

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

*September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

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Counters	<i>Susan Dryburgh/ Susan Jacovino</i>
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Fellowship Hour	

Altar Flowers *Given by Vicar Lenny in loving memory of his mother Loretta, whom he is sure is harassing Jesus as you read this.*

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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**

*Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation*

**Prelude**

*Berglund*

setting by Mark Sedio

**Invocation**

Blessed be the † holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us,  
the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.

**Amen**

**Thanksgiving  
for Baptism**

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

We give you thanks for the waters of the Red Sea.  
Through them the people of Israel walked on dry ground.  
Then all the women took tambourines and danced and the prophet Miriam proclaimed "Sing of our God, who has triumphed gloriously!"

**Blessed be God forever.**

We give you thanks for the waters of the desert rivers.  
Through them you gave drink to your chosen people, that they might declare your praise.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We bless you for the waters of the Sea of Galilee;  
Into them Jesus' disciples cast their nets,  
out of them they caught many fish.

**Blessed be God forever.**

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism.  
In this water we become one with Jesus Christ  
And were incorporated into Christ's body the church; through this water  
we were made temples of your Spirit.

**We thank you.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
 That as we were clothed with Christ through the waters of baptism, we  
 may proclaim: "There is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male  
 or female; all are one in Christ Jesus."

**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 453*

**Baptized and Set Free**



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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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.

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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, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, 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**

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

*God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.*

A Reading from the book of Ezekiel,

<sup>15</sup>O Lord, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

<sup>16</sup>Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O Lord, God of hosts.

<sup>17</sup>I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,

for you had filled me with indignation.

<sup>18</sup>Why is my pain unceasing,

my wound incurable,

refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,

like waters that fail.

<sup>19</sup>Therefore thus says the Lord:

If you turn back, I will take you back,

and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,

you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,

not you who will turn to them.

<sup>20</sup>And I will make you to this people

a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,

but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you

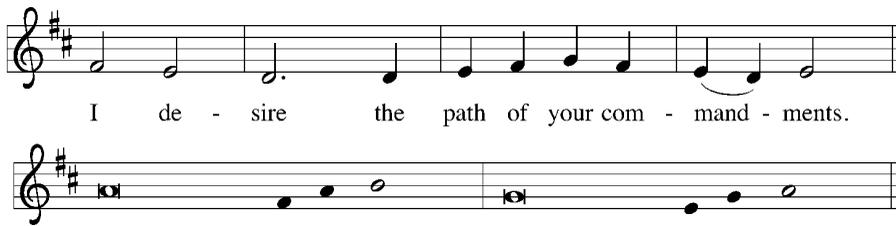
to save you and deliver you,  
says the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,  
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless..

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 119:33-40*



<sup>33</sup>Teach me, O Lord, the way | of your statutes,  
and I shall keep it | to the end.

<sup>34</sup>**Give me understanding, and I shall | keep your teaching;  
I shall keep it with | all my heart.**

<sup>35</sup>Lead me in the path of | your commandments,  
for that is | my desire.

<sup>36</sup>**Incline my heart to | your decrees  
and not to | unjust gain. R**

<sup>37</sup>Turn my eyes from be- | holding falsehood;  
give me life | in your way.

<sup>38</sup>**Fulfill your promise | to your servant,  
which is for | those who fear you.**

<sup>39</sup>Turn away the reproach | that I dread,  
because your judg- | ments are good.

<sup>40</sup>**Behold, I long for | your commandments;  
by your righteousness en- | liven me. R**

## Second Lesson

*Romans 13:8-14*

*The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.*

A reading from the letter to the Romans,

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, “You shall not

commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.”<sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup>the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup>let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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 18:15-20*

*Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should show wrongdoers their need for repentance.*

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:]<sup>15c</sup> “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one.”<sup>16</sup> But if you are

not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup>If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup>Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup>Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup>For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

### 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 603

### God, When Human Bonds Are Broken



1 God, when hu - man bonds are bro - ken and we lack the  
 2 Through that still - ness, with your Spir - it come in - to our  
 3 You in us are bruised and bro - ken: hear us as we  
 4 Send us, God of new be - gin - nings, hum - bly hope - ful  
 5 Give us faith to be more faith - ful, give us hope to



love or skill to re - store the hope of heal - ing,  
 world of stress, for the sake of Christ for - giv - ing  
 seek re - lease from the pain of ear - lier liv - ing;  
 in - to life. Use us as a means of bless - ing:  
 be more true, give us love to go on learn - ing:



give us grace and make us still.  
 all the fail - ures we con - fess.  
 set us free and grant us peace.  
 make us stron - ger, give us faith.  
 God, en - cour - age and re - new!

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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 in  
the power of prayer and your love for us.

**Amen.**

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

*Don Dunn, Katie Gresh, Dottie  
Woodring, Ann Beatty, John I  
Holdsworth, Linda Jara, Dawn  
W., Jenny, Donnie, Joyce, Wally,  
Patty, Kaye Thomilson, Carolyn  
M.*

***We give thanks for:***

*Fred and Luann Tomlinson, who  
celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding  
anniversary*

***We pray for this in grief:***

*Uncle Jimmy and 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 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

*Where Two or Three are Gathered*

by Stan Pethel

Adult Choir

### 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**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*Dialogue*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise**

*Proper Preface*

*The Presiding Minister continues:*

It is indeed right, 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.*

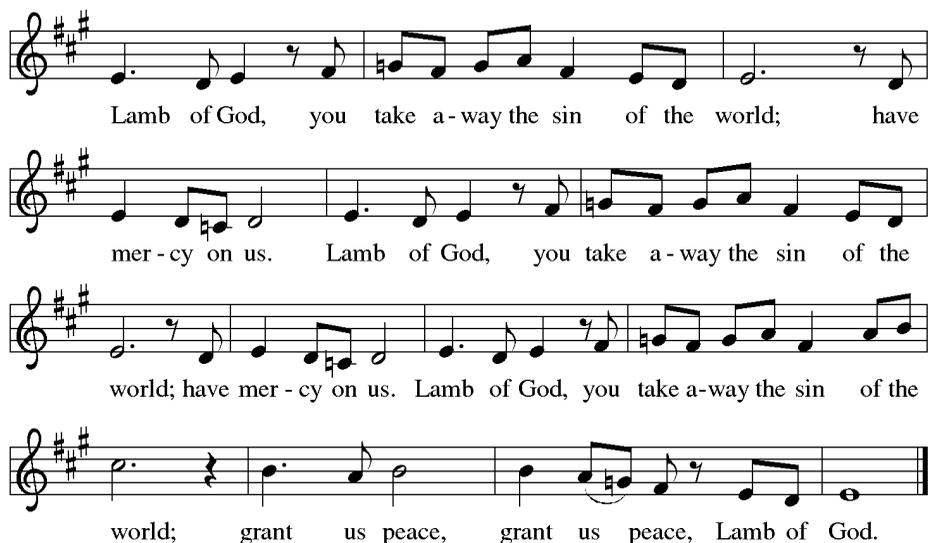
**Invitation to  
Communion**

*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 Usbers 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 470

## Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

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# Communion 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.

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# Communion Blessing

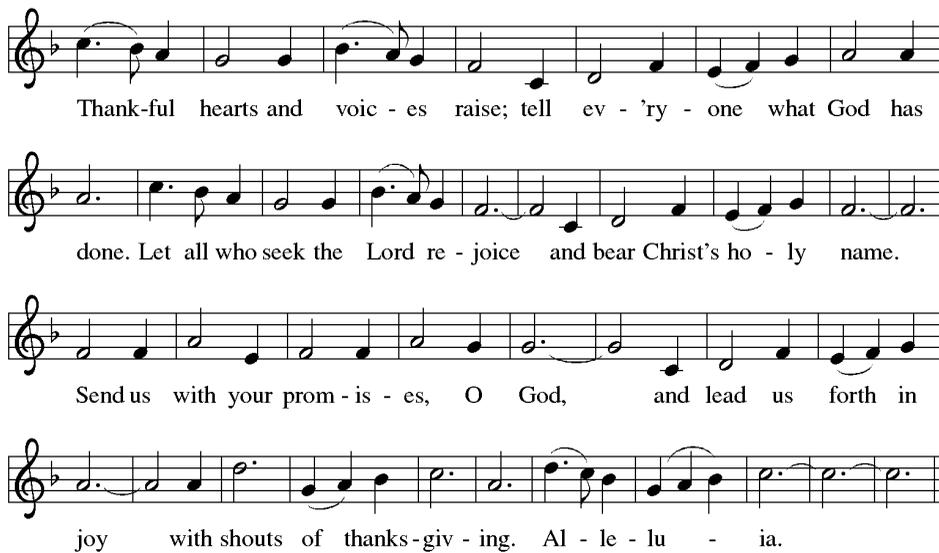
*The assembly stands*

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 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.

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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.**

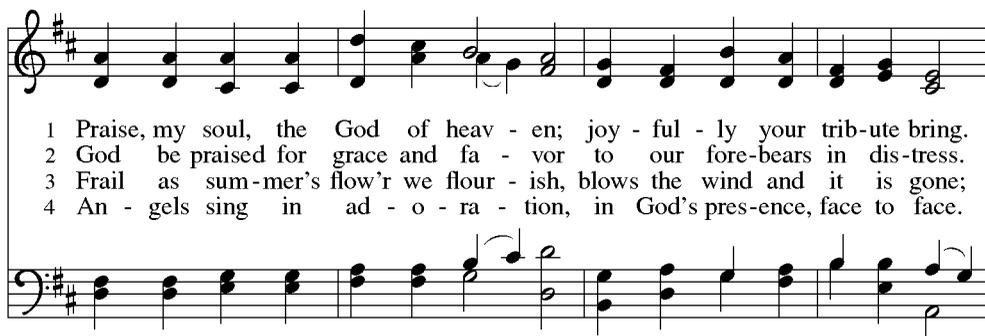
## + Sending +

*The Spirit sends us into the world to serve*

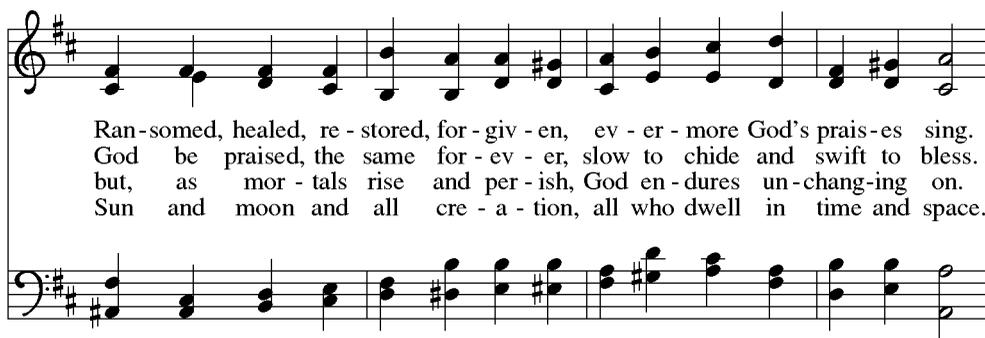
**Announcements** *Ways for you to be sent to do God's work this week with your hands.  
Announcements are made behalf of the community.*

**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.**

## Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib - ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore - bears in dis - tress.  
3 Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres - ence, face to face.



Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais - es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

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

**Postlude** *Bachiana*

by Gordon Young

**John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, died 407**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2017**

John was a priest in Antioch and an outstanding preacher. His eloquence earned him the nickname "Chrysostom" ("golden mouth"). Appointed bishop of Constantinople, seat of the empire, he criticized corruption in the court. As a result, he was exiled by the empress.

**Holy Cross Day**

**Thursday, September 14, 2017**

Helena, mother of Constantine, made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and found what may be the actual site of Jesus' crucifixion. Her son built two churches there, and the dedication of one of them gave rise to this celebration of our Lord's victory on the cross.

**Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, martyr, died around 258**

**Saturday, September 16, 2017**

Cyprian served as a bishop during a time of great persecution of Christians. He insisted on receiving back those who had left the faith under duress. He also provided medical care during a severe epidemic.

## **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 encourage to attend as well.

### **Theology on Tap**

Our first Theology on Tap for the year will be this coming Wednesday (note new day this year) at 7pm @ the Great American Pub. This month we will explore the topic of “vocation” and explore the questions like “what are my gifts, what is God calling me to do?” All are welcome to join us – and it’s kids eat free night and trivia night at the Pub!

### **Adult Faith Formation Next Week – Vicar Lenny’s Documentary**

Join us Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> 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*

### Music Ministry Choirs resume for the fall

Rehearsals for our church's choirs have resumed on Thursday evenings again – Adult Choir meets from 7pm – 7:45 in the choir room, and the Bell Choir meets from 7:45pm – 8:30pm in the sanctuary. All are welcome to sing or play even if you can't join us for Sunday anthems. 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 · OCTOBER 1	· SEPTEMBER 17 · OCTOBER 8	· OCTOBER 15 · 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.

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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*

### **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.*

### **Hurricane Harvey Relief**

With Irma bearing down on Florida, we are still in responding to Harvey. If you would like to give to our siblings in the Lutheran church and churches that are devastated and are just trying to create worship space again please give to the Synod disaster relief fund. If you would like your donation to be used more widely just to any victim, please give to Lutheran Disaster Response.

Here are some options for giving:

**The Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Fund** will be used for helping congregations and their people get back on their feet so they can serve their neighborhoods.

Give online:

at <https://gulfcoastsynod.org/about/donate/>.

Click the donate button and give to

“Hurricane Harvey.”

Mail your donation to:

Gulf Coast Synod Disaster Fund

12941 North Freeway

Suite 210

Houston, Texas 77060

Memo: Hurricane Harvey

**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.

## **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.

## 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>7:00pm-Theology on Tap</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>10:30 am Greysbeeters</i> <i>Anonymous</i> <i>7pm – AA Group</i>
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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:30am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:15am- Faith Formation Upstairs</i> <i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i> <i>11: 00am- Documentary Screening</i>	<i>7pm – Venture Crew</i>

### Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Erin Fazzari</i>
Communion	<i>LJ Kriebel</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Charlotte Pakan</i>
Nursery	<i>Fike Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jen Schreiter</i>
Ushers	<i>Kathy Pokalo/ George Pokalo</i>
Counters	<i>Stephanie Conklin/ Matt Fiore</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Fellowship Hour	

### Readings for next week:

[Genesis 50:15-21](#)

Joseph reconciles with his brothers

[Psalm 103:\[1-7\] 8-13](#)

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy. (Ps. 103:8)

[Romans 14:1-12](#)

Accepting diversity in the community of faith

[Matthew 18:21-35](#)

A parable of forgiveness in the community of faith