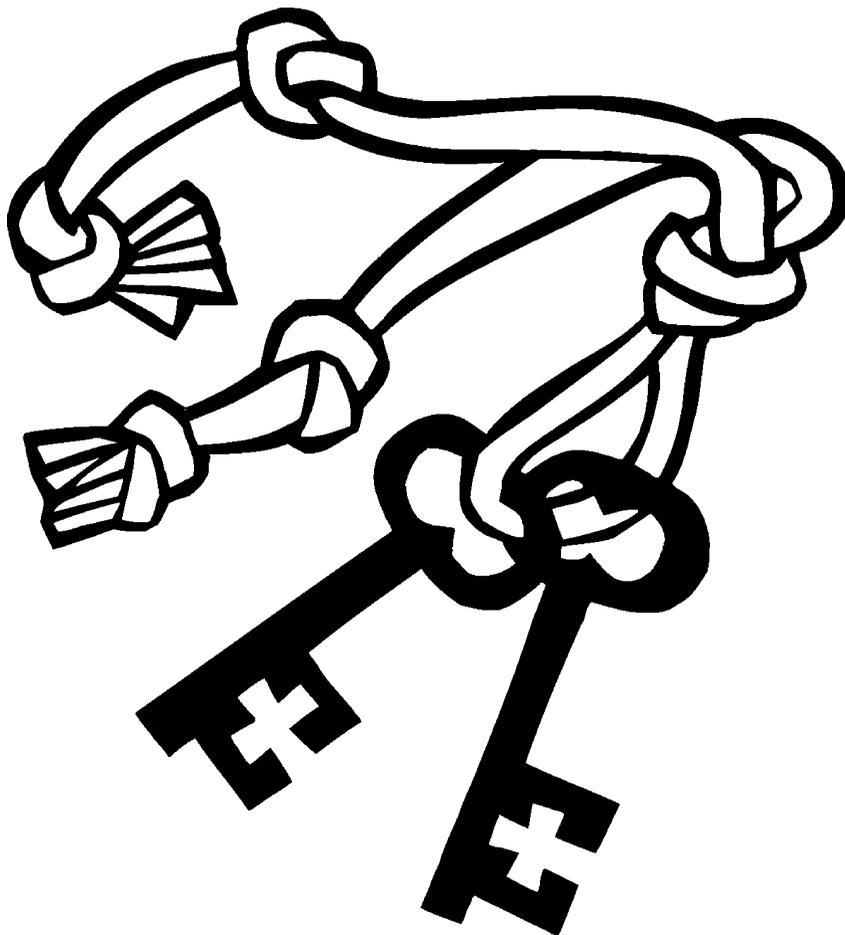


# **Saint Mark's Lutheran Church**

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*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

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Pastoral Intern	<i>Vicar Lenny Duncan</i>

Assisting Minister	<i>Katie Colaneri</i>
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Reader	<i>Bill Portzer</i>
Nursery	<i>Ramsden Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Nate Ramsden</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Joanne / Sandy</i>
Ushers	<i>Joe Dryburgh &amp; Pam Keebler</i>
Counters	<i>Pam Keebler &amp; Jen Schreiter</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Schreiner Family</i>

Altar Flowers	<i>Open and given to the glory of God.</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** *In Isaiah the people are bid to look to their spiritual ancestors as the rock from which they were hewn. Jesus declares that the church will be built on the rock of Peter's bold confession of faith. God's word of reconciliation and mercy are keys to the church's mission. Paul urges us to not be conformed to this world, but to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, using our individual gifts to build up the body of Christ. From the table we go forth to offer our spiritual worship through word and deed.*

**Prelude** *Aurelia* setting by Anne Krentz Organ

**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 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.

## 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.

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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**

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, 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**

*Isaiah 51:1-6*

*Just as God had called Abraham and Sarah and given them many descendants, so now God offers comfort to Zion. God's deliverance will come soon and will never end.*

A Reading from the book of Isaiah,

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness,  
you that seek the Lord.

Look to the rock from which you were hewn,  
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

<sup>2</sup>Look to Abraham your father  
and to Sarah who bore you;  
for Abraham was but one when I called him,  
but I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>For the Lord will comfort Zion;  
comfort all its waste places,  
and will make its wilderness like Eden,  
and its desert like the garden of the Lord;  
joy and gladness will be found in Zion,  
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

<sup>4</sup>Listen to me, my people,  
and give heed to me, my nation;  
for a teaching will go out from me,  
and my justice for a light to the peoples.

<sup>5</sup>I will bring near my deliverance swiftly,  
my salvation has gone out  
and my arms will rule the peoples;  
the coastlands wait for me,  
and for my arm they hope.

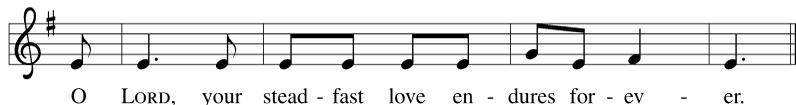
<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
and look at the earth beneath;  
for the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
the earth will wear out like a garment,  
and those who live on it will die like gnats;  
but my salvation will be forever,  
and my deliverance will never be ended.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

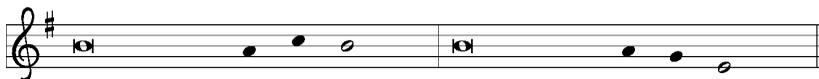
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### Psalm 138



Psalm 138:8

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- <sup>1</sup>I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with | my whole heart;  
before the gods I will | sing your praise.
- <sup>2</sup>**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast | love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.**
- <sup>3</sup>When I called, you | answered me;  
you increased my | strength within me.
- <sup>4</sup>**All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words | of your mouth. R**
- <sup>5</sup>They will sing of the ways | of the Lord,  
that great is the glory | of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup>**The Lord is high, yet cares | for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**
- <sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right | hand shall save me.
- <sup>8</sup>**You will make good your pur- | pose for me;  
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever; do not  
abandon the works | of your hands. R**

## Second Lesson

Romans 12:1-8

*In response to God's merciful activity, we are to worship by living holistic, God-pleasing lives. Our values and viewpoints are not molded by this age, but are transformed by the Spirit's renewing work. God's grace empowers different forms of service among Christians, but all forms of ministry function to build up the body of Christ.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans,

<sup>1</sup>I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable

to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many parts, and not all the parts have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are parts one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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 16:13-20*

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

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son-of-Man is?” <sup>14</sup>And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the dominion of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” <sup>20</sup>Then Jesus sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

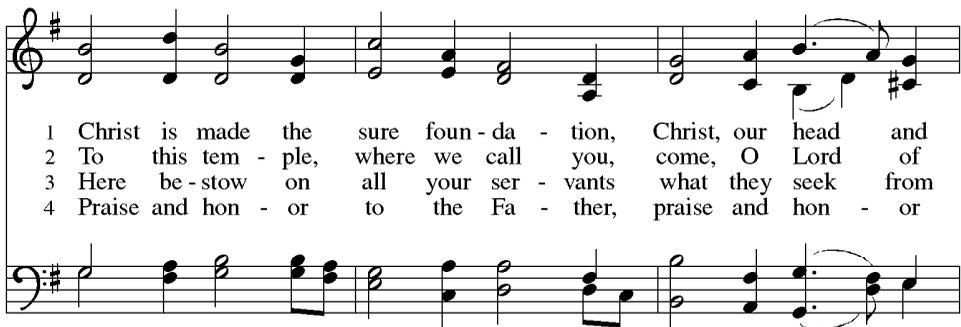
**Children’s  
Sermon**

*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**

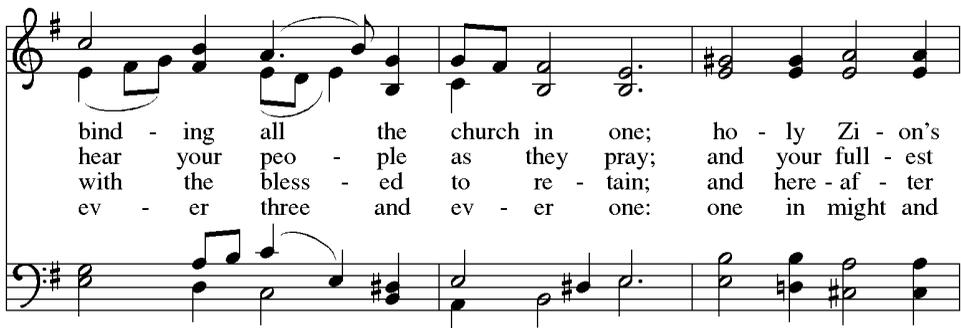
## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## 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.**

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

*Don Dunn, Katie Gresh, Dottie  
Woodring, Ann Beatty, John I  
Holdsworth, Linda Jara, Dawn  
W., Jenny, Donnie, Steven, Uncle  
Jimmy, Malervy Family, Carolyn  
Nancy W., Joanne W.H., Lois,  
Rachel, Jenny, Tara, Mike,  
Michelle H and Sharon.*

## ***We give thanks for:***

*Joahanna MacNamee and Joan  
Metz, members of our community*

## ***For those grieving:***

*The Metz Family*

**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.*

**+ 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.*

*During the month of August, we will be collecting for the **Martin Luther Silver Spring School**, which was founded in 1859 in Philadelphia, but is currently located in Plymouth Meeting and promotes trauma recovery and family reunification in a nurturing and healing environment with a quality educational program.*

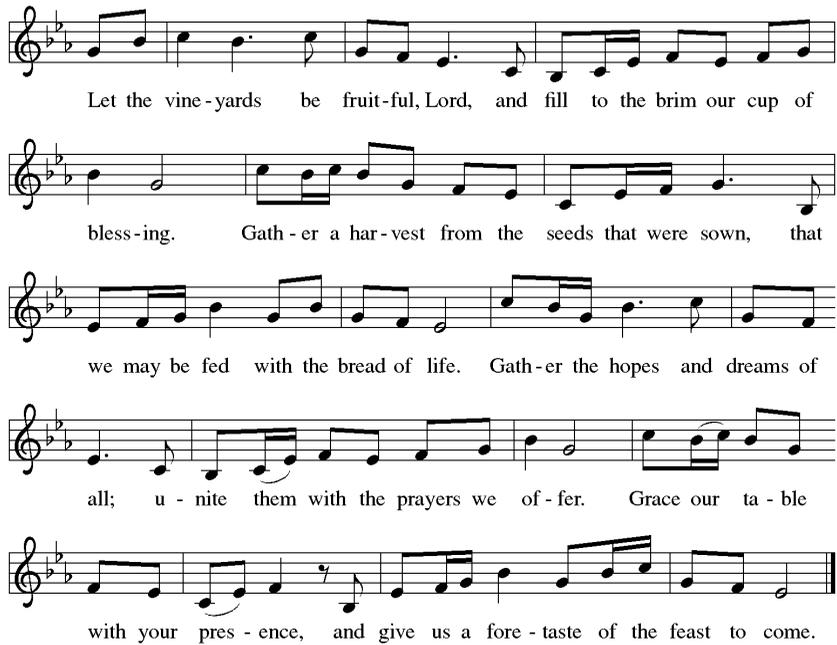
**Offertory**

*How Can I Keep from Singing*  
Katie Colaneri, Hannah Knauss,  
Emily Ballentine Erb

by Robert Lowry, arr. David Barton

## 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.

## 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

*Dialogue*

The Lord be with you  
And also with you.  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*Proper Preface*

*The Presiding Minister continues:*  
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

ELW 652

## Built on a Rock



1 Built on a rock the church shall stand, e - ven when stee - ples are  
2 Sure - ly, in tem - ples made with hands God the Most High is not  
3 Christ builds a house of liv - ing stones: we are his own hab - i -  
4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is  
5 Through all the pass - ing years, O Lord, grant that, when church bells are



fall - ing; crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, bells still are  
dwell - ing— high in the heav'n's his tem - ple stands, all earth - ly  
ta - tion; he fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, grant - ing us  
bless - ing; hith - er we come to praise his name, faith in our  
ring - ing, man - y may come to hear your Word, who here this



chim - ing and call - ing— call - ing the young and old to rest, call - ing the  
tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet God who dwells in heav'n a - bove deigns to a -  
life and sal - va - tion. Where two or three will seek his face, he in their  
Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, mak - ing with  
prom - ise is bring - ing: "I know my own, my own know me; you, not the



souls of those dis - tressed, long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
bide with us in love, mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
midst will show his grace, bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
us his cov - e - nant, grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.  
world, my face shall see; my peace I leave with you. A - men."

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## Communion Hymn

ELW 791

## We Sing to You, O God

1 We sing to you, O God,

the Rock who gave us birth,  
let our rejoicing sing  
your name in all the earth.  
To you, O God, let songs be raised,  
in joyful hymns, our feast of praise.

- 2 We wandered far from home  
out in a desert land,  
you shielded with your love  
our fearful pilgrim band.  
You kept us safe within your arms  
and sheltered us against the storm.
- 3 You bear us through the world,  
an eagle to its young;  
you rise up on your wings  
and bear us toward the sun.  
We ride the vaults of light and air  
and trust in your unfailing care.
- 4 O God, eternal God,  
we hide within your wings,  
the everlasting arms  
to whom our praises ring.  
Your word is true, your way is just,  
You are the God in whom we trust.

Text: Gracia Grindal, b. 1943

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## Communion Blessing

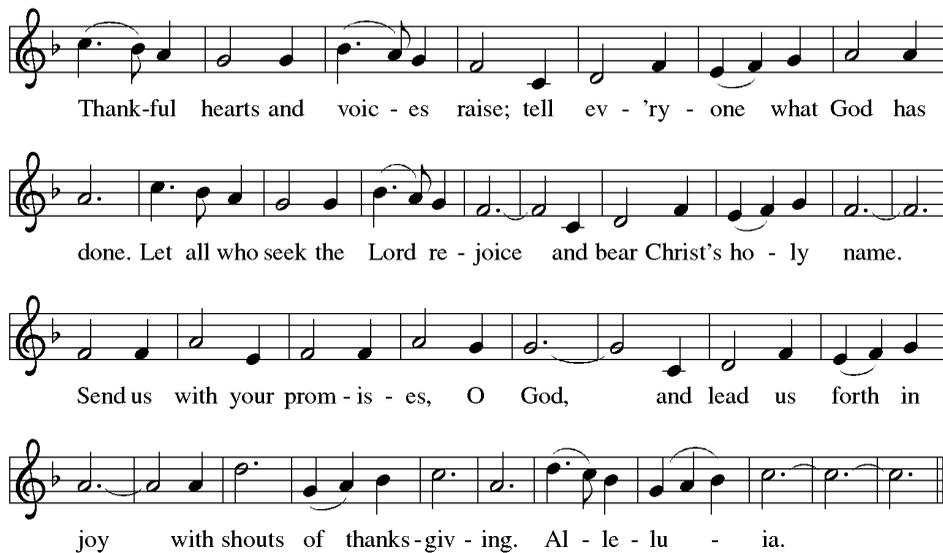
*The assembly stands*

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 every one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name.  
Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in  
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

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.**

# My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sus -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; no mer - it of my  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
tain me in the rag - ing flood; when all sup - ports are  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his righ - teous -

own I claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
washed a - way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, re - deemed to stand be - fore the throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

**Postlude** *Westminster Abbey*

setting by David Christiansen

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## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Faith Formation is coming soon**

Before you know it we will be back to offering Faith Formation classes on Sunday mornings. We are working right now on setting up a sign up sheet for faith formation teachers for our young person class and are seeking folks to help teach a week of faith formation. Teaching is easy as reading the bible story and walking through the guided questions in response to the video and the bible story. There are always other leaders around to help facilitate the class as well, so you aren't teaching alone! If you are interested in becoming a faith formation teacher this year, please see Pastor, Beth Patruno or Kim Kriebel to be connected to the sign-up sheet.

“Back-to-school” Sunday will be our first day of Faith Formation classes – September 10<sup>th</sup> so mark your calendars!

### **Confirmation Classes forming**

Pastor is looking to form a Confirmation group that would begin the process of Confirmation (or Affirmation of Baptism). If your child is ready to begin the process of confirmation (and they are if they are asking questions about their faith) or even if they aren't and are in grades 4 – 8 we would like to begin the process with you. We would be meeting for check-in's once a month on Sunday mornings with the potential of additional meetings based on the group availability and need. If you are interested in enrolling your child as part of this group, please let Pastor know to be included in the communications.

### **Tweener's Bible Study**

Tweener's Tuesday bible study will resume for the fall on Tuesday September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. This fall we will be exploring elements of our Lutheran heritage and tradition as we prepare for the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. During the study we will be exploring the book “Together by Grace: Introducing the

Lutherans” as we explore global and contemporary voice in our Lutheran tradition. Cost of the book is \$12.00 and a sign up for book orders will be in the McCarney Room.

## Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

As part of our program year this year, we will be exploring all the various ways we are formed as disciples by our faith. One ancient and powerful faith formation activity is a holy trip called a pilgrimage. Christians have for centuries made journeys to the Israel/Palestine to see the land that formed our story of Christianity. Pastor would like to form a pilgrimage this year for members of St. Mark’s to journey to the Holy Land. Exact dates are still a bit up in the air – but details would be after Easter (late April, May, or June) for 15 days and the cost for the trip would include airfare hotel and transportation costs (lunch and spending money would be on your own) around \$3,500-\$4,000 a person. If this would be a meaningful opportunity for you – please speak with pastor to find out more details about making this trip to see the land of Jesus!

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

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

### Music Ministry Choirs to begin again for the fall

*“Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.”  
Ephesians 5:19*

The Music Ministry at St. Mark's is preparing for another season of music-making and fellowship! All are welcome to be part of our ensembles! You don't need to know how to read notation; you just need to love music! As Paul encouraged the people of Ephesus, music is an integral part of the worship experience and builds community as the music-makers use their talents to give glory to God.

The Sunday schedule for Adult Choir, Bell Choir, and Faith Formation Singers is below through December. Rehearsals will begin on Thursday, August 31; Adult Choir meets from 7:00-7:45, and Bell Choir meets from 7:45-8:30. If you have any questions or want more information, talk to Emily Ballentine Erb, Director of Music, after worship on Sunday or send her an email at [emily@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:emily@stmarksconshy.org).

ADULT CHOIR	BELL CHOIR	FAITH FORMATION
· SEPTEMBER 10	· SEPTEMBER 17	· OCTOBER 15
· OCTOBER 1	· OCTOBER 8	· NOVEMBER 19

### Seeking new worship assistants

We are trying to bolster our worship volunteer lists for the fall and are seeking interested folks for Altar Guild, Assisting Minister, Ushers and Offering Counters. To find out more about those roles, see Lauren Parkin (Worship Ministry Lead Council Member), or Pam Keebler to find out more about the details of those jobs.

## Altar Flower Openings

We have openings for Altar Flowers on September 17<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 29<sup>th</sup> – if you are interested in signing up for these dates, please call the office 610.828.0581 or email Vicar Lenny – vicar@stmarksconshy.org. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this a yearly memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

## Special Worship Services in September

The first few weeks of September will feature a few special worship elements as we celebrate Labor Day and the beginning of our program year. On Sunday September 3<sup>rd</sup> we will feature a special “affirmation of baptism” as we give thanks to God for the gifts given to us for our work and labor. We will affirm our many vocations and give thanks for God who goes with us to work, to rest and to play. Then on Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> we will kick off our program year with “Back-to-School” Sunday with a blessing of the backpacks for our young disciples as we bless them and send them off to school to be a blessing to others. Join us – you don’t want to miss it!

## Service Ministry Announcements:

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

### Special Collection Envelope: Silver Springs –Martin Luther School

This month we support the ministry and work of Silver Springs – Martin Luther School. Martin Luther School is an Approved Private School that provides a holistic educational approach to assist students in kindergarten through eighth grade. These students are often in need of an out-of-district placement with additional support to help them address learning, emotional, and behavioral challenges. The school helps to transform lives of young children and families. It has deep roots as part of a Lutheran social service organization and is one of the ways we support doing God’s work, with our hands for children in need. SS-ML also hosts a benefit fundraiser in November, “Dining with Friends” that is another way to support the school. The event is a benefit dinner and silent auction with a celebrity chef. If people are interested, we could potential get a St. Mark’s table this year. Chefs 2017 will be held at the lovely Green Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, PA on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6 pm to 10 pm.

### A House for Worship: Capital Appeal

Our capital campaign is off to a great start. In the first two months we have received contributions over \$7,000! We are well on our way to our goal of \$70,000.

At the congregational meeting in June we voted to begin a process to collect funds for repairs and improvements to our sanctuary space; masonry work on our stained glass windows, plaster repair, painting the interior of the sanctuary, exterior trim painting, and replacing the carpet in the sanctuary.

We hope in the next month or so to begin to make decisions about when improvements might begin to be scheduled to be completed – so let’s keep the good work going and thank you to those who have made special gifts or contributions to this appeal already!

*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.*

## **Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:**

*Learn about ways that you can help spread the “Good News”*

### **Octoberfest Fundraiser Dinner**

We will be holding our Octoberfest dinner on Saturday October 14th from 4:30—7:30 with take-out available. If you are interested in helping Pastor and JoPop put this event together this year, please contact Pastor via email [pastor@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:pastor@stmarksconshy.org) or give a call to Joanne Popowicz 610.639.2011. We will be holding an organizational meeting on Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm for those who would like to assist with getting Octoberfest underway this year.

## This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours		<i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Boy Scouts</i>
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<i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Cub Scouts</i>
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<i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed	<i>7pm-Octoberfest planning Meeting</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
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<i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	<i>6pm – Dinner Church</i> <i>7pm- Adult Choir</i> <i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i>
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<i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours		<i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i>
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<i>Saturday</i>		<i>7pm – AA Group</i>
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<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>Jo Popowicz</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Joe Dryburgh</i>
Nursery	<i>Logan Family</i>
Acolyte	
Altar Guild	<i>Joanne Copestick / Sandy Portzer</i>
Ushers	<i>Jim Orman / Joe Dryburgh</i>
Counters	<i>Rhea Moore / LJ Kriebel</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Schreiter Family</i>

### Readings for next week:

[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#)

*God fortifies the prophet against opposition*

[Psalms 26:1-8](#)

*Your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you. (Ps. 26:3)*

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

*Live in harmony*

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

*The passion prediction and rebuke to Peter*