

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

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*Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

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Fellowship Hour	<i>Donna and George Kobi</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 today's second reading Paul questions why we judge one another, since we all stand before the judgment of God. Yet we do sin against one another, and Jesus' challenge that we forgive seventy-seven times reveals God's boundless mercy. When we hear the words of forgiveness in worship and sign ourselves with the cross, we are renewed in baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world.*

**Prelude** *Partita on Lasst uns erfreuen* Anne Krentz Organ

**Invocation** Blessed be the **+** holy Trinity,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.  
**Amen**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** *The presiding ministry addresses the assembly as we turn to the font to give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as we give thanks*

We give you thanks for the waters of creation's birth.  
Over them the Spirit brooded, bring forth life in all its fullness.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We give you thanks for the waters that flowed from the rock. With them  
God provided drink for the people and their livestock; in them the holiness  
of God was shown forth.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We bless you for the waters of Jacob's well. From them Jesus asked a drink  
of the Samaritan woman; in return he offered her the gift of living water.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We bless you for the water and blood that flowed from Christ's side as he hung upon the cross; in them he gave birth to his sisters and brothers.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism. In this water we were buried with Christ in his death; from this water we were raised to share in the resurrection; through this water we were reborn of the Holy Spirit.

**We thank you.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that as we died and rose again in the water of baptism,  
we may now preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, and set at liberty those who are oppressed.

**We praise you.**

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**



Opening  
Hymn  
ELW  
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# I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
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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

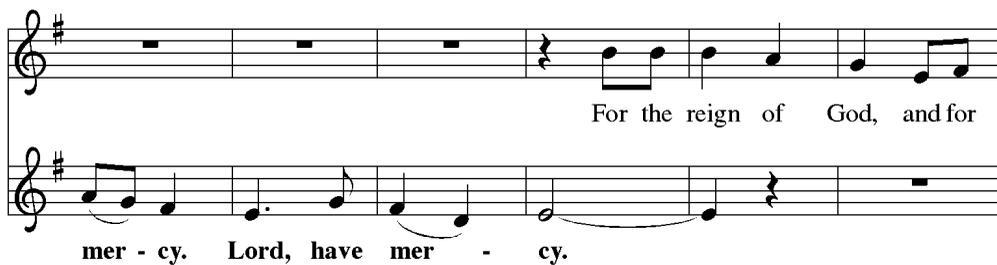


In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

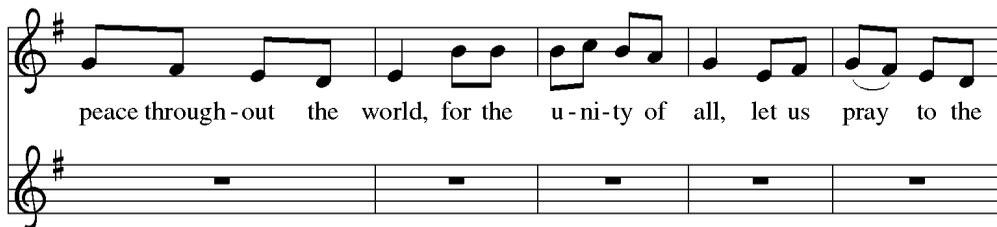
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For the reign of God, and for

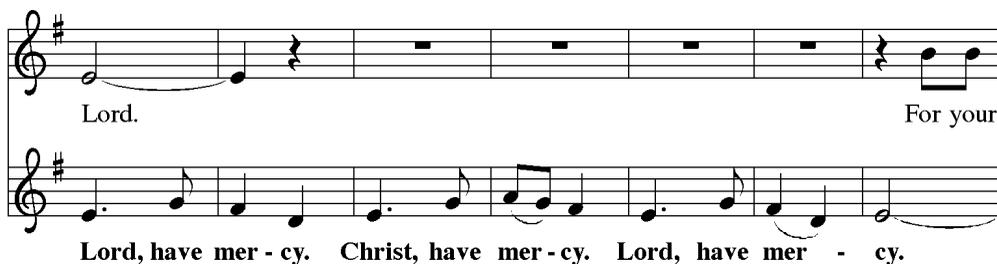
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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Lord. For your

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

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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 - mighty 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 Lord God, merciful judge, you are the inexhaustible fountain of forgiveness. Replace our hearts of stone with hearts that love and adore you, that we may delight in doing 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**

*Genesis 50:15-21* *After Jacob's death, the brothers of Joseph begged for forgiveness for the crime they had done against him. You intended to do me harm, Joseph said, but God used this as an opportunity to do good and save many lives*

A Reading from the book of Genesis,

<sup>15</sup>Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalmody**

*Psalm 103:[1-7]*

8-13

Musical notation for Psalm 103:1-7. The first line of music is in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are: LORD, you are full of com - pas - sion and mer - cy, of com - pas - sion and mer - cy. The second line of music is in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are: of com - pas - sion and mer - cy. The third line of music is in treble clef with a common time signature. The lyrics are: of com - pas - sion and mer - cy.

<sup>1</sup>Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and all that is within me, bless God's | holy name.

<sup>2</sup>**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,  
and forget not | all God's benefits—**

<sup>3</sup>who forgives | all your sins  
 and heals all | your diseases;  
<sup>4</sup>**who redeems your life | from the grave**  
**and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy; R**  
<sup>5</sup>who satisfies your desires | with good things  
 so that your youth is renewed | like an eagle's.  
<sup>6</sup>**O Lord, you provide | vindication**  
**and justice for all who | are oppressed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You made known your | ways to Moses  
 and your works to the chil- | dren of Israel.]  
<sup>8</sup>**Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**  
**slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love; R**  
<sup>9</sup>you will not al- | ways accuse us,  
 nor will you keep your an- | ger forever.  
<sup>10</sup>**You have not dealt with us according | to our sins,**  
**nor repaid us according to | our iniquities.**  
<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high a- | bove the earth,  
 so great is your steadfast love for | those who fear you.  
<sup>12</sup>**As far as the east is | from the west,**  
**so far have you removed our transgres- | sions from us.**  
<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion | for his children,  
 so you have compassion for those who fear | you, O Lord. **R**

**Second Lesson** *This Christian community has significant struggles with diversity. Here Paul helps Romans 14:1-12 us understand that despite different practices in worship and personal piety, we do not judge one another. All Christians belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who died for all of us and will judge each of us.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans,

<sup>1</sup>Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

<sup>5</sup>Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks

to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

<sup>7</sup>We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

<sup>10</sup>Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18:21-35*

*When Peter asks about the limits of forgiveness, Jesus responds with a parable that suggests human forgiveness should mirror the unlimited mercy of God.*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

**Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as

seven times?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

<sup>23</sup>“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

**Children’s  
Sermon**

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Bryan Penman**



## Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive



1 “For - give our sins as we for - give,” you taught us, Lord, to pray;  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew;  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease;



but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
how tri - fling oth - ers' debts to us; how great our debt to you!  
then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond E. Herklots, 1905–1987, alt.  
Music: DETROIT, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844  
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### 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*  
Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

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

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

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting the power of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*Don Dunn, Katie Gresh, Dottie Woodring, Ann Beatty, John I Holdsworth, Linda Jara, Dawn W, Jenny, Donnie, Kay Thomilson, Carolyn M, Tara, Mike, Uncle Jimmy, Joanne, Nancy, Tony and Camille, Bill and Patricia.*

**We give thanks for:** *The many rescue workers and relief workers in Texas and Florida this week*

## **For those grieving:**

*Carolyn and the Malerry 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 September, we will be collecting for **Cradles to Crayons**, an idea first conceived in 2000 by Lyn Margherio while watching her niece and nephew largely ignore most their toys and art supplies—an idea came to her: What if all of these like-new or never-used children's things could find their way into the homes of other boys and girls—kids who really needed them? Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.*

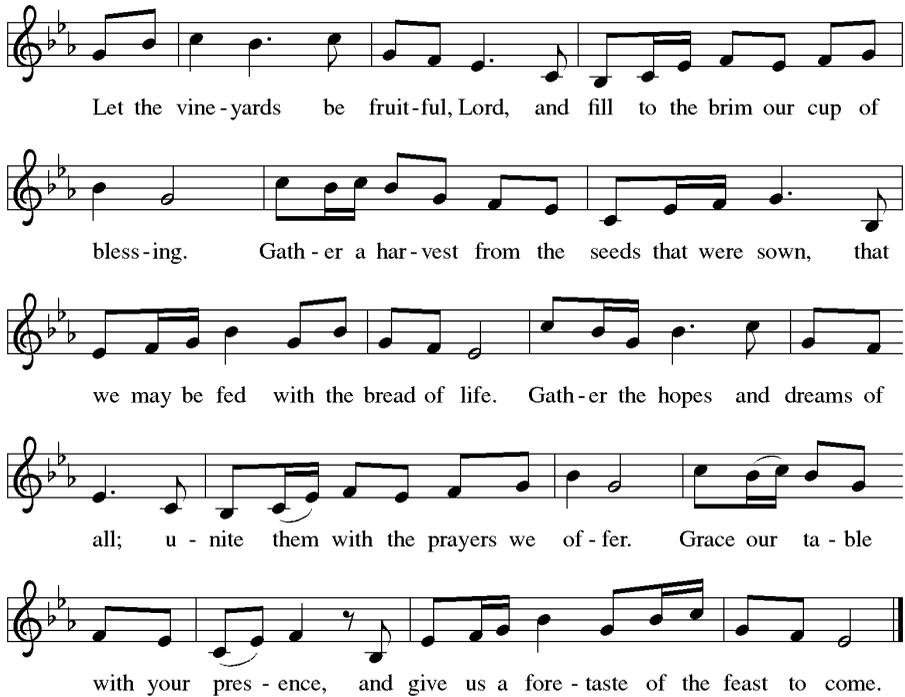
## Offertory

*Goodness is Stronger Than Evil*  
Bell Choir

by Desmond Tutu and John L. Bell,  
arr. Emily Ballentine Erb

### 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

God of life,  
you give us these gifts of the earth,  
these resources of our life and our labor.  
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,  
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.  
**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**

*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.*

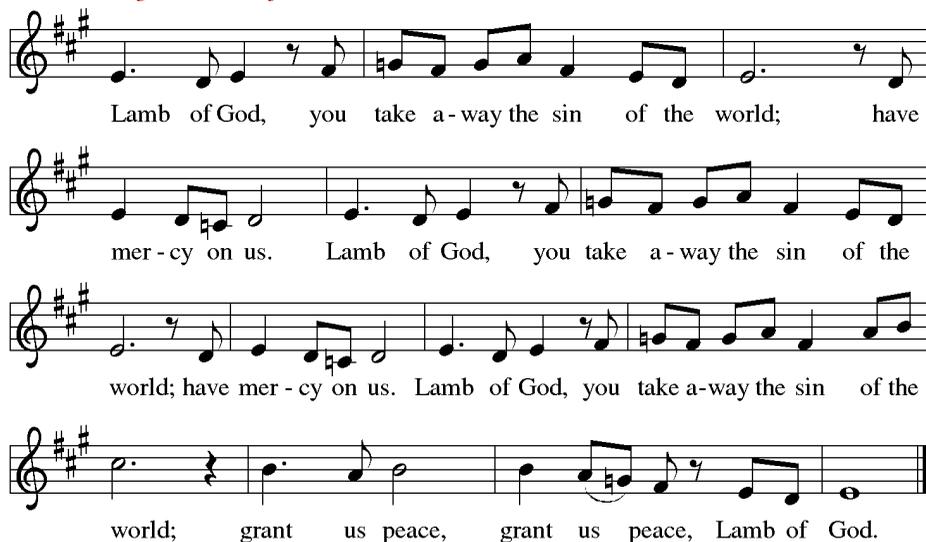
## Invitation to Communion

*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. Children and their families going to Faith Formation  
are invited to the altar rail first.*

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,  
and make us one with you.

*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 359

### Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate-ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.  
Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842  
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## Communion Hymn

ELW 639

### When We Are Living

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so please turn in the cranberry hymnals to hymn number 639.*

## 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 voice - 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

Holy and compassionate God,  
in bread and wine you give us gifts  
that form us to be humble and courageous.  
May your words come to life  
in our serving and in our witness,  
that we might speak a living voice  
of healing and justice to all the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.  
**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 the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you, may he guide you through the wilderness and protect you in the storms of life, may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, may he bring you home rejoicing once again to our doors. In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

Closing  
Hymn

ELW  
447



## O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us  
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain  
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their  
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our  
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to  
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing  
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will  
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take  
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.  
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.  
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.  
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.  
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953  
Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950  
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**Dismissal** Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Lasst uns erfreuen*

setting by Joshua Evanovich

**Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, died 1179****Sunday, September 17, 2017**

A mystic who was widely influential within the church, Hildegard advised and reproved kings and popes, wrote poems and hymns, and produced treatises in medicine, theology, and natural history. She was also a musician and artist.

**Dag Hammarskjöld, renewer of society, died 1961****Monday, September 18, 2017**

A Swedish diplomat, Hammarskjöld served as the second Secretary General of the United Nations until his death in a plane crash while trying to negotiate peace in present-day Zambia. His journal, published as *Markings*, revealed the depth of his Christian faith.

**Nelson Wesley Trout, bishop, died 1996 (TFF)****Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

A native of Ohio, Trout served parishes in several parts of the United States before being elected bishop of the South Pacific District of the American Lutheran Church, the first African American Lutheran to serve in such a capacity.

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist****Thursday, September 21, 2017**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them, and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

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## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Faith Formation on Sunday Resumes**

Faith formation activities have resumed following worship each Sunday. Each Sunday we offer two experiences to nurture our lives of faith; one class for young disciples and one class for older disciples. Our younger class meets upstairs for age level appropriate reflections on our readings from worship, prayer, and songs. Our older class meets in the Choir Room (note location change this year) for reflection on the readings as well as a once a month special topic.

### **Confirmation Classes forming**

Our new confirmation class will meet for the first time on Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm following Dinner Church. This first class will also be a time for a bit of logistical planning for the year, so parents are encouraged to attend as well.

### **Adult Faith Formation Today – Vicar Lenny’s Documentary**

Join us following worship for a special screening of Vicar Lenny’s documentary, “Do Black Churches Matter in the ELCA?” As we explore the intersection of race and the church, Vicar Lenny worked on an independent study last spring to research and interview folks from across the church as they answered the question, “Do black churches matter?” Join us for the documentary and discussion as part of our special topic Adult Faith Formation this month.

### **Faithful Parents Class**

On Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> we will meet at 7pm for our first Faithful Parent’s class for the fall. This group is set up to support parents in their work of passing on faith to their children by equipping them with tips and tricks to engage faith in the home. Conversations in the car, around the dinner table, before bed, and dropping off at school can be great times to infuse with rituals and traditions, faithful conversations and acts of service that will help you become closer to your kids and develop deep and vibrant faith lives for your families. So join us this year as we, along with other faithful parents across the country, re-imagine what discipleship could look like in our community.

### **Tweener’s Bible Study – Our Lutheran Heritage**

Tweener’s Tuesday bible study will resume for the fall on Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm (the 19<sup>th</sup> is the correct date, last week’s bulletin was listed incorrectly). 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.

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

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

### First Communion Class

Our first Communion Class for the fall will hold a kick off meeting on Tuesday September 26<sup>th</sup> from 5pm – 6pm at the church. Parents and youth interested in First Communion are invited to attend to begin the process for the year.

### 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.

### St. Francis of Assisi Day – Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday October 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7pm we will be blessing our animal companions outside the front of the church. Saint Francis was known for his care and compassion for creation and so to honor his feast day we bless and give thanks for the animal companions in our own lives. Animals of all kinds are welcome at the blessing and if you would like to help out with the blessing service – speak with Pastor. It's a great service for kids to participate in!!

### Altar Flower Openings

We have openings for Altar Flowers on October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, and October 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.

ALSO – please note that the **Altar Flower list is up on the bulletin board in the hallway** for the rest of the fall, if you have given flowers in previous years – please indicate memorial language for this years altar flowers by writing them in the box. If you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers for any of the other openings this fall, please just write your name in the “given by” box.

## Service Ministry Announcements:

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

### Hurricane Relief

With two devastating hurricanes hitting both Florida and the Gulf Coast, Lutheran Disaster Response needs our help now more than ever.

**Lutheran Disaster Response** is a highly reputable ELCA organization that supports case management primarily, through local providers like Lutheran Social Services. They give by need and not by creed. Learn more about giving to LDR at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

**Or give to St. Mark's** by designating Harvey // LDR on your check we will send the donation for you.

### Special Collection Envelope: Cradles to Crayons

Each month we take up a special collection to help local and national organizations do a bit of God's work, with our *resources*. This month we support the ongoing work of Cradles to Crayons to assist children living at or below poverty get essentials they need for school and daily living. Cradles to Crayons is a local non-profit that aids over 1.2 Million kids across the three metro areas they serve. In Philadelphia alone there are an estimated 130,000 children living in poverty and each day Cradles works to aid and provide for these vulnerable children in our community.

### Special Need for Cereal at the Food Pantry @ CNC

Right now there is absolute need at CNC for cereal; there were only 2 boxes on the shelf this week when Karen Hanna took our weekly items. With the kiddos back to school, they need to have breakfast!!

### A House for Worship: Capital Appeal

As we find ourselves getting back into the routine for fall, a reminder of our ongoing Capital Appeal is still underway. At this point we have raised over \$8,700 and are well on our way to our \$70,000 goal. 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. ***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

Mark your calendars – Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> for our annual fundraiser dinner! It’s delicious Pork, Sauerkraut and all the fixings (to include homemade applesauce!). Cost is \$10 for adults (all you can eat) with kids (2-10) \$4.00 with a special kid-friendly menu of hotdogs, chicken nuggets, and mac and cheese. Take out is available as well as delicious treats on our bake sale table!

Volunteers are needed Saturday to help with the dinner, but we are also looking for volunteers the week leading up to the event to assist with food prep. A sign-up sheet is in the McCarney Fellowship room as well as a link to Sign-Up Genius in the weekly pastor’s email.

Tell your family, tell your friends, join us for our annual fundraiser dinner!

## Conshy Beer Fest Evangelism Table

St. Mark's will again have a free water stand at this year's Conshohocken Beerfest on Sat. October 14th. Looking for folks to help set up, or man the table during the event. Great opportunity to socialize with members of our community and get ourselves out there. If you are interested in helping – please contact Joe Ruggiero ([josephmuggiero@yahoo.com](mailto:josephmuggiero@yahoo.com)) he is looking for help to set up in the morning (going to BJ's with me to buy water and bring to A field in Conshohocken) or staff the table passing out water (12:30PM - 5PM) and talking to folks.

## 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!

### This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	7pm-Finance Team Meeting	6am - Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts
<i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours	7pm-Tweeners Bible Study	6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts
<i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed	7-pm Faithful Parenting Group	6am – Meals on Wheels
<i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	6pm – Dinner Church 7pm-Adult Choir 7:45pm-Bell Choir	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 10:15am- Faith Formation 10:30am – Fellowship Hour	7pm – Venture Crew

### Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Sheldon Erb</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Karen Hanna</i>
Reader	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
Nursery	<i>Hoffman Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jacob Fazzari</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Ushers	<i>Bill Portzger/ Dolores Lush</i>
Counters	<i>Pam Keebler/Lara Hoffman</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Fellowship Hour	

### Readings for next week:

#### **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

God's concern for the city of Nineveh

#### **Psalm 145:1-8**

The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Ps. 145:8)

#### **Philippians 1:21-30**

Standing firm in the gospel

#### **Matthew 20:1-16**

The parable of the vineyard workers