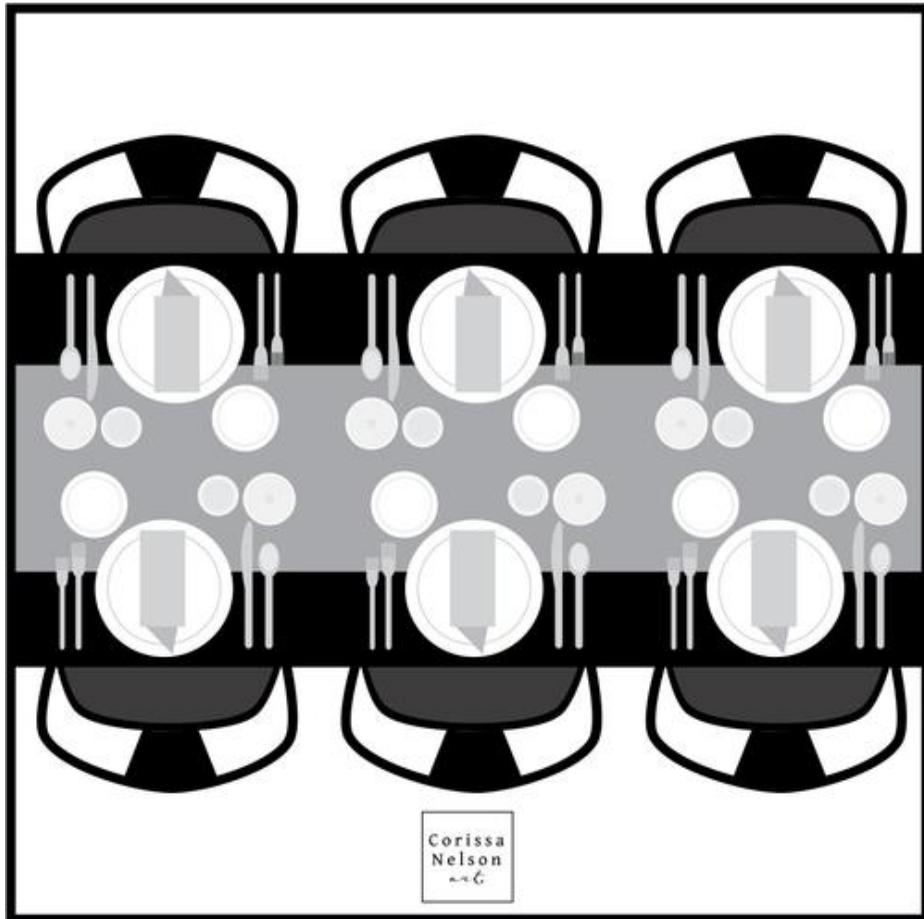


Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

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Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. ***This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.*** We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. We invite all children to try to be in worship through the children's sermon (about 20 minutes) and then invite the children, if they want, to head to the nursery, but we love to have the children with us through the whole worship service! To help our youngest worshipers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a children's bulletin that has puzzles and activities for little worshipers to work on during the service, and we offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

Restrooms are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the Good News you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshipers.

Our team of ushers is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

Are you new or visiting St. Mark's? If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us. At the entry ways to the sanctuary, you will find our guest books in which you can leave your name and contact information, or in the pews we have blue cards that you can fill and place in the offering plate, or if you like, you can sign our electronic guest book. We'd be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again. For the electronic book, open your mobile device to the bar code scanner and take a picture of this square QR code; it will take you to our electronic guest book.



Instructions

Leader says

We all say together

+ Gathering +

The Holy Spirit gathers us together for worship

Introduction

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

Prelude



Schmucke dich

setting by Johannes Brahms

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 of 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**

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As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
 There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
 may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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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

Detailed description: This system contains two staves of music. The top staff is labeled 'Leader' and contains a melodic line with lyrics 'In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.' The bottom staff is labeled 'Assembly' and contains a lower melodic line with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'. Both staves are in a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature.

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system continues the Assembly part from the first system. The top staff has lyrics 'For the reign of God, and for' and the bottom staff has lyrics 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'. The musical notation continues with a similar melodic pattern.

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

Detailed description: This system continues the Assembly part. The top staff has lyrics 'peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the'. The bottom staff is mostly empty, indicating that the Assembly part is silent during this section.

Lord.

For your

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

Detailed description: This system continues the Assembly part. The top staff has lyrics 'Lord.' and 'For your'. The bottom staff has lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'. The musical notation continues with a similar melodic pattern.

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**

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, 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 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing everyone up—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah,

¹Let ¹O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

²For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;
the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,
⁵the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save
us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody
Psalm 23

You pre - pare a ta - ble be - fore me,
and my cup is run - ning o - ver.

¹The Lord | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

³You restore my | soul, O Lord,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I
shall | fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort
me. R**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my
life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever. R**

**Second
Lesson**
Philippians
4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians,

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown,

stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel



Gospel Reading

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

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

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The assembly may be seated.

**Children’s
Moment**

This week we invite our children from our Faith Formation Choir forward to lead and share with us the gift of Son.

Sermon

Vicar Lenny Duncan

**Hymn of
the Day**
ELW 531

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

We do not have digital rights to this hymn. Please turn to Hymn 531 in your cranberry hymnal

+ Reception of New Members +

God calls new disciples to our community

Introduction *The Presiding minister or a representative from the congregation present the candidates for membership using these or similar words.*

These persons have come to us and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism and join in proclaiming the Good News of God in both word and deed with us here at St. Mark's.

Dear friends, we rejoice to receive you into our fellowship in the Gospel here at St. Mark's, for we are all members of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

Profession of Faith

The minister addresses those who have been presented.

Brothers and sisters in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. Since that time you have been part of the community of God's people, learning from God's Word the loving purpose God intends for us and for creation. You have been nourished at the Holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to join with the whole assembly as we profess our faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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**

**Affirmation
of Baptism**

The minister addresses those making affirmation.

Having made public profession of your faith. I ask you, do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism:

Do you intend to continue to live among God's faithful people present in the community here at St. Mark's?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Presented with a congregational directory

Will you continue to hear his Word and share in his supper by participating in the worship life and faith formation ministries of this congregation?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Presented with a bible

Will you seek to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, and invite others to participate with us here at St. Mark's as we continue to proclaim the Gospel?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Presented with a set of invitations

Will you seek to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus, by striving for justice and peace in all the earth sharing the gifts of your time, talent and treasure as we seek to do God's work with our hands?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Presented with a pair of work gloves and a box of envelopes

Presiding Minister address the assembly

Do you, people of God, now promise to pray for these new members, supporting them in the Christian faith, and encouraging them to be disciples who share in God's abundant grace?

We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Prayer of Blessing

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept so that the congregation may pray for them each silently.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these people your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. We pray today that you continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. (274)

Amen

A representative of the congregation leads us in welcoming our new members.

Let us welcome our newest members:

We welcome you as *members* of St. Mark's and we rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

The assembly may offer applause as we welcome our new members.

The service continues with the Prayers of the People

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:*

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

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:

*Nicholas, Nicole, Sandra, Amelia,
Lynn Kime, Ana, John, Tara.*

*Mike, Donnie, Jenny, Dawn W.,
Linda Jara, John I. Holdsworth,*

*Ann Beatty, Dottie Woodring,
Katie Gresh, Don Dunn, Tara,*

*Mike, Sharon, Bob Rubach,
Carol, Uncle Jimmy*

We give thanks for:

*Erin Orekar and the Orman
Family*

We pray for those in grief:

*Keith and Portzer families, the
families of the Las Vegas tragedy.*

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, Whitmarsh 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

Thy Holy Wings

setting by Mark Sedio

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.

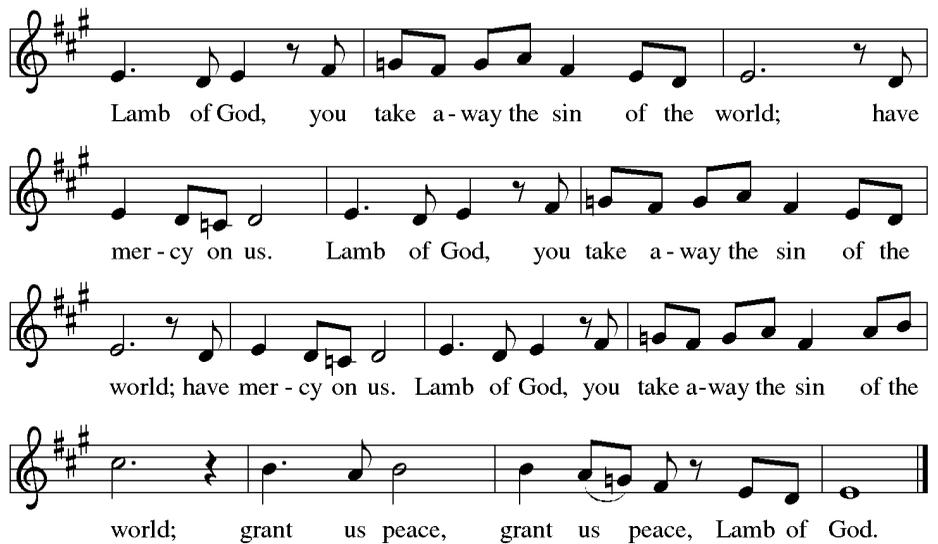
**Invitation to
Communion**

*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

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Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal



1 Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.
2 Bread now break and wine now pour, Je - sus, feed us.
3 Grant for - give - ness in the feast— Je - sus, feed us—
4 Thank you for this gift we share. Je - sus, feed us.



Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.
Make us one, our hope re - store; feed us with your love.
for the great - est and the least; feed us with your love.
Save God's chil - dren ev - 'ry - where; feed us with your love.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943; Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: JESUS, FEED US, Ray Makeever

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Communion Hymn

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Now We Join in Celebration



1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,



dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.



for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,



stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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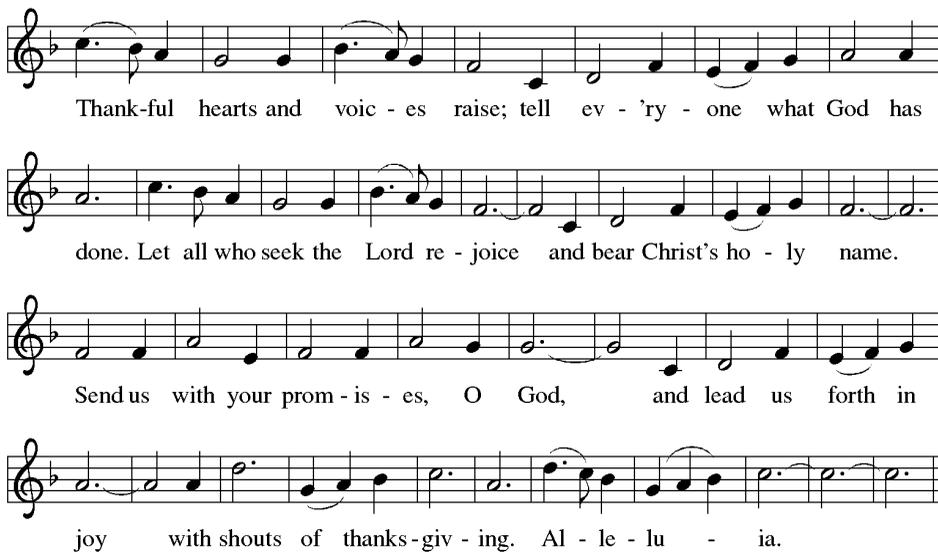
Post Communion Blessing

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 voices 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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United at the Table *Unidos en la fiesta*

Refrain / Estribillo

U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la a - le - grí - a
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is

se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:

la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.
all our joy to God be - longs.

1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor
1 We will praise God, we will sing
2 We will praise God, we will feast
3 We will praise God, we will play

a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;

por - que gran - de es el a - mor
 we will praise God for the love
 we will praise God and give thanks
 we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo

que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.
 that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.
 for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.
 that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

2 *Cantaremos la bondad del Señor que nos sienta a su mesa, y nos llama a comulgar como hermanos su vino y su pan.*

3 *Cantaremos al Señor al eluyas al son de instrumentos, y será nuestra canción la alabanza que ensalza su amor.*

Text: Joaquín Madurga; tr. Angel Mattos, b. 1947, and Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923
 Music: UNIDOS EN LA FIESTA, Joaquín Madurga
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Dismissal

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

Postlude



Schmucke dich

setting by Georg Philipp Telemann

Today we welcome into membership:

Hannah Knauss, Kathleen Bell, and Kathleen Turner

Also joining as associate members are members of their family:

John Bell, Jamison P. Turner, Jamison M. Turner, and Emily Turner.

Please join us in welcoming them into our household of faith!

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Special Adult Forum on October 22nd

We will be taking a deeper dive into some of our Lutheran heritage this month in a special Adult Forum following worship. Vicar Lenny will be exploring major themes in our Lutheran theology; saved by grace, vocation, why the cross is so central/important for us, saint and sinner, law and gospel as we honor and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the movement that changed the world.

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 a variety of 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 away 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 who 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 around 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.

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about our upcoming fall stewardship drive, "Discovering your unique S.H.A.P.E.: serve where you fit." In the coming weeks we will be asking our membership to participate in a multi-week process of discovering how God has gifted us all uniquely for the work of ministry. All of this will lead up to a series of cottage meetings in November and December as we spend time in fellowship and discernment as we "shape" the future of ministry at St. Mark's and explore ways that you can "serve where you fit" in the ministry of St. Mark's.

This Week @ St. Mark's:

<p><i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours</p>		<p>6am - Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours</p>	<p>7pm-Tweener's Bible/ Book Study</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>7pm-Stewardship Meeting</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p>
<p><i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours</p>	<p>6pm – Dinner Church 7pm-Adult Choir 7:45pm-Bell Choir</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p>
<p><i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours</p>		<p>6am – Meals on Wheels 6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</p>
<p><i>Saturday</i></p>		<p>7pm – AA Group</p>
<p><i>Sunday</i></p>	<p>9:30am – Worship Service 10:15am- Faith Formation 10:30am – Fellowship Hour</p>	<p>7pm – Venture Crew</p>

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Kim Kriebel</i>
Communion	<i>Lauren Parkin</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Eric Schauer</i>
Nursery	<i>The Ramsden Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Evan Fazzari</i>
Altar Guild	<i>The Dryburgh's</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</i>

Readings for next week:

[Isaiah 45:1-7](#)

An earthly ruler as the instrument of God's will

[Psalms 96:1-9 \[10-13\]](#)

Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

[1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

Thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica

[Matthew 22:15-22](#)

A teaching on giving to the emperor and to God