

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 21st, 2018

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

On Eagle's Wings

Setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of
your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your
forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.

Amen.

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

The assembly kneels or stands. Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and
given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and
humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known
and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to
do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we
may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712
Beach Spring

Greeting

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

A reading from the book of Isaiah,

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and was afflicted,
yet did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a ewe that is silent before the shearers,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 91

You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the
Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

⁹Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation. R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

A reading from the book of Hebrews,

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And Jesus said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers are domineering, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son-of-Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

We invite our children forward for a lesson before either returning to their seats or heading off to the nursery.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, What Can it Mean for us

ELW 431

All Saints New

Holy Baptism

Presentation for Baptism

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister address the parents.

The presiding minister address the sponsors.

The presiding minister address the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Paul and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church; the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

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, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.**

**Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.*

Thanksgiving at the Font

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator ... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

The presiding minister continues with prayer and laying on of hands:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God... both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Paul, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome by the Assembly

A lighted candle is given

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

Prayers of the People

The prayers of intercession, prepared for this day as we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need. An assisting minister leads the prayers.

Longing for God’s will to be fulfilled among us, we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence is kept.

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded:

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Announcements

Announcements are made on behalf of the community

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.

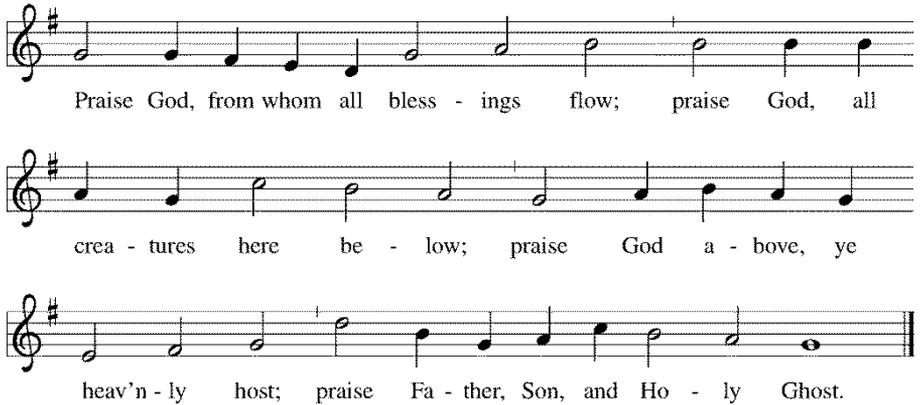
Musical Offering

Make Me a Servant
Adult Choir

by J. Paul Williams and Benjamin Harlan

Offertory

Musical selections are offered to the glory of God. The conclusion of which gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward as we sing



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise God, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,
you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.
You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open
our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times ...
name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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The presiding minister continues,

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.

The great thanksgiving concludes:

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

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.

Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

The bread may be broken for the communion

Lamb of God

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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.

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.

Communion Hymns

ELW 787 *On Eagle's Wings*

On Eagle's Wings

ELW 659 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

The Servant Song

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.**

Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.

Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore. **Amen.** Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

ELW 538

Enviado

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude *St. Denio*

Setting by Phillip Keveren

Leading us in worship today:

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Preaching

The Rev. Stephen Keiser

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

Assisting Minister

Joe Jacovino

Communion Asst.

Joanne Popowicz

Reader:

Joe Jacovino

Nursery

Spinners

Acolytes

Gavin Kriebel

Altar Guild

Erin Orekar

Ushers

George Pokalo & Joe Dryburgh

Counters

Susan Jacovino & Lara Hoffman

Offering Recorder

Pam Keebler

Fellowship Hour

Pam Keebler, Kathy Pokalo, & Karen Hanna

Faith Formation

Joe Ruggiero & Lara Hoffman

Altar Flowers

Given by the Jacovino family in memory of
parents: Fred and Lillian Kopenhaver and
Clementina & Joseph Jacovino

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Celebrate Reformation Sunday: October 28th

Mark your calendars to join us for our annual celebration of all things Lutheran, Reformation Sunday! We mark the anniversary of the traditional date that Luther nailed his 95 theses to the castle door in Wittenburg, kicking off the

Protestant Reformation. We celebrate the festival day by wearing RED and celebrating God's love and grace that extends to all!

All Saint's Sunday

November 4th we celebrate the church's annual feast of All Saint's Sunday. As part of the service we will give thanks for the many saints and loved ones that have gone before us as well as give thanks and celebrate a new saint by celebrating a baptism! We hope that you will join us for this meaningful service as we give thanks for the lives of the faithful that have led us along our journey. We are collecting a list of names of those particular saints that have gone before us that you would like to give thanks for – a sign up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary or you can contact the church office to have folks remembered as part of the service.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Today!

Children's Faith Formation classes today 10:15-11:00 am. We do this in light of our baptismal promises to teach our young ones about faith. We will be dismissing from the Communion Table our young ones and their families to head upstairs for their lessons where they will explore more in depth and age appropriate ways the Bible stories from our worship service. This is always an incredibly exciting time to share the rich tradition of the Gospel with our little ones, and our older ones.

Pastor's Bible Study (Formerly Tweener's)

The next session of Pastor's bible study will be this Tuesday, October 23rd as we explore the chapters on Deliverance stories and War stories from Rachel Held Evan's new book "Inspired"

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Congregational Meeting Next Sunday

Following worship on Sunday October 28th we will hold a congregational meeting to update the congregation on the next phase of the Capital Appeal process as we seek to raise funds to make extensive repairs to our Pipe Organ. This will be an informational meeting to go over the work that Crossen and

Savage have proposed for us and a time of demonstration to show the deficiencies of our Pipe Organ. Please plan to join us for this important update!

Knitters and Quilters Needed

We'll mix and match colors and textures when we sew the squares together on Tues., Nov 6 (after we've all voted). You can place them in the labelled basket in the back of the church any time before Nov. 6 or give them to Karen Hanna or Kathy Pokalo. Questions? Call or email Kathy Pokalo (610-420-2157, kpokalo@gmail.com)

Building Maintenance Position

The Building Maintenance job description is posted to the St. Mark's website. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact pastor at (610-828-0581) or www.stmarksconshy.org

Homework Help @ Conshy Library

Our congregation will again help to staff the Homework Help Club at the Conshy Public Library. The program will begin Thursday November 1st from 3:45pm – 4:30pm. If you are interested in helping to tutor, please see Jenn Schreiter (jeschreiter@yahoo.com).

Special Monthly Collection Envelope: CNC

Each week we support the work of CNC by donating items to their food pantry, but that's not the only thing they do! Each week CNC provides support for those living in poverty that might need help after a disaster, after loosing a job, or after becoming ill. We can bolster the work they do to support those in need by making a donation to CNC to further their work to support those of our neighbors in need. We invite you to make a special donation to CNC this month as we continue to support the work that they do.

Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need

We share our sense of generosity with those in need this thanksgiving by helping CNC put together Thanksgiving baskets for families in need this year. Our congregation will be collecting cans of Cranberry Sauce for the baskets and we need 120 in all.

Blessing Bags

Thank you to those who stayed after worship last week to help put our "Blessing Bags" together. They are now in the rear of the sanctuary for people to take and put in their cars or carry with them to give out when we see people

in need. The blessing bag contains personal care items, food, and a fresh pair of socks.

Evangelism Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Visiting with us today?

If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to leave us your contact info and we will add you to our congregational mailing list to let you know about various events happening in the congregation.

Hosts for Cottage Meetings

Like to provide hospitality and fellowship? The Stewardship team is looking for interested individuals who would be willing to host our fall stewardship cottage meetings. These are informal gatherings of various members of the church in one another's homes in groups of 8-15 for conversations about the church, our faith and sometime of fellowship. We are looking at November and December to hold these meetings and are open to the timing that works for hosts. If you are interested please speak with Pastor.

Holy Baptism

Welcome to God's Family

Paul Joseph Penman Fiore

Matthew Fiore & Bryan Penman

Parents

Chris & JoAnna Patterson

Baptismal Sponsors

(Friends of the family)

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE – Help for Hurricane Victims
OCTOBER 2018 ELCA.org/disaster

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. Lutheran Disaster Response continues to monitor these storms as they develop and is coordinating its response with Lutheran Services Florida, the Florida-Bahamas Synod, as well as our partners and affiliates in other potentially impacted areas. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from these storms.

Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by these hurricanes.

Your gifts designated for Hurricane response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

Yes, I want to help!

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Hurricane response* \$ _____

Lutheran Disaster Response: *Where Needed Most* \$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

City State ZIP code _____

Email Address _____

*Give through your congregation or make your check out to Lutheran Disaster Response and send to: **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, ELCA Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 1809, Merrifield, VA 22116-8009** and write “Hurricane response” or “Where needed most” on your check’s memo line*

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7 pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>Pastor's Bible Study – 7pm</i>	<i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>8:00 pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>Dinner Church 6-7pm</i>	
	<i>Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm</i>	
	<i>Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45pm</i>	
Friday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i>
		<i>8:30 AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
	<i>10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	

Assisting in Worship Next Week

Assisting Minister	Katie Colaneri
Communion Asst.	LJ Kriebel
Reader:	George Pokalo
Nursery	The Logans
Acolytes	Don Turkowski
Altar Guild	Pam Keebler
Ushers	Joanne Copestick & Bill Portzer
Counters	Pam Keebler & Stef Conklin
Offering Recorder	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	Open / Congregational Meeting
Faith Formation	Holly Holst & Beth Patruno
Altar Flowers	Donna DeVillers

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. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. 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 worshippers.

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:

- Visitor books at the entrance to the sanctuary
- Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs, just drop them in the offering plate

We would be delighted to keep you informed about the many events and opportunities here at St. Mark's and hope you will join us again.