

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 22nd, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

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| Presiding Minister | <i>The Rev. Bryan Penman</i> |
| Director of Music Ministries | <i>Emily Ballentine Erb</i> |
| Pastoral Intern | <i>Vicar Lenny Duncan</i> |
| Assisting Minister | <i>Kim Kriebel</i> |
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| Acolyte | <i>Evan Fazdari</i> |
| Altar Guild | <i>Dryburgh Family</i> |
| Ushers | <i>Joe Dryburgh & Jim Orman</i> |
| Counters | <i>Susan Dryburgh & Erin Orekar</i> |
| Offering Recorder | <i>Pam Keebler</i> |
| Fellowship Hour | <i>Schriener Family</i> |
| Altar Flowers | <i>Given by David and Gail Penman in honor of Pastor Bryan's birthday and anniversary with Matt.</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 first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

Prelude

Lord, Be Glorified

by Bob Kirkpatrick,
arr. Mark Hayes

Invocation

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

Amen.

**Confession
and
Forgiveness**

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Source of all life,

**we confess that we have not allowed
your grace to set us free.**

We fear that we are not good enough.

**We hear your word of love freely given to us,
yet we expect others to earn it.**

**We turn the church inward,
rather than moving it outward.**

Forgive us. Stir us.

**Reform us to be a church powered by love,
willing to speak for what is right,**

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation.

Amen.

God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us
and to empower our lives in the world.

Our sins are forgiven,

‡ God's love is unconditional,
and we are raised up as God's people
who will always be made new,
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

**Opening
Hymn**

ELW 705

God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Apostolic Greeting

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Kyrie

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

Assembly
Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord. For your

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

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

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have
 Help, save, and de-fend us, O God.
 mer - cy. A - men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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Canticle
of Praise

Refrain



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



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,



we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

Refrain



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



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



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and
 peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -
 lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.

Final refrain

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

**Prayer of
the Day**

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the Lord has anointed to end Israel's exile. The Lord makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this Lord as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the Lord claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah,

- ¹Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

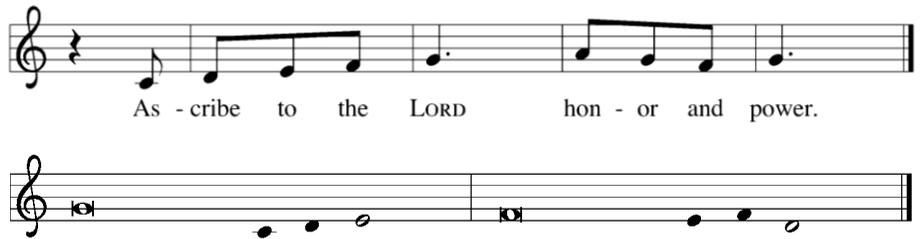
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 96:1-9

[10-13]



¹The ¹Sing to the Lord | a new song;
sing to the Lord, | all the earth.

²**Sing to the Lord, bless the name | of the Lord;
proclaim God's salvation from | day to day.**

³Declare God's glory a- | mong the nations
and God's wonders a- | mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised,
more to be feared | than all gods. R**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they | are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have | made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are | in your presence;
power and splendor are in your | sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families | of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon- | or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the | holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts | of the Lord. R**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beau- | ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord, | all the earth.

[¹⁰**Tell it out among the nations: "The | Lord is king!
The one who made the world so firm that it cannot be moved
will judge the peo- | ples with equity."**

¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the | earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; let the field be joyful and all
that | is therein.

¹²**Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy at your
com- | ing, O Lord,
for you come to | judge the earth.**

¹³You will judge the | world with righteous
and the peoples | with your truth. **R**

**Second
Lesson**

*1 Thessalonians
1:1-10*

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul is giving pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic pagan environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

A reading from the 1st letter to the Thessalonians,

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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 22:15-
22*

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

Vicar Lenny Duncan

**Hymn of
the Day**

ELW 871



Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good



1 Sing praise to God, the high - est good, the au - thor of cre -
2 What your al - might - y pow'r has made, in mer - cy you are
3 We sought the Lord in our dis - tress; O God, in mer - cy
4 All who con - fess Christ's ho - ly name, give God the praise and



a - tion! O God of love, you un - der - stood our need for
keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade, your eye is
hear us. Our Sav - ior saw our help - less - ness and came with
glo - ry! Let all God's sav - ing pow'r pro - claim; give God the



your sal - va - tion. With heal - ing balm our souls you fill;
nev - er sleep - ing; in the do - min - ion of your might
peace to cheer us. For this we thank and praise the Lord,
praise and glo - ry! Cast ev - 'ry i - dol from its throne;



all our la - ment with peace you still.
all things are just and good and right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
who is by one and all a - dored.
God is the Lord, and God a - lone:

Text: Johann J. Schütz, 1640–1690; tr. Frances E. Cox, 1812–1897, adapt.
Music: LOBT GOTT DEN HERREN, IHR, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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, Linda Jara, Dawn
W., Jenny, Donnie, Tara, Mike,
Ana, Katie Gresh, Dottie
Woodring, Ann Beatty, Sharon,
Bob Rubach, Carol, Uncle Jimmy,
Nancy FW, Joanne WH, John I.
Holdsworth, Lynn Kime,*

We give thanks for:

*Charlotte Pakan and the Palma
Family*

We pray for those in grief:

Keith and Portzer families.

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 October, we will be collecting for **Colonial Neighborhood Council** which works with those in need in Conshohocken, Plymouth Meeting, Whitemarsh and Lafayette Hill. In addition to the food pantry, CNC also sponsors the Well (a clothing store for low income families), runs our local "Meals on Wheels" program, and provides special meals at the holidays for families in need.*

Offertory

Sing a New Song to the Lord
Adult Choir

Arr. Helen Kemp

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.

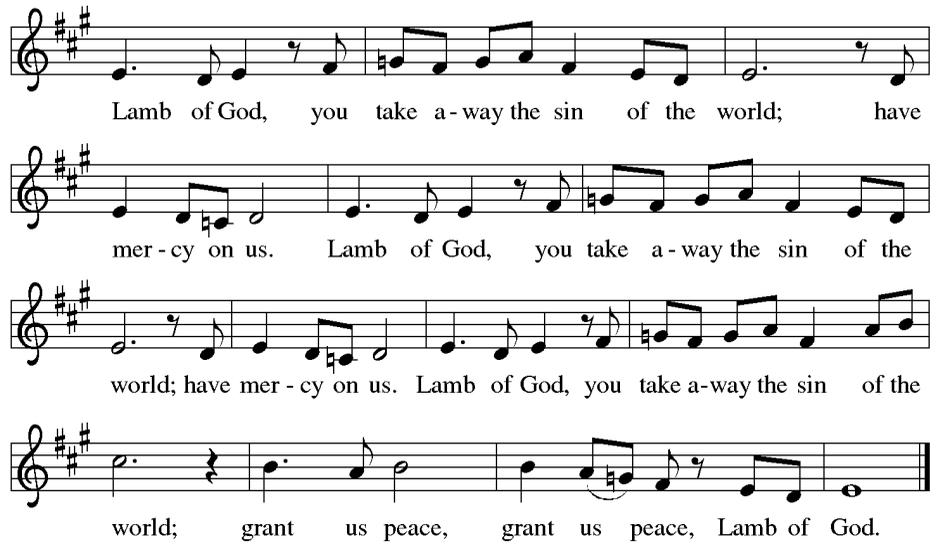
**Invitation to
Communion**

*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 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 713

O God of Every Nation



1 O God of ev - 'ry na - tion, of ev - 'ry race and land,
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
3 Lord, strength-en all who la - bor that all may find re - lease
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,



re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,



where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, Lord, let your voice be heard;
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and love shall reign,



in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
de - liv - er ev - 'ry na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

Text: William W. Reid Jr., b. 1923
Music: LLANGLOFFAN, Welsh tune, 19th cent.
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Communion Hymn

ELW 709



When Our Song Says Peace



1 When our song says peace and the world says war, we will
2 When our song says free and the world says bound, we will
3 When our song says home and the world says lost, we will



sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,
sing de-spite the world. We will trust the song, for we sing of God,



who breaks the spear and sword and stills the storm of war.
who o - pens pris - on doors and sets the cap - tives free.
who brings us home at last, and gives a song to all.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962

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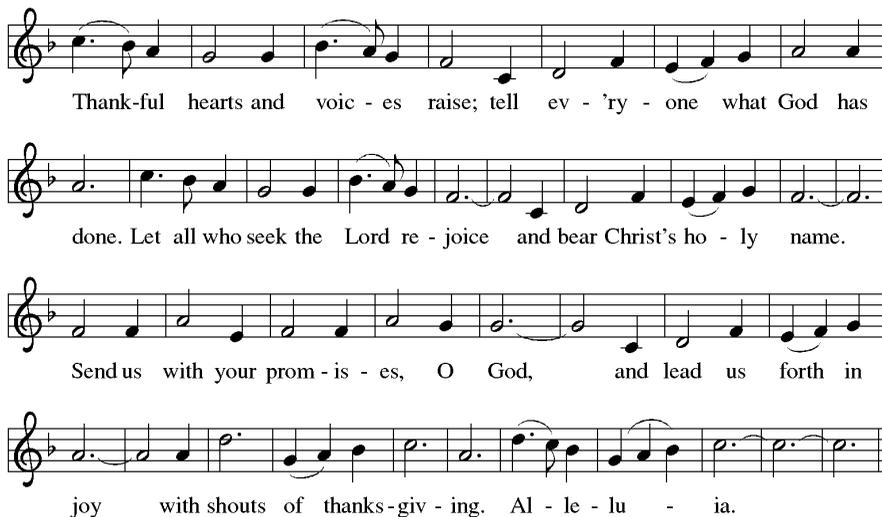
Post Communion Blessing

The assembly stands

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

Amen.

Post Communion Canticle



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

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

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

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Earth and All Stars!



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals!
3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
4 Class-rooms and labs! Loud boil - ing test tubes!
5 Knowl-edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm!
Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming cel - los!
Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing work - ers!
Ath - lete and band! Loud cheer - ing peo - ple!
Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing mem - bers!



Sing to the Lord a new song!
Sing to the Lord a new song!



God has done mar - vel - ous things.



I too sing prais - es with a new song!

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

Postlude *Lobt Gott den herren, ihr*

setting by Mark Sedio



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Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Teachers for young people Faith Formation

This year we are utilizing SignUpGenius to facilitate teacher signups for our young person class. Each week we would love to have a leader for the older kids, younger kids and a helping hand. Leading a class means that you have read the curriculum and help guide the students in discussing the video and bible story and possibly an activity if time allows. The curriculum is provided for you by email in advance of the lesson. To access the SignUpGenius see the weekly pastor's email or visit our website under faith formation tab. Upcoming needs:

- Younger Group on 10/29
- Younger Group on 11/5
- Younger Group on 11/12

Special Adult Forum TODAY following worship: Our Lutheran Tradition

Have you heard that there was a big anniversary next week? Want to know what all this "Lutheran" stuff is about? Join us after worship as we talk about some of the central ideas that make the Lutheran faith a uniquely Christian Perspective. David Penman (retired pastor and father to Pastor Bryan) will be leading the discussion on grace, vocation, why the cross is so central/important for us, saint and sinner, law and gospel – join us for conversation as we honor and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the movement that changed the world.

Tweener's Bible Study

Join us Tuesday evening at 7pm as we continue our discussion of "Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans" as we discover elements of our Lutheran heritage that shape our lives of faith.

Updated Schedule is as follows:

- October 24th (Worship and the Arts) *** Note Chapters are out of order
- November 21st (Being Lutheran Together in a Wider World & Voices and Places)

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

Reformation Sunday: October 29th

Join us as we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in worship with a festival liturgy that day. Our music will feature the depth and breadth of our global denomination and highlight various music from across the world wide movement. We will also feature our tried and true songs as we light up our voices and sing along with Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress." Don't forget the color of the day is RED!

All Saint's Sunday: November 5th

If you have someone significant in your life who has passed this year, we invite you to send us their name for reading during worship on November the 5th.

Also if you have pictures of loved ones that have died we invite you to bring them to worship that day—it's a great way for us to be surrounded by the saints in worship.

Name Tag Sunday: First Sunday of the Month

"You know, what's their name..." has become a common expression around our expanding congregation. As a way of helping us learn one another's names, we will be observing "Name Tag Sunday" once a month on the first Sunday of the month. We will invite all people to wear name tags and practice during the liturgy to share the peace *by name* as well as a few other elements during the service.

Service Ministry Announcements:

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

Social Ministry Discernment Meeting: October 25th @ 7pm

Our Social Ministry Team is brainstorming new ways our congregation can bring light to the dark places in our community by serving those in need, just as we did with Dylan (our college student).

We invite you to be part of the conversation and to share your ideas. Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room at St. Mark's. If you can't make the meeting, please feel free to speak to Karen Hanna, who leads our Social Ministry Team, or Pastor Bryan or me. We're looking forward to hearing from you and seeing which way the Spirit moves our community next.

Special Collection Envelope: Colonial Neighborhood Council

Each week we support the collection of food for families in need in our local community, but this month we take up a special cash collection to support the ongoing work of Colonial

Neighborhood Council. In addition to food, resources gathered go to support those in need in our community.

Special Collection item of the month for CNC

This month we will be collecting toiletries for the food pantry shelves at CNC. Often food assistance helps provide needed staples for families but the personal care items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet paper are often items that are also expensive and needed by families trying to make ends meet. Let's stock up the shelves at CNC by helping to collect these items this month.

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 \$9,600 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.*

Fall Stewardship Drive: Discovering your unique S.H.A.P.E.

This week launches our multi-week Stewardship Campaign "S.H.A.P.E." Each week we will discover and discern how God has uniquely gifted us for ministry in the world. Through a process of surveys and reflections we will discover our Spiritual Gifts, what we have Heart/Passions for, affirm our Abilities, learn about our Personalities, and reflect on our Experiences that shape our story. At the end of the survey process we will spend time in "cottage meetings" as we discuss and discern future directions for ministries in our key ministry areas of Worship, Service, Fellowship & Evangelism, and Faith Formation. Most of the survey will be electronic in nature, but if you would like a printed copy of the materials – they are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

We hope to have the WHOLE congregation complete this process and we are inviting people to use the survey as a devotional in their households over the next few weeks as we discover our unique SHAPE and how it fits into the ministry of St. Mark's.

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

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

Becoming Members of St. Mark's

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

This Week @ St. Mark's:

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| <i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours | <i>7pm-Finance Team</i> | <i>6am - Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Boy Scouts</i> |
| <i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours | <i>7pm-Tweener's Bible/Book Study</i> | <i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm – Cub Scouts</i> |
| <i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed | <i>7pm-Social Ministry Meeting</i> | <i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> |
| <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> |
| <i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours | | <i>6am – Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</i> |
| <i>Saturday</i> | | <i>7pm – AA Group</i> |
| <i>Sunday</i> | <i>9:30am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:15am- Faith Formation</i> <i>10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i> | <i>7pm – Venture Crew</i> |

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

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| Assisting Minister | <i>Joe Jacovino</i> |
| Communion | <i>Donna Kobi</i> |
| Assistant | |
| Reader | <i>Erin Fazzeri</i> |
| Nursery | <i>The Walker Family</i> |
| Acolyte | <i>Joanne Popovicz</i> |
| Altar Guild | <i>Jen Ramsden</i> |
| Ushers | <i>Dolores Lush & Karen Hanna</i> |
| Counters | <i>Pam Keebler & Stephanie Conklin</i> |
| Offering Recorder | <i>Kathy Pokalo</i> |
| Fellowship Hour | <i>Open</i> |

Readings for next week:

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

Holiness revealed in acts of justice

Psalms 1

Their delight is in the law of the Lord. (Ps. 1:2)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The apostle's tender care for the Thessalonians

Matthew 22:34-46

Two great commandments: love for God and neighbor