

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

Presiding Minister	<i>The Rev. Bryan Penman</i>
Director of Music Ministries	<i>Emily Ballentine Erb</i>
Pastoral Intern	<i>Vicar Lenny Duncan</i>

Assisting Minister	<i>Katie Colaneri</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Karen Hanna</i>
Reader	<i>Lara Hoffman</i>
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Acolyte	<i>Garrett Kriebel</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Joanne Copestick & Sandy Portzger</i>
Ushers	<i>Terry Spence & Erin Orekar</i>
Counters	<i>Susan Dryburgh & Erin Orekar</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Open</i>

Altar Flowers	<i>Given by Dotty Woodring & Family, in loving memory of George and Louisa Hodges</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 *The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with the lowly and outcast. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation: "Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.*

Prelude *Kingsfold* setting by David Cherwien

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 765

Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Text: Jan Struther, 1901–1953
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional
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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. 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**

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Assembly may be seated

+ Word +

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

First Lesson

Zechariah 9:9-12

The coming messianic king will inaugurate an era of disarmament and prosperity. Because of God's covenant with Israel, they are designated as "prisoners of hope."

A Reading from the book of Zechariah,

⁷O ⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war-horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

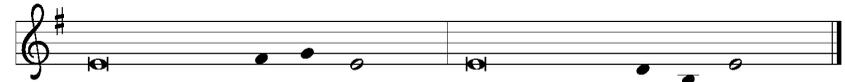
145:8-14



The LORD is gra - cious and full of com - pas - sion, the



LORD is full of com - pas - sion.



⁷Surely, ⁸The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

⁹**Lord, you are | good to all,
and your compassion is over | all your works. R**

¹⁰All your works shall praise | you, O Lord,
and your faithful | ones shall bless you.

¹¹**They shall tell of the glory | of your kingdom
and speak | of your power,**

¹²that all people may know | of your power
and the glorious splendor | of your kingdom.

¹³**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion
endures through- | out all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in | all
your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all | those who fall
and lifts up those who | are bowed down. **R**

Second Lesson *Life enslaved under sin is a catch-22 existence in which we know good but do not do it and do things we know to be bad. Through Jesus Christ, God has set us free from such a futile existence.*
Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from the letter to the Romans,

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!.

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 11:16-
19, 25-30*

Jesus chides people who find fault with both his ministry and that of John the Baptist. He thanks God that wisdom and intelligence are not needed to receive what God has to offer.

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

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for

I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

**Hymn
of the
Day**
ELW
611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, “I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast.”
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live.”
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

**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:

Innovative ministry initiatives that strive to bring the gospel into a 21st century context and the foreseeable future.

We remember and pray for those grieving this day:

The Tiver family and Anastasia Smith

+ 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 Forward Together in Faith is raising \$2.5 million to help equip your congregation for the future of ministry. It's an investment in our Synod's leaders and congregations. This investment will help change the culture of our synod, to advance networking, innovating, communicating and equipping among leaders and congregations.

Offertory

Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling

by Will I. Thompson

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
Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

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.

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.

*Words of
Institution*

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.

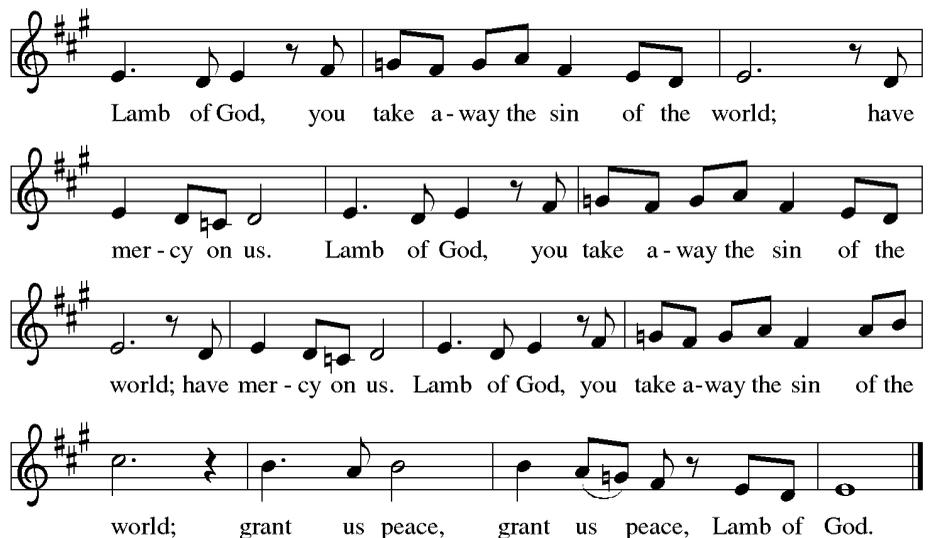
Invitation to Communion

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

ELW 790

Day by Day



1 Day by day, your mer - cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx - ious soul. Day by day, the bless - ings, Lord, you send me
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n - ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,



lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Robert Leaf, 1936–2005
Music: BLOTT EN DAG, Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813–1882
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**Communion
Hymn**
ELW 742

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge—take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820–1886
Music: CONVERSE, Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918

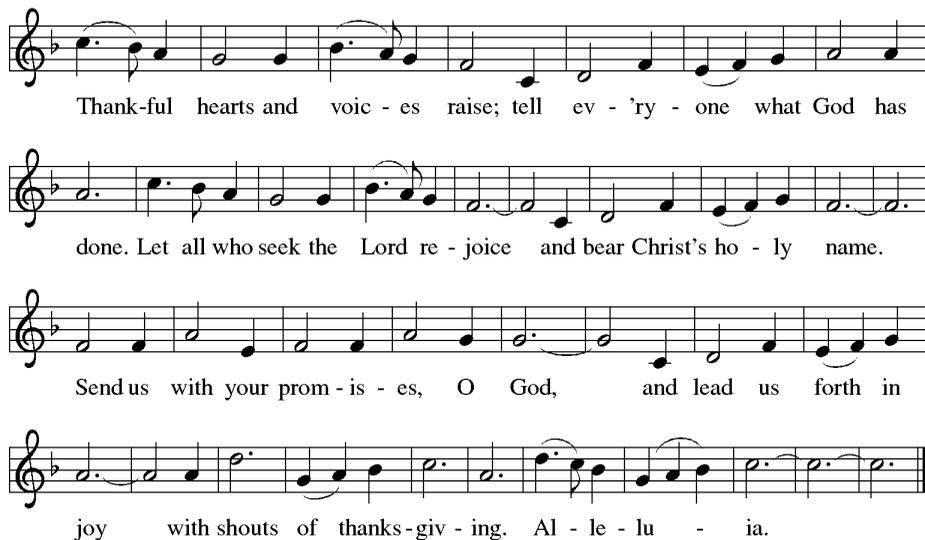
**Communion
Blessing**

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 voic - es 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 +

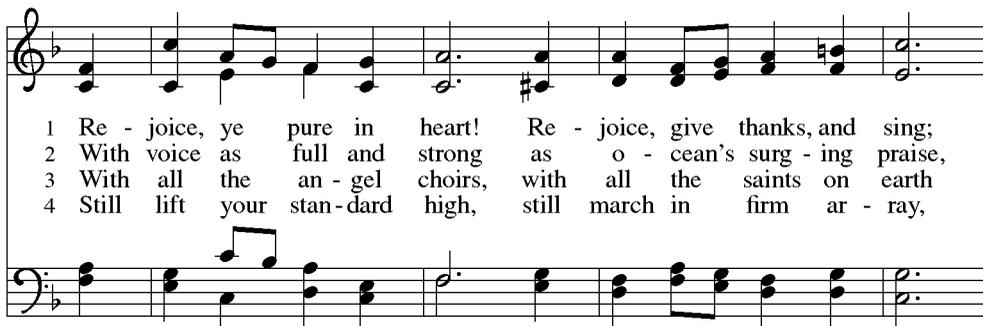
The Spirit sends us into the world to serve

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

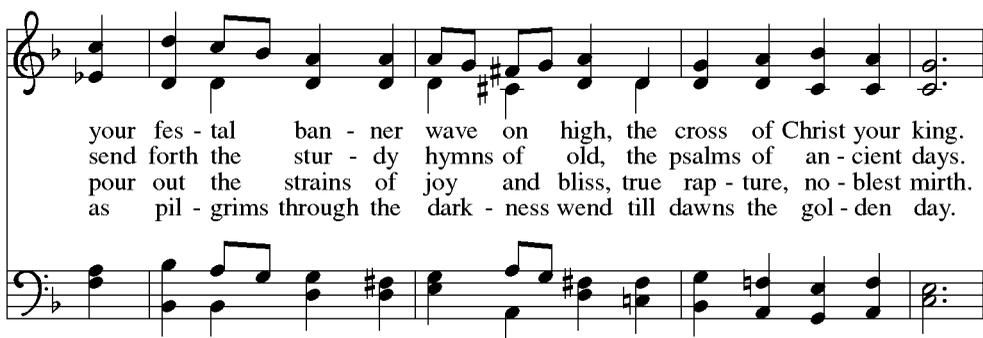
Blessing

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.

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

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

Postlude *Sonata No. 23 in F minor, III Presto*

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Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Tweener's Bible Study

Tweener's book study is winding to a close, with the final two sessions to discuss William Paul Young's Book "Lies we believe about God" on Tuesday July 11th and 18th. We will spend sometime recapping on July 18th so you don't want to miss our wrap up discussion of this eye opening and faith affirming book. Thanks to all who have come out over the last few months to wrestle with our faith and come to a deeper understanding of who God is in our lives.

Hero Central-Vacation Bible School

VBS: Hero Central – Discover your strength in God!

The most exciting superhero event of the summer is almost here and planning is underway for a most spectacular Vacation Bible School. We again look forward to welcoming our young ones to learn about God for the week as we focus on our theme verse - "Do Good. Seek Peace and go after it!" Psalm 34.



Now is the time to register for VBS!! Registrations are being done online this year (via the website and pastor's email stmarksconshy.org/vbs) and while it's never too late to come to VBS, we would like to have an idea of supplies for kids so we ask that registrations be in by July 31st. Ages 3 - 6th grade are welcome to register this year. Our three-year old's will be in a self-contained environment with age level appropriate curriculum just like the big kids!

There are several ways the whole congregation can support this ministry of faith formation and outreach to our community

- Supply lists for donate or borrowed supplies are up in the McCarney Room for items we need donated or to borrow from folks.

- Volunteer to be a superhero crew leaders helping our small groups of kids rotate between the various activity stations during the evening.
- Help with publicity - share our facebook posts, invite friends, neighbors and others to experience this heroic week learning about the power of the Spirit to empower us all.
- Pray for our week; for the leaders, for the kids, for the Spirit to be present among us as new families and kids come to experience God's love throughout ministries.



Our mission project this year will be to bring in food for our Colonial Neighborhood Council food pantry as we put into practice our key bible verse for the week—”Do Good! Seek peace and go after it!” Psalm 34. Our kids will learn to be superhero’s in their own community to make a difference right now!

Theology on Tap – Thursday July 13th

Join us for our next session of Theology on Tap following Dinner Church. We meet either at the church or down at the American Pub around 7:30 for a few drinks and a discussion of Martin Luther’s Small Catechism.

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark’s

Altar Flowers Sign up Board

We have a new altar flower sign up board in the hall way next to the choir room. On it you will find the schedule of Altar flowers for the next few months. If you need to correct language for memorials we kindly ask that you edit them or notify the office if language needs to be changed this year. Also you can sign up for any of the open slots by filling in your name and memorial language. Cost for Altar Flower is \$40.00 and checks should include altar flowers in the memo line or note so on your envelope.

Dinner Church over the summer

Shore calling your name on the weekends? You can still get your weekly “God Fix” in worship at Dinner Church! We gather on Thursday evenings at 6pm for a share meal and worship. Dinner is free and there’s always enough, so join us for this fun and informal way to worship this summer.

Service Ministry Announcements:

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

A House for Worship: Capital Appeal

At the congregational meeting in June our congregation approved to begin collecting funds for a capital appeal to address some building maintenance and improvement for our sanctuary space. Worship is central to who we are as a community, so taking care of our sanctuary space is of utmost importance. Our appeal is seeking to raise \$70,000 as part of our first phase of improvements to our sanctuary space. As part of this first phase we will be repairing exterior masonry that is causing water leaks around the stained glass windows, fix the plaster that is crumbling in the sanctuary, paint the interior of the whole sanctuary, and lay new carpet in the sanctuary. In other phases of the sanctuary appeal we will be addressing the pipe organ and further restoration of our stained glass windows.

Below are ways that we hope members of our congregation and community will prayerfully consider supporting in the coming year as we give of our time, our talents and our treasures to maintain the space that our community uses for worship and sanctuary space.

Ways you can support our capital appeal:

- Consider giving a special one time gift to the appeal
- Make a pledge to the Appeal.
- Consider increasing your weekly and monthly support by designating additional funds to the capital campaign in your offering
- Consider donating other assets to the church (stocks and bonds)

Ways to support using your time and talents:

- Consider holding a lemonade stand and donating the revenues to the capital appeal
- Get together with a team of St. Mark's folks to organize a benefit dinner or bag bingo.
- Support one of our ongoing fundraisers Octoberfest or Easter Eggs to help bolster our Fundraising revenue
- Help create a "GoFundMe"
- Ask for donations to the appeal instead of presents this year.

With the support of our whole community we can make this first phase a reality this year. As always, thank you for all you do to support the ministries of St. Mark's.

Special Collection Envelope – Forward Together in Faith

With our own capital appeal we will be supporting the capital campaign for our Synod as well. The Forward Together in Faith campaign is an appeal to create a fund to support the work of ministry at the congregational level for future years. The plan is to raise 2.5 million dollars to fund an income generating fund to resource ministry for congregational use across our synod. Already funds from this campaign are equipping congregations to be innovative. St. Mark's is one of the congregations receiving funds from this campaign to make the Co-Op program a possibility for our congregation; without the support of the synod we would not be able to afford having an intern. The goal of this synodical campaign is to resource and equip more congregations like St. Mark's to continue to be innovators in the 21st century mission field.

Items for CNC over the Summer

Summer is hard on those struggling with food security. Especially those families who rely and depend on school lunches that are not available over the summer. To help these families in need we are collecting kid friendly healthy snack items for our local food pantry to be donated as our items all summer long. Help us do a bit of God's work to feed the hungry in our community this summer.

Community Garden

Our garden plot is growing by leaps and bounds!! Everything has really taken off over the last few weeks. We are starting to see some peppers and tomatoes starting to grow on the plants. It should just be a matter of time before we start harvesting. We also put a large Rubbermaid bin in the shed there for a community pickup of additional produce to be delivered to CNC that will collect other gardeners excess to help be donated up to CNC.

Weeks are still available for sign up via our sign-upgenius page—signing up for a week just means you help take care of the garden for that week with water and weeding / tending. If you have questions please contact Matt Hoffman (Mhoffmanpga@gmail.com)

Download our new electronic giving app

You can now give electronically through the “Give+” app. Simply search for “give+” in either google or apple app store, set up a login, search for St. Mark's Lutheran church and set up either a onetime gift, or recurring payments. It's that easy! Look for other ways to give in the coming weeks and months as we continue to expand the ways you can generously support the ministries of St. Mark's.

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

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

New members on July 16th

Join us on July 16th for a fantastic day of worship as we welcome new members, celebrate the sacrament of baptism and hear some *very* special music. You don't want to miss this service over the summer.

Flat Jesus journeys with us this summer

Flat Jesus will be journeying with us again this summer as we reflect on how no matter where we go Jesus is with us! You are invited to take a copy or print out your own copy of flat Jesus and then take him along with you on your journey's this summer.

Snap a shot of Jesus with you on vacation, a work trip, at a wedding, or on the move as we remember that no matter where we go Jesus is with us! Then send your photos via email, text, or print them out and we will feature them on our facebook page over the summer. 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		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Boy Scouts</i>
<i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours	<i>7pm – Tweener's Bible Study</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Cub Scouts</i>
<i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	<i>6pm – Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i>
<i>Saturday</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>Kim Kriebel</i>
Communion	<i>Nate Ramsden</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Lara Hoffman</i>
Nursery	<i>Fike Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jen Ramsden</i>
Ushers	<i>Joe Dryburgh & Kathy Pokalo</i>
Counters	<i>Stephanie Conklin & Jen Schreiter</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 55:10-13
The growth of the word to accomplish God's purpose

Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13
Your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)

Romans 8:1-11
Live according to the Spirit

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
The parable of the sower and the seed