

# Third Sunday in Pentecost

Sunday June 10th, 2018



*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are sisters and brothers of the Lord. With them, we go forth in peace to do the will of God.*

## Hymns and Music for Today:

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*Prelude: Be Still and Know with Finlandia arr. Mark Hayes*

**Gathering Hymn:** ELW 825 You Servants of God

**Hymn of the Day:** ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!

*Offertory: How Beautiful by Twila Paris, arr. Emily Ballantine Erb; Katie Colaneri and Hannah Knauss, vocals; Harry Spence, guitar*

**Communion:** ELW 684 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace & ELW 652 Built on a Rock

**Sending Song:** ELW 768 Lead Me, Guide Me

*Postlude: We Bow Down by Twila Paris, arr. Mark Hayes*

## Assisting with worship today:

**Presiding Minister:** *The Rev. Bryan Penman*

**Director of Music:** *Emily Ballantine Erb*

**Assisting Minister:** *Ava Ruggiero*

**Communion Assistant:** *Karly Sloan*

**Reader:** *Erich Schaur*

**Nursery:** *The Logans*

**Acolyte:** *Don Turkowski*

**Altar Flowers:**

*Given by Ann Beatty in loving memory of her brother, John Day Holdsworth.*

**Altar Guild:** *Kathy Bell/ Kathy Turner*

**Ushers:** *Donna Kobi/ Kathy Pokalo*

**Counters:** *Susan Dryburgh/ Jen Schreiter*

**Offering Recorder:** *Nate Ramsden*

**Fellowship Hour:** *Open*

## Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word

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*God speaks] to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

### First Reading: Genesis 3:8-15

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God. The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who associated Eve's "offspring" with Christ.*

<sup>8</sup>The man and the woman heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." <sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

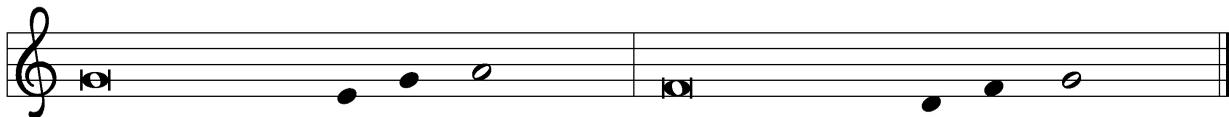
"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

## Psalmody | Psalm 130:1-8



Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love.



<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>O LORD, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>Yet with you is forgiveness,

in order that you may be feared. R

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,  
more than those who keep watch for the morning.

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;  
with the LORD there is plentiful redemption.

<sup>8</sup>For the LORD shall redeem Israel

from all their sins. R

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

*Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.*

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

## Gospel Reading | Mark 2:23--3:6

*In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, sisters and brothers of Christ.*

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” <sup>33</sup>And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” <sup>34</sup>And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup>Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

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

### New Bulletin Format

Beginning today, we have changed our worship bulletin format for the summer to a re-usable liturgy booklet and take home announcement sheets. So be on the lookout next week to get some “new things” as you walk into worship next week. We hope this will be a paper saving effort over the summer as we learn to navigate through our ELW hymnals.

### Altar Flower Opportunity

There's an opening for the Altar flowers on July 1<sup>st</sup>, if you'd like to sponsor them on that day, use the sign up sheet in the hallway.

### Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. Meals feature prominently in our great tradition of faith, from pot lucks, to picnics, to the Holy Supper we share in communion – food plays a central role in who we are as Christians. We like to say that we are also “fed” by the experience of worship, so Dinner Church seeks to feed you both spiritually and physically. Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship experience, some come right from work, some right from the gym, some from just picking the kids up. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

## Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

### Vacation Bible School

We are currently looking for leaders for our Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in serving as a leader for VBS this year, please speak with Pastor or Kim Kriebel.

Dates: Sunday July 29 – August 2<sup>nd</sup>  
6:30pm – 8:30pm

**RENEW**   
Grow in Faith. Have Fun. Change the World.  
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## **Theology on Tap**

Theology on Tap is cancelled for next Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> and will resume in September.

## **Illustrated Faith Books**

Faith formation continues over the summer with our “Illustrated Faith books.” Each book contains a lesson of the week, a prayer, and a comic strip featuring our characters from our Sunday morning classes. Extra copies of the book are available on the back ledge of the sanctuary, so make sure to grab your copy and follow along with us.

## **Flat Jesus this summer**

Jesus goes with us everywhere this summer! And to remind us, we are inviting folks to take flat Jesus with them to take pictures in their various travels to places. We then invite you to share those photos with pastor via email, facebook, or text. We will feature our flat Jesus photos each week in the weekly pastor’s email. Can’t wait to see where all Jesus ends up this summer.

## **Service Ministry Announcements:**

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

## **Now is a good time to enroll in electronic giving**

Heading out of town this summer? Now is a great time to enroll in electronic giving to continue your support of our congregation. We wish our bills went away over the summer, but they don’t and regular consistent giving helps us maintain our budget for the year. To sign up – download the “Give+” app on either apple or android, search for St. Mark’s in Conshohocken (make sure you get the town, there are a few St. Mark’s churches) and then set up the amount and frequency of the offering; either one time, or on a recurring basis. As always thank you, for all that you do to support the work and ministry of St. Mark’s.

## **Collection Item for Colonial Neighborhood Council**

Our local food bank is in particular need of canned fruit. If you can grab a can or two while you are doing your weekly grocery shopping, it would be a great way to provide for those in need this week.

## Special Collection Envelope: The SPCA of Montgomery County

This month's Special Collection Envelope will benefit the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for unwanted, lost and abused domestic animals.

Established in 1909 and chartered in 1916, the Montgomery County SPCA (in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania), has three locations. The Conshohocken facility houses the administrative offices as well as small domestic animals. The Perkiomenville facility includes a pet cemetery (closed) and horse farm along with facilities for small animals. Our newest facility for small domestic animals is in Abington. Currently there's a special need for foster homes for underage kittens.

Montgomery County SPCA

19 E. Ridge Pike PO Box 222

Conshohocken, PA 19428-0222 PHONE: (610) 825-0111

EMAIL: [mcsPCA@voicenet.com](mailto:mcsPCA@voicenet.com) WEBSITE: [www.montgomerycountysPCA.org](http://www.montgomerycountysPCA.org)

### SPCA Hours or Adoptions

Monday thru Friday (11am to 4:30pm)

Saturday (10am to 3pm)

Sunday (12pm to 3pm)

### To Surrender an Animal

days 9am to 4pm

(Extended hours at the Conshohocken shelter)

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## Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

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

### Help Support the ELCA National Youth Gathering

Later this month close to 30,000 high school youth will gather in Houston for the tri-annual National Youth Gathering. While we don't have youth in this age group to go this time, we will soon!! Our Synod is sending over 500 youth to the gathering and as a way to surround these youth who will be going as ambassadors of our faith to the people of Houston, we are inviting folks to pray for them by name. At church is a basket of envelopes with a prayer bracelet and a youth name that we are asking you to take and pray this month as that youth prepares for the Gathering.

To find out more about the National Youth Gathering check out their website: <https://www.elca.org/YouthGathering>.



# This Week @ St.Mark's:

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>7pm: Church Council</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>10am – Noon</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 8:30pm: HH AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>6pm: Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<i>10am – noon</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 6:30pm: AA / Al-Anon 8:30pm HH AA Group</i>
<b>Saturday</b>			<i>7pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>		<i>9:30am – Worship Service 10:30am – Fellowship Hour</i>	<i>7pm: HH AA Group</i>

## Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

**Assisting Minister:** *Kim Kriebel*  
**Communion Assistant:** *Jo Popowicz*  
**Reader:** *Katie Colanari*  
**Nursery:** *The Fike's*  
**Acolyte:** *Theodora Morley*  
**Altar Guild:** *Jen Ramsden*  
**Ushers:** *Joe Dryburgh / LJ Kriebel*  
**Counters:** *Joanne Copestick / LJ Kriebel*  
**Offering Recorder:** *Kathy Pokalo*

### Readings for next week:

#### Ezekiel 17:22-24

*The sign of the cedar, planted on the mountain of Israel*

#### Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

*The righteous shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon. (Ps. 92:12)*

#### 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17

*In Christ, a new creation*

#### Mark 4:26-34

*The parable of the mustard seed*