

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 25th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

Presiding Minister *The Rev. Bryan Penman*
Director of Music Ministries *Emily Ballentine Erb*
Pastoral Intern *Vicar Lenny Duncan*

Assisting Minister *Theodora Morley*
Communion Assistant *Joanne Popowicz*
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Nursery *Ramsden Family*
Acolyte *Evan Fazżari*
Altar Guild *Stef Conklin*
Ushers *Dolores Lush & Joanne Copestick*
Counters *Pam Keebler & Rhea Moore*
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Altar Flowers *Given by Joan Holohan in memory of John Hoyer*

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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 *Jeremiah knew the frustration of having his words rejected. Jesus declares that his words may not bring peace, but division. In baptism we are buried with Christ that we may walk in newness of life. As we take stands for the sake of justice and lose our lives for the sake of others, we need not be afraid. The hairs of our head are counted. In baptism we are marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

Prelude *Sonata No. 23 in F minor, I: Allegro* Joseph Haydn

Welcome *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,
full of compassion and mercy,
abounding in steadfast love.
Amen.

**Confession
and
Forgiveness** Trusting God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Eternal God our creator,
in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.
Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to you,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
 God's love has been poured into our hearts
 through the Holy Spirit given to us.
 In the mercy of almighty God,
 Christ died for us while we still were sinners;
 and for his sake, God † forgives you all your sins.
Amen.

**Opening
 Hymn**

ELW 810

O Jesus, I Have Promised



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 Oh, let me feel you near me; the world is ev - er near.
 3 Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my mas - ter and my friend.
 I see the sights that daz - zle, the tempt - ing sounds I hear.
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
 My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in;
 Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 And Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 but, Je - sus, then draw near - er to shield my soul from sin.
 now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guard - ian of my soul.
 oh, give me grace to fol - low, my mas - ter and my friend.

Text: John E. Bode, 1816–1874, alt.
 Music: MUNICH. *Neuermehrtes Gesangbuch*. Meiningen. 1693

**Apostolic
Greeting**

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other as we begin a time of prayer

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

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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Canticle
of Praise

Refrain



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

Refrain



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



2 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.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**Prayer of
the Day**

Let us pray,
 Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to
 count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek
 for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we
 do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Assembly may be seated

+ Word +

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

First Lesson

Jeremiah 20:7-13

Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah,

⁷O Lord, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you were too powerful for me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention the Lord,
or speak any more in the name of the Lord,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps Jeremiah can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous,

you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.
¹³Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!
For the Lord has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody
Psalm 69



⁷Surely, for your sake I have suf- | fered reproach,
and shame has cov- | ered my face.
⁸**I have become a stranger to | my own kindred,
an alien to my | mother's children.**
⁹Zeal for your house has eat- | en me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fall- | en upon me.
¹⁰**I humbled my- | self with fasting,
but that was turned to | my reproach. R**
¹¹I put on | sackcloth also,
and became a by- | word among them.
¹²**Those who sit at the gate mur- | mur against me,
and the drunkards make | songs about me.**
¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have | set,
O Lord:
¹⁴In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your un- | failing help.
¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not | let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of | the deep
waters. R**
¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep
swal- | low me up;
do not let the pit shut its | mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O Lord, for your | love is kind;
in your great compassion, | turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face | from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am | in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me | and redeem me;
because of my enemies de- | liver me. R**

Second Lesson
Romans 6:1b-11

In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death. Our lives in the present are marked and shaped by his crucifixion, just as our lives in the future will be marked and shaped by his resurrection.

A reading from the letter to the Romans,

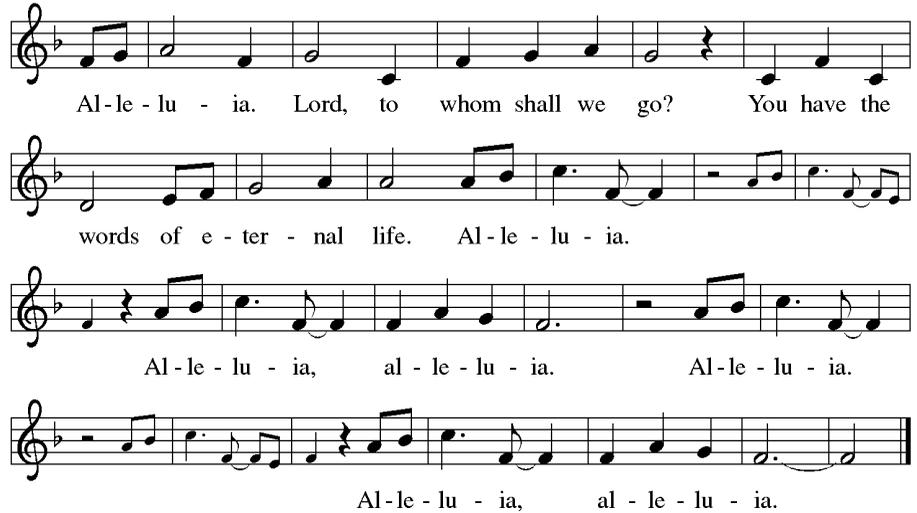
^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition, requiring absolute trust in God and an unswerving commitment to their Lord.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew
Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of the master’s household!”

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a son against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,

and in-laws against one another;
³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.
³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and
whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and
whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of
me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life
for my sake will find it."

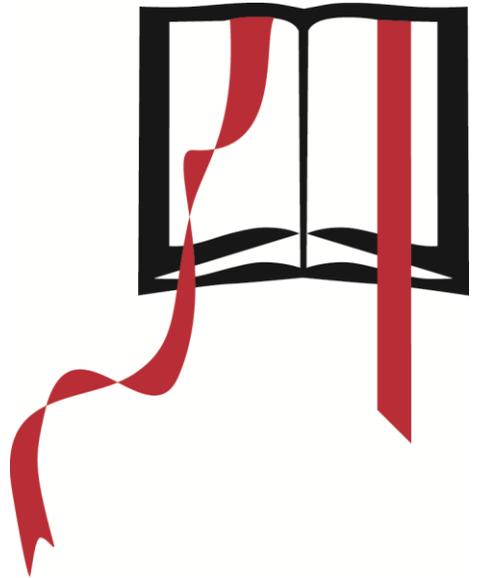
The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
The assembly may be seated.

**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. Bryan Penman



Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

**The
Apostles
Creed**

Together let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles 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
Called together in the Spirit's embrace, let us pray for the mending of God's world.

Each portion of the prayers ends with:
Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The presiding minister concludes the prayers with these words:

All these things, and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your care through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Sharing of the 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.

For our friends and family:

Don Dunn, Katie Gresh, Dottie Woodring, Ann Beatty, John I. Holdsworth, Linda Jara, Dawn W., Joyce, Johanna MacNamee, Charlie, Nancy W, Joanne HW, Stephen B, Patricia P, Michelle K, Janeen Norland, Jeremiah Price, Joyce, Erin, George M., Jenny, Tara, Mike, Chris Shires, Phillip M, Kaylee B, Butch Schoenberg, Alexandra Hill and family, Harry N., and Jim.

We give thanks for:

For newly elected Bishops in Synods across the country. May the Holy Spirit continue to stir us up.

We remember and pray for those grieving this day:

Sullivan/ Suchta Families, the Curtiss Family and Shannon Helenski, and Lush family

+ 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.

A special collection is being collected this month to support the work of the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia as they continue to equip, train and prepare future leaders of our church.

Offertory

Sonata No. 23 in F minor II: Adagio

Joseph Haydn

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. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,
you open wide your hand
and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us.
Open our hands to receive it.
Open our hearts to embrace it.
Open our lives to live it.
We pray this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**Great
Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Dialogue

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:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, 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, 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, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of
Institution*

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.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold to pray in the words
our Savior taught us,

**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.

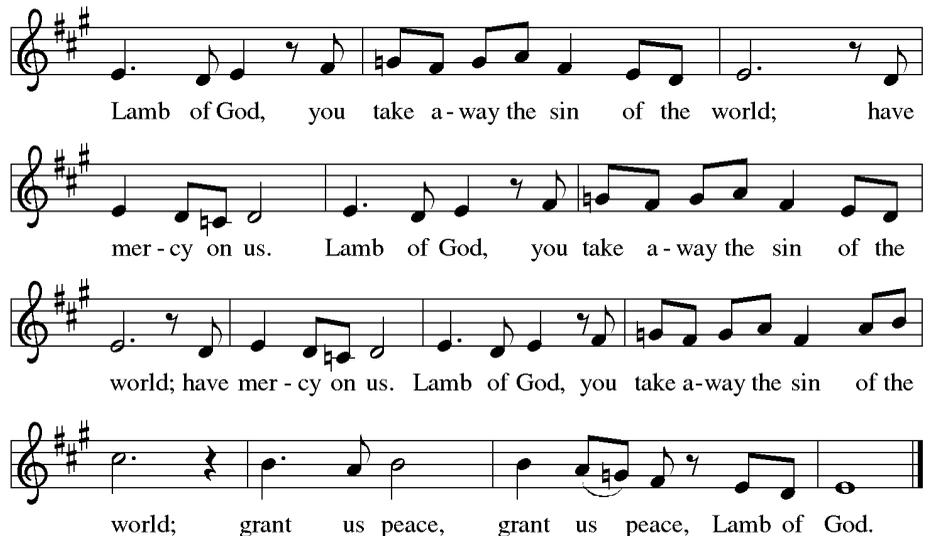
Invitation to Communion

*Here at St. Mark's 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
– all are welcome to commune.*

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together.

The bread may be broken for the communion

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, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Communion

The assembly will be guided up to the Altar Rail by the Ushers where you may stand or kneel. Bread and Wine are used for our communion, but gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available so that all may commune.

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.

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.

Communion Hymn ELW451

We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit-ness, in the break-ing of the bread,
3 Glo-ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread-ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re-sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937
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**Communion
Hymn**
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Borning Cry



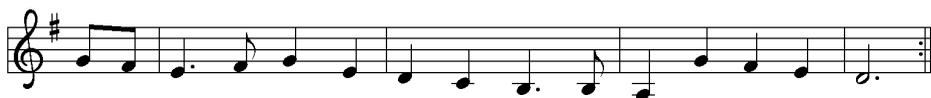
1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3 "In the mid-dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold.
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;
If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one,
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell."
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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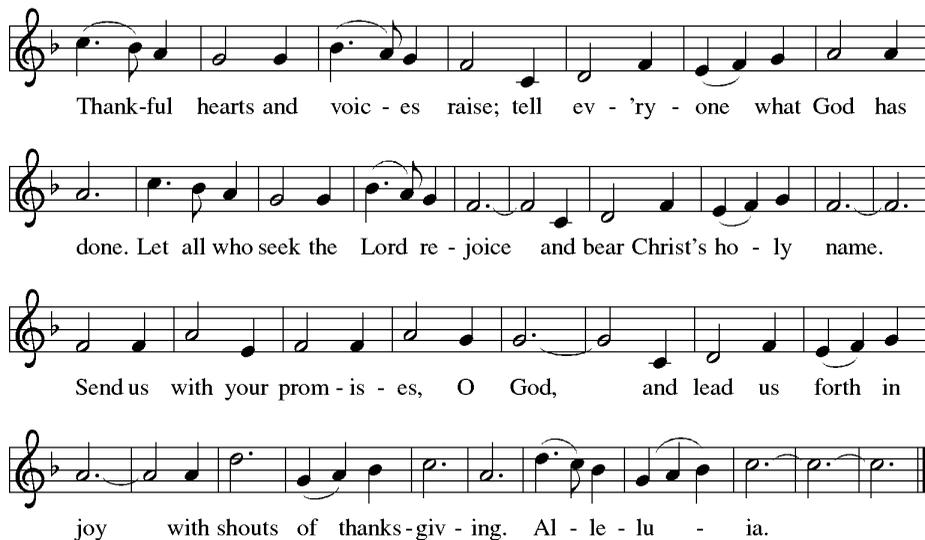
**Communion
Blessing**

The assembly stands

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Canticle



Thank-ful hearts and voices raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in
joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Post Communion Prayer

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.
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.*

**Farewell and
Godspeed** *Today we wish Dylan Peay Godspeed as he begins the next chapter of his life
as a graduate student in Arizona.*

Blessing

May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

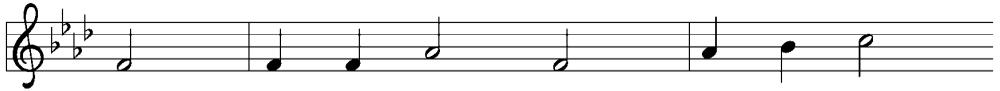
Closing Hymn

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Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



1 "Take up your cross," the Sav - ior said,
2 Take up your cross; let not its weight
3 Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,
4 Take up your cross and fol - low Christ,



"if you would my dis - ci - ple be;
per - vade your soul with vain a - larm;
nor let your fool - ish heart re - bel;
nor think till death to lay it down;



for - sake the past, and come this day,
his strength shall bear your spir - it up,
for you the Lord en - dured the cross
for those who hum - bly bear the cross



and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me."
sus - tain your heart, and nerve your arm.
to save your soul from death and hell.
one day will wear the glo - rious crown.

Text: Charles W. Everest, 1814–1877, alt.
Music: BOURBON, W. Hauser, *Hesperian Harp*, 1848

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Sonata No. 23 in F minor, III Presto

Joseph Haydn

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Tweener's Bible Study

We will meet for our next session of Tweener's on June 27th to explore the next few chapters of Wm. Paul Young's newest book "Lies we believe about God." Young is the bestselling author of "The Shack" which shook up our notions of our expectations of God and was made into a movie this year out in theaters now. In his latest book Young invites a compelling, conversational exploration of the wrongheaded ideas we sometimes have and share about God.

We are certainly stretching our "theological muscles" as we explore our notions of God and answer a basic question of "Who is God?" Join us as we dive deep through this book and grow in our relationship to the God who is love!

- June 27th - Chapters 17-20
- July 11th - Chapters 21-24
- July 18th - Chapters 24 - 28

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

Looking for Worship Assistants

The worship and music team is looking to bolster some of the worship assistant teams. We are currently looking for some more folks to volunteer to serve as Ushers, Altar Guild and Counters on Sunday mornings.

Ushering involves making sure that the sanctuary is open in the morning, assisting folks as they arrive for worship, helping to guide members and visitors through communion, collecting the offering, assist with needs during the worship service, and making sure the sanctuary is closed up following worship.

Serving on the Altar Guild is usually done the day before or morning before worship. It involves setting the altar for the celebration of communion and the appropriate paraments

for the day. After worship it means the removal of communion vessels cleaning them and storing them for the next week.

Counters are needed on Sunday morning to assist with the counting and recording of the offering collected each week. Volunteers serve on a rotation and with someone else to ensure that our tithes and offerings are recorded in the church's database of giving and prepared for the weekly deposit.

If you are interested in serving in these ways, please email pastor@stmarksconshy.org and he will get you connected with the right team lead.

Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. Meals feature prominently in our great tradition of faith, from pot lucks, to picnics, to the Holy Supper we share in communion – food plays a central role in who we are as Christians. We like to say that we are also “fed” by the experience of worship, so Dinner Church seeks to feed you both spiritually and physically. Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship experience, some come right from work, some right from the gym, some from just picking the kids up. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

Service Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways you can do God's work with our hands

Collection Items for local food bank

We support the work of feeding those in need in our community by collecting weekly items for our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council. The food pantry is always in need of paper products (paper towels, toilet paper and toiletry items) and shelf stable meals like Chef Boyardee and boxes of cereal. Baskets are located at the rear of the sanctuary to collect items that will be taken over each week to the food bank.

Sign up for Electronic Giving

Did you know that you could send your offering in electronically? St. Mark's utilizes a program called “Simply Giving” to set up safe, secure Electronic Fund Transfers (EFT) from your bank to ours on a schedule that you set up! Signing up is easy, we just need a blank check and the “Simply Giving” form completed (available in the rear of the sanctuary) and that's it! It's a simple and easy way to support the mission of our congregation. Another way to sign up is to utilize your own financial institutions “web bill pay” service, simply set up St. Mark's as a institution to pay and the checks are sent directly to the church to be

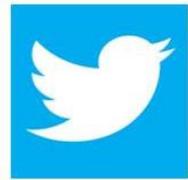
counted in the weekly offering. No matter how you support the mission of St. Mark's – we thank you for helping us do God's work, with our hands.

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about ways that you can help spread the "Good News"

Connect with us online

Are you a "fan" of the St. Mark's Facebook page? Did you like the photo we posted on Instagram? Did you know we could be trending on Twitter? St. Mark's offers a variety of ways to connect virtually beyond our worship services. Check out our online presence, share our messages with friends and family as we seek to spread God's love with those who need to see the greatness of God's grace!



Becoming Members of St. Mark's

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the St. Mark's community? Speak with Pastor or Vicar Lenny about taking the next steps to join our congregation.

On July 16th we will be receiving new members as well as celebrating a few baptisms! You don't want to miss it.

This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours		6am - Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts
<i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours	7pm – Tweener's Bible Study	6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts
<i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed		6am – Meals on Wheels
<i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	6pm – Dinner Church	6am – Meals on Wheels
<i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours		6am – Meals on Wheels 6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon
<i>Saturday</i>		7pm – AA Group
<i>Sunday</i>	9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship Hour	7pm – Venture Crew

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Communion	<i>LJ Kriebel</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Karen Hanna</i>
Nursery	OPEN
Acolyte	<i>Jo Popowicz</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Portzer / Copestick</i>
Ushers	<i>Karen Hanna & Joanne Copestick</i>
Counters	<i>Rhea Moore & Matt Fiore</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jen Schreiter</i>
Fellowship Hour	

Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The test of a true prophet

Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18

Your love, O Lord, forever will I sing.
(Ps. 89:1)

Romans 6:12-23

No longer under law but under grace

Matthew 10:40-42

Welcome Christ in those he sends