

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

stmarksconshy.org



*Transfiguration of Our Lord*

*February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

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Fellowship Hour	<i>Troop 140 and Pack 140</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**

*The Sundays after Epiphany began with Jesus' baptism and end with three disciples' vision of his transfiguration. In Mark's story of Jesus' baptism, apparently only Jesus sees the Spirit descending and hears the words from heaven. But now Jesus' three closest friends hear the same words naming him God's beloved son. As believers, Paul writes, we are enabled to see the God-light in Jesus' face, because the same God who created light in the first place has shone in our hearts to give us that vision. The light of God's glory in Jesus has enlightened us through baptism and shines in us also for others to see.*

**Prelude**

*Lobe den herren*

setting by J. S. Bach

**Invocation**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, **✚** one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all. **Amen.**

**Confession  
and  
Forgiveness**

Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

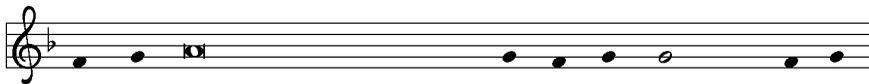
Loving God,  
**we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.  
Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children. Amen.**



# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



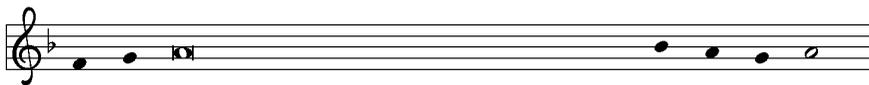
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



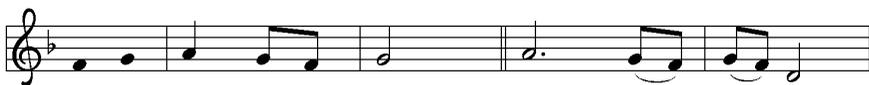
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**A - men.**

Canticle  
of Praise



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



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Glo-ry to God in 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, 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,

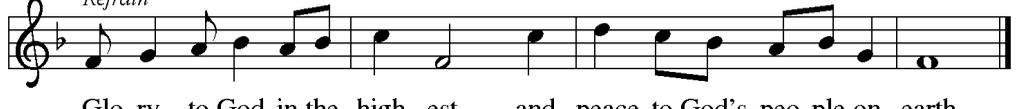


you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*



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

**Prayer of  
the Day**

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Assembly may be seated*

## *God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, song and prayer*

### **First Lesson**

*2 Kings 2:1-12*

*Today's reading centers on the transfer of power and authority from the prophet Elijah to Elisha. Their travels, which retrace the path of Joshua back to Moab (the place where Moses died) and the parting of the waters, demonstrate that Elisha and Elijah are legitimate successors of the great prophet Moses.*

A reading from the Second book of Kings,

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." <sup>10</sup>He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

Psalm 50

Out of Zi - on, per - fect in beau - ty,  
God shines forth in glo - ry.

<sup>1</sup>The mighty one, God the | Lord, has spoken;  
calling the earth from the rising of the sun | to its setting.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of Zion, perfect | in its beauty,  
God shines | forth in glory. R**

<sup>3</sup>Our God will come and will | not keep silence;  
with a consuming flame before, and round about a | raging storm.

<sup>4</sup>**God calls the heavens and the earth | from above  
to witness the judgment | of the people.**

<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me my | loyal followers,  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed | it with  
sacrifice.”

<sup>6</sup>**The heavens declare the rightness | of God’s cause,  
for it is God | who is judge. R**

## Second Lesson

2 Corinthians  
4:3-6

*The spotlight of Christian ministry is not on the people who carry out ministry but on the Lord Jesus Christ. Just as God made light shine out of darkness at creation, God makes the light of Jesus Christ shine in our lives through Christian ministry.*

A reading from the Letter to the Corinthians,

<sup>3</sup>Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

**Gospel  
Acclamation**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

This is my | Son, my Chosen,\*  
lis- | ten to him!

**Gospel  
Reading**

*Mark 9:2-9*

*Mark's gospel presents the transfiguration as a preview of what would become apparent to Jesus' followers after he rose from the dead. Confused disciples are given a vision of God's glory manifest in the beloved Son.*

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

<sup>2</sup>Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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**

**Rev. Bryan Penman**

**Hymn of  
the Day**

*ELW 316*

**Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair**



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of  
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -  
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ  
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by  
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the  
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the  
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be  
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful  
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun - tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!  
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."  
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.  
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.  
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

**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*

Confident that God our light and our  
salvation hears us when we pray, let us  
offer our prayers for the church, the  
world, and all people in need.

*Each portion of the prayers ends with:*

Let us pray,  
**Have mercy, O God.**

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

Merciful God, you hear our prayers even  
before we speak them. Receive them for  
the sake of the one through whom you  
have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## 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.**

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

*Jenny, Donnie, Mary Ann Simpson,  
Nancy, Joan, , Kim, Bob Kullman,  
Joanne, Don Dunn, Katie Gresh,  
Dottie Woodring, Jean Bradley, Ann  
Beatty, Shirley W, John I.  
Holdsworth, Linda Jara, Joan H.,  
Dawn W.*

***We give thanks for:***

*The Williams Family and Nancy  
Weidamoyer*

***We pray for those in grief:***

*No Grief still thinking what I'm going  
to put here*

*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. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play.*

### Offertory

*Transform Us*  
Adult Choir

arr. James Vyhanek

### 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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### Offertory Prayer

Merciful God,  
receive the gifts we bring,  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions.

Through this meal unite us as your body,  
 shining with the light of your justice and mercy;  
 for the sake of him who gave himself for us,  
 Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 Amen.

**Great  
 Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Dialogue*

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Sanctus*

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,

who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

*Words of  
Institution*

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**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.*

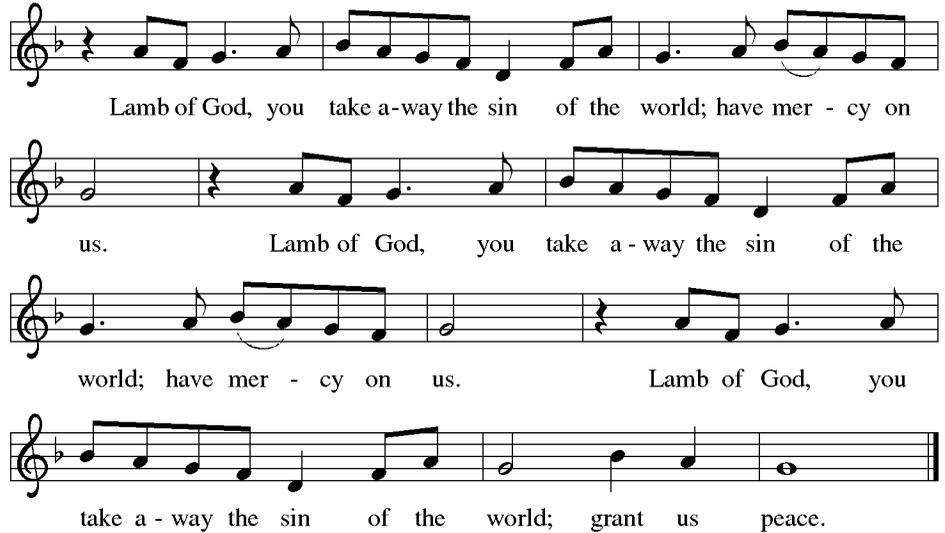
## Invitation to Communion

*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.*

We who are many are one body,  
for we all partake of the one bread.  
Come. Be filled with light and life.

*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.

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion. We invite our young ones and families heading off to faith formation to the Altar Rail first, followed by the rest of the assembly.*

*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 838



# Beautiful Savior



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,  
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!  
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;  
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;  
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,  
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,  
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er  
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.  
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.  
 than all the an - gels in the sky.  
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823-1904  
 Music: SCHONSTER HERR IESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

# Communion

## Hymn

ELW 306

# Come, Beloved of the Maker



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -  
 2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those  
 3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low  
 4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -  
 5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's  
 bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in  
 to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of  
 splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and  
 glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.  
 wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."  
 an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.  
 height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.  
 splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

Text: Susan Palo Chervien, b. 1953  
 Music: J.L.L. David Chervien, b. 1957  
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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**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**Post  
Communion  
Prayer**

O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.

You are our dearest treasure.

Go with us now—

today, tomorrow, every day—

that we tell the story of your never-ending love

and sing your praise both now and forever.

**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

The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved,  
and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn *ELW 866*

**We Are Marching in the Light**  
*Siyahamba*

### ENGLISH

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)  
we are marching in the light of God.

*Additional stanzas ad lib:*

We are dancing . . .  
We are praying . . .  
We are singing . . .

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Halleluyah! Pelo tsa rona*

setting by Ellen Coman

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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

Faith Formation continues throughout the Spring as we transition into the seasons of Lent and Easter. Teachers are needed to sign up for sessions for the Spring and can be found on our website or the weekly Pastor's Email.

Upcoming Needs:

- Younger Group 2/18
- Younger Group 2/25
- Helping Hand 3/4
- Helping Hand 2/18
- Helping Hand 2/25

### Adult Faith Formation and Lenten Study

Jesus said, "I am bread, light, door, good shepherd, resurrection and life and true vine." But how could he be all those things at once?! Join us as we explore the "I AM..." statements of the gospel stories as we get to know Jesus a little better, and build some more great Christian community with your St. Mark's family. This Lent we will be exploring together the devotional, "You Are the Way" (about Jesus's I Am teachings). Each Sunday, starting Feb 18, we will share a week in review (the devotionals start on Ash Wed) and a look ahead. Each of the Sunday Sessions will be led by David Penman (the pastor's dad, a retired pastor himself and future member of St. Mark's) plans to sit in and is very excited about this opportunity to grow in faith and love toward one another. SEE YOU THERE! (Printed materials will be provided, individuals may purchase their own eBook editions if desired.)

### Theology on Tap

This month our normal Theology on Tap day falls on Ash Wednesday, so this month we will meet after our Ash Wednesday worship service for a bit of fellowship and conversations down at the Great American Pub. Join us!

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

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

### Ash Wednesday Worship

Join us Wednesday evening at 7pm for worship with the Imposition of Ashes. Lent begins with a solemn call to fasting and repentance as we begin our path to the foot of the cross and the wonder of the empty tomb. Join us as we begin this time together in prayer and reconciliation.

### Altar Flowers this Month

February features quite a few openings for Altar Flowers. A sign up sheet can be found in the hallway next to the choir room with upcoming open Sundays. To signup please mark

your name and memorial language you wish to appear in the bulletin. The cost is \$40.00 per Sunday and please indicate as such if you drop it in with your offering.

## **Service Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Blessing Bag Event Today**

Feb 11<sup>th</sup> right after worship we will be putting together “blessing bags” for the homeless upstairs in the children faith formation area. It will done assembly line style where everything will be laid out for you and all you have to do is stuff a bag. After we have packed them all we will distribute them to members of the congregation to keep in their cars. That way when you see child of God in need or spare changing you can offer them a bag. We don't need supplies for this event thanks to generosity of members just like you, just folks willing to be the hands and feet of Christ during the event, and after as they go about their normal days.

### **Special Collection Envelope: American Cancer Society**

It seems like everyone knows at least someone who has been impacted by Cancer. In our world today, thousands work towards developing a cure for this disease. As Jesus healed and cured the sick, we do the same when we support organizations that fight for researching new medicines to put an end to cancer.

### **Volunteer or donate to support the Conshohocken Library Homework Stars! tutoring program.**

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered and/or donated to support the Conshohocken Library Homework Stars free tutoring program! Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7pm. The number of students participating in the program is growing. Additional volunteers are welcome! Being a tutor helps children in our community thrive and excel at school, no teaching degree needed, just a willingness to sit with students and help them complete homework assignments.

In addition, we are looking for donations of Pokemon card packs (\$4.19 at Target) for the big prize box (for kids who come 3 weeks in a row). If you would like to volunteer or donate, please speak with Jennifer Schreiter.

### **Souper-Bowl of Caring**

What a great effort we had collecting items for both CNC and Lutheran World Hunger – well over two carloads of canned food made its way down to CNC to stock the food pantry shelves and \$302.00 was collected to be donated to Lutheran World Hunger. Way to help put a tackle not only on those Patriots, but on Hunger as well! Go TEAM!! #flyeeaglesfly

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

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

### **Easter Egg Industry - 100<sup>th</sup> Year**

The 100<sup>th</sup> year of Easter Egg Production is in full swing – so here is a reminder to get your orders in early!! Order forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary or on our website via our online order form. Easter Eggs is the largest fundraiser for our church and we want to make the 100<sup>th</sup> year extra special!!

#### **Ways you can help:**

**Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help roll / cut fondant centers. We are in special need of folks who can volunteer from 5pm – 7pm in the kitchen to assist with making the candy batches.

**Wednesday Evenings 6pm – 8pm:** Volunteers are needed to help coat the candies in dark chocolate, each candy is hand coated so we need lots of hands to help coat the candies!

**Friday Mornings 9am – 11am:** Packers are needed to help pack and weight the candies in boxes.

### **Pre-School Feasibility Congregational Meeting**

Following worship on Sunday March 4<sup>th</sup> we will hold a congregational meeting to update the congregation on the status of our Nursery School task force. At this meeting we will be outlining several scenarios for funding this project going forward as well as why we have discerned this is a worthwhile project for the congregation. Your attendance and input moving forward is warmly welcomed as we continue to grow this expanding community of faith!

### **Welcome to our Scouts**

Today we say special welcome to all the scouts from our Boy Scout Troop and our Cub Scout Pack as they are celebrating Scout Sunday with us. St. Mark's sponsors Troop 140 and Pack 140 along with a Venture Crew. Please join us for fellowship hour following worship which today is being sponsored by our Scouts!!

## This Week @ St. Mark's:

<p><i>Monday</i> Office Hours 2pm – 8pm</p>	<p>6pm – Easter Egg Industry – Fondant</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts</p>
<p><i>Tuesday</i> Office Hours 10am-2pm</p>	<p>7pm – Church Council Mtg.</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts</p>
<p><i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed</p>	<p>7pm-Asb Wednesday Services</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p>
<p><i>Thursday</i> Office Hours 2pm-8pm</p>	<p>6pm – Dinner Church 6pm Easter Egg Industry – Chocolate</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p>
<p><i>Friday</i> Office Hours 10am-2pm</p>	<p>9am – Easter Egg Industry – Packing</p>	<p>6am – Meals on Wheels 6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</p>
<p><i>Saturday</i></p>		<p>10:30am – Grey Sheeters Group 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>Erin Fazżari</i>
Communion	<i>Nate Ramsden</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
Nursery	<i>Holst Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Jacob Fazżari</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Ushers	<i>Terry Spence &amp; Dolores Lush</i>
Counters	<i>Erin Orekar &amp; Stef Conklin</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Kathy Bell and Kathy Turner</i>

#### **Genesis 9:8-17**

*The rainbow, sign of God's covenant*

#### **Psalms 25:1-10**

*Your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness. (Ps. 25:10)*

#### **1 Peter 3:18-22**

*Saved through water*

#### **Mark 1:9-15**

*The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days*