky is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

### **Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**Tuesday, May 31, 2016**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

### **Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165**

**Wednesday, June 01, 2016**

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

### **The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

**Friday, June 03, 2016**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

### **John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

**Friday, June 03, 2016**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

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## **Service Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **May Special Collection Items: Children's PJ's**

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.

### **Special Collection Envelopes: Philabundance Baby Manna**

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."

### **Local Food Pantry Needs - CNC**

We support the work of Colonial Neighborhood Council's food pantry that provides food for people in need in our local community. St. Mark's offers baskets to drop items in our sanctuary to be taken over to CNC. They are always in need of shelf stable food products to stock the shelves with food. They also are always in need of items that are not purchasable

with WIC cards – paper products, toiletries, etc. If you have a donation to make you may drop it in the baskets at the rear of the sanctuary.

## **Campbell Soup Labels for Education**

St. Mark's was notified by Martin Luther Silver Springs School that the Campbell Soup's program "Labels for Education" will be winding down at the end of July. If there are members who still have labels to turn in, we ask that the labels be turned in as soon as possible (no later than June 15) so we can get them over to Silver Springs. As always, Silver Springs is extremely grateful for all that St. Mark's has done over the years to support their work and ministry to children with differing abilities and educational needs. We will look for ways to continue to support them into the future.

## **Community Garden spot up and running**

Matt Hoffman and others were busy this past weekend down at the Conshy Community Garden where St. Mark's has a plot to grow veggies for the summer. All of the produce that is grown will be donated to our local food pantry, CNC, to help with providing healthy food to people in need. To sign up to help with our plot at the garden, email Matt Hoffman ([mhoffmanpga@gmail.com](mailto:mhoffmanpga@gmail.com)) to be connected with the sign-up-genius volunteer sheet.



## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Bible Study with Pastor**

Pastor holds a bible study on Tuesday mornings at 10:30am. Currently we are exploring the life of the disciples. All are welcome to join as we explore scripture, our faith and learn more about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ!

### **Tweeners – “Searching for Sunday” book study**

UPDATE to the schedule, we like this book so much that we are adding some additional study times! It's still not too late to join us! Join us on Tuesday evening at 7pm as we explore the next chapter of the book on Communion. Upcoming session for the study are:

- June 7<sup>th</sup> – Confirmation
- June 21<sup>st</sup> – Holy Orders
- June 28<sup>th</sup> – Anointing of the Sick

## **Vacation Bible School – Cave Quest!!**

This summer we will dig deep underground and deep into our faith as we explore following Jesus Christ – the Light of the World! Our VBS program this year will run again in the evenings, but shift this year to Sunday – Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30pm. Dates for VBS this summer are July 31<sup>st</sup> – August 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Worship Ministry Announcements:**

*Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's*

### **Welcome our new Director of Music Ministries**

This past Sunday Church Council voted to hire Emily Erb as our new Director of Music Ministries, “officially.” Emily has been serving as our Cantor and substitute organist following the departure of our previous organist in August of last year. Emily, in her new role as Director of Music Ministries, will be providing leadership for worship on Sundays and on Thursdays at Dinner Church, working with our various musical groups like bells, children, and adults. Join us in welcoming her into this new role! We look forward to installing her on Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **First Communion**

On Sunday June 12<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the First Communion with 5 of our young ones. So please plan to join us for this milestone in their faith lives!

### **Dinner Church on Thursdays**

Summer is soon to be upon us and with it brings travel and the SHORE! As the beach beckons this summer and you find yourself out of town over the weekends – don't forget to join us for worship on Thursday Evenings as part of Dinner Church. We even promise to feed you! Dinner and worship start at 6:30pm in the auditorium.

## **Fellowship and Evangelism Ministry Announcements:**

*Learn how to spread the “Good News” and get to know other St. Mark's members*

### **St. Mark's Spring Fling – June 4th**

Our annual Spring Fling will be held at the same time as the Conshy Car show this year to take advantage of the additional foot traffic! Vendors are signing up left and right! So there is still time to secure a table for yourself! We invite folks to sign up for tables if you have household items or particular crafts that you would like to sell as well – costs for the table are \$15. We are asking members to consider tithing (10%) of their proceeds to donate to the

church as a donation. Event will happen rain or shine for us – so if it’s nice we will be on the street out front of the church or if it’s raining, we’ll be inside. For St. Mark’s folks only – we will be able to stage items in the church for an easier set up on Saturday morning.

## **Lutheran Night at the Phillies – June 3rd**

Tickets are still available if folks would still like to go with us – Friday June 3<sup>rd</sup> – Phillies against the Milwaukee Brewers. Game time is 7:05pm and we will probably gather for some tailgating action before the game. If you signed up for tickets, please don’t forget to pay for them. Cost is \$22 (sorry there were 2.00 fees on each of them) and checks can be made out to St. Mark’s with “Phillies” marked on the check or the envelope.

## **Fellowship Hour**

We currently have openings for fellowship hour for June. If interested, please check the sign up board in the McCarney room.

## **Council News**

*Announcements about key leadership decisions for the congregation*

### **Office Administrative Update**

On Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> Kathy Delaney completed her last day of work with us. We received her two-week notice indicating that she had been offered a full time position with the company Belfor located in Exton. While this is sad news for us, it is good news for her because it means more regular working hours and that she doesn’t have to bounce from part time job to part time job.

At council this past Sunday the leadership met to discuss several options moving forward. And at this time no definitive answer has been reached as we continue to discern ways for us to move forward and continue to grow our capacity for ministry here at St. Mark’s.

In the transition that means a few things:

1. Pastor will try to staff the office as best he can, but there is no guarantee that the office will be open during our posted office hours. However, we will move to our summer policy now of the office being closed on Mondays.
2. Please continue to send emails to [info@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:info@stmarksconshy.org) or to [admin@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:admin@stmarksconshy.org) as pastor and office volunteers will continue to check these email addresses. We will be phasing out [kathy@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:kathy@stmarksconshy.org) but will continue to receive emails there for a few weeks yet.

3. Voicemail at the office will be checked by pastor as frequently as he can, but if you need him, please call him on his cell phone 540-287-3663 as that is the fastest way to reach him.

4. We will try our best to keep things running as smoothly as possible during the transition, but not all of the administrative functions will be able to be kept running. Our primary focus will be on preparing things for worship (i.e. bulletin, coordinating worship assistants, announcements, etc.).

## **Continue the Conversation**

*Ways to reflect on the lessons heard in worship today*

### *All Are Worth Saving*

When the centurion asks Jesus to heal his valued slave, the narrative explores whether the centurion is “worthy.” The Jewish elders speak up for this Roman outsider and say he has proven his worthiness by his goodness to the Jews. In contrast, the centurion himself says he is not worthy of Jesus’ presence.

The story invites us to contemplate what we believe about our own worth and that of others. In the centurion’s place, would we feel worthy of Jesus’ presence and help? Who would we find to speak up on our behalf? People have an endless variety of ways to estimate their worth, secretly or openly. Good deeds, church involvement, spiritual practices, and strength of belief are common ways for Christians. People also count up their accomplishments or tally their “net worth” financially, as if life—and even God—were all about keeping score. But what kind of score would really be enough?

The Greek word for “worthy” in Luke 7:6 means “sufficient.” Despite God’s promise that grace is sufficient for us (2 Cor. 12:9) and that Jesus’ work on the cross is enough, the very human questions persist: How do we know when we are worthy of rest, love, esteem, or salvation? The centurion reveals a paradox of Christian faith: as sinners we are not worthy of God’s salvation, but as redeemed saints we know that Jesus deemed us all worth saving, through grace alone. Luke’s story presents an opportunity to proclaim God’s grace unequivocally once again: there is nothing we could do, and no score we could add up, that could make us worthy, but through Jesus, we are enfolded in God’s saving love. In this good news we can find healing and rest.

## **Good News I heard today**

*Space for you to write down what you take away from worship today*

## This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i>	Office Closed	<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>10:30am – Pastor's Bible Study</i> <i>7pm – Tweener's Bible Study</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Girl Scouts</i> <i>7:30pm Cub Scouts</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Yoga Group</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>6:30pm – Dinner Church</i> <i>7:45pm – Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>7:05 – Lutheran Night at the Phillies</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>8am – Spring Fling</i>	<i>7pm – AA Group</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:30am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i>	<i>7pm – Venture Crew</i>

## Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Theodora Moreley</i>
Communion	<i>Lauren Parkin</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Susan Dryburgh</i>
Usher	<i>Jim Orman &amp; LJ Kreibel</i>
Acolyte	<i>Joanne Popowicz</i>
Nursery	<i>Ramsden Family</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Joe and Susan Dryburgh</i>
Counters	<i>Jen Shreiter &amp; LJ Kriebel</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Ramsden Family</i>

### Readings for next week:

First Reading	<i>1 Kings 17:17-24</i>
Psalmody	<i>Psalm 30</i>
Second Reading	<i>Galatians 1:11-24</i>
Gospel	<i>Luke 7:11-17</i>

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