

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

508 Harry Street | Conshohocken, PA 19428

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Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 24th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

Presiding Minister	<i>The Rev. Bryan Penman</i>
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Pastoral Intern	<i>Vicar Lenny Duncan</i>

Assisting Minister	<i>Sheldon Erb</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Karen Hanna</i>
Reader	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
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Altar Guild	<i>Pam Keebler</i>
Ushers	<i>Bill Portzer & Pam Keebler</i>
Counters	<i>Pam Keebler & Lara Hoffman</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Kathy Turner & Kathy Bell</i>

Altar Flowers	<i>Given by Ann Beatty in memory of her sister, Norma Chaka</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.



We bless you for the waters of the woman's tears.
With them she washed Jesus' feet.
In return he affirmed her faith and sent her forth in peace.

Blessed be God forever.

We give you thanks for the gift of baptism.
In this water we become one with Jesus Christ
And were incorporated into Christ's body the church; through this water
we were made temples of your Spirit.

We thank you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us now,
Enlighten us with your Wisdom:
Renew our call to ministry and strengthen us for loving service that we
may proclaim and live Christ's good news.

We praise you.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.



Opening
Hymn

ELW 358

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us



1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your



love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty



though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that



heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

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Music: RYBURN, Norman Cocker, 1889-1953

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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



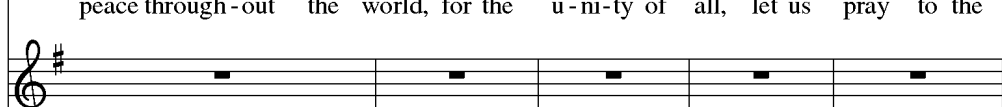
For the reign of God, and for




mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.




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



Lord.



For your



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

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

word, let us pray to the Lord.

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

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Canticle of Praise

Refrain



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



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



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



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

Refrain



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



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



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



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



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



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

Refrain

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

Final refrain

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

**Prayer of
the Day**

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Assembly may be seated

+ Word +

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

First Lesson

Jonah 3:10--

4:11

After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all worked up about a bush, but should not I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites who do not know the difference between their right and left hands?

A Reading from the book of Jonah,

¹⁰When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

^{4:1}But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." ⁴And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

⁶The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

⁹But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." ¹⁰Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmsody

Psalm 145:1-8



¹I will exalt you, my | God and king,
and bless your name forev- | er and ever.

²**Every day | will I bless you
and praise your name forev- | er and ever.**

³Great is the Lord and greatly | to be praised!
There is no end | to your greatness.

⁴**One generation shall praise your works | to another
and shall de- | clare your power. R**

⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor | of your majesty
and all your | marvelous works.

⁶**They shall tell of the might of your | wondrous acts,
and I will re- | count your greatness.**

⁷They shall publish the remembrance of | your great goodness;
they shall sing joyfully | of your righteousness.

⁸**The Lord is gracious and full | of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love. R**

Second Lesson *Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission..*

Philippians 1:21-30

A reading from the letter to the Philippians,

¹For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. ²³I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; ²⁴but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. ²⁵Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, ²⁶so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

²⁷Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with

one mind for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. ²⁹For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—³⁰since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

**Gospel
Acclamation**

The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Gospel
Reading**

Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus tells a parable about God's generosity, challenging the common assumption that God rewards people according to what they have earned or deserve.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ ⁷They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them,

'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage?' ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

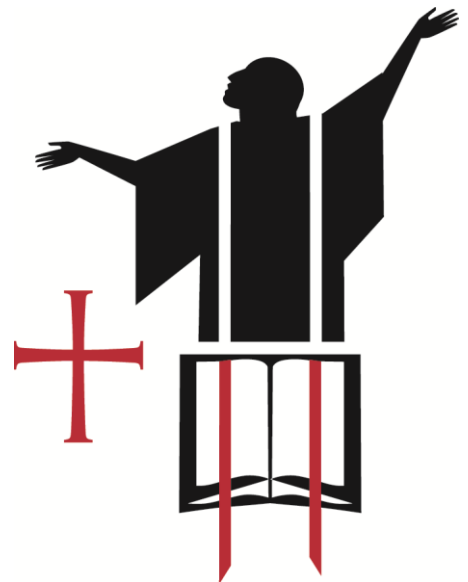
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
The assembly may be seated.

**Children's
Sermon**

Children are invited forward for a short lesson before the sermon. After the children's sermon, the children are invited to return to their seats with their parents or leave to spend time in the nursery.

Sermon

Vicar Lenny Duncan



Hymn of
the Day
ELW 588

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.
Music: LORD, REVIVE US, North American, 19th cent.

The Apostles Creed

Together let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.*
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

Prayers of the People

*Prayers reflect the
wideness of God's
mercy for the
whole world.*

The Assisting Minister invites us into prayer
Open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we
pray for the church, the world, and all of
God's creation. *Each portion of the prayers*
ends with:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers with
these words:* Into your hands, gracious God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting the power of Christ and the gifts
of the Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

For our friends and family:

*Kaye Thomlinson, Carolyn M.,
Tara, Mike, Joanne, Nancy, Tony
and Camille, Bill and Patricia,
Don Dunn, John, Jenny, Donnie,
Katie Gresh, John I. Holdsworth,
Linda Jara, Dawn W., Dottie
Woodring, and Ann Beatty.*

We give thanks for:

*For the Moul Family and Lynn
Moser and the gifts they bring to
our community.*

We pray for this in grief:

*Carolyn, Malervy Family, and
those lost due to natural disasters in
Mexico City, fires in California,
the Caribbean and Gulf Coast.*

+ 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 September, we will be collecting for **Cradles to Crayons**, an idea first conceived in 2000 by Lyn Margherio while watching her niece and nephew largely ignore most their toys and art supplies—an idea came to her: What if all of these like-new or never-used children's things could find their way into the homes of other boys and girls—kids who really needed them? Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.*

Offertory

Waterlife

Handt Hansen

Hanna Knauss, Soloist

Offertory Canticle

The assembly stands as the gifts and offerings are brought forward

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**Offertory
Prayer**

God of life,
you give us these gifts of the earth,
these resources of our life and our labor.
Take them, offered in great thanksgiving,
and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
Amen.

**Great
Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Dialogue

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Proper Preface

The Presiding Minister continues:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at
all times and in all places offer thanks . . . We praise your
name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

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

*Words of
Institution*

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold to pray in the words
our Savior taught us,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Assembly may be seated.

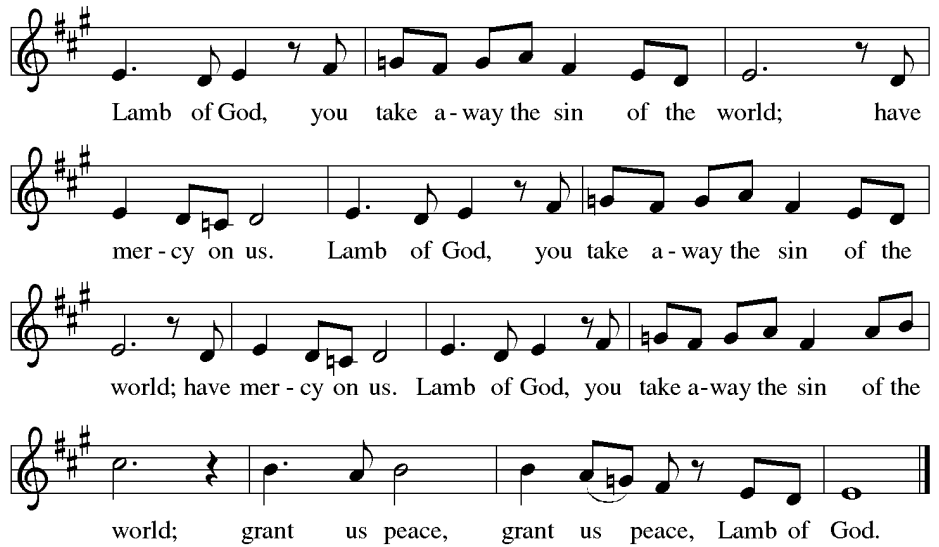
**Invitation to
Communion**

*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are
on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and
wine – all are welcome to commune. Children and their families going to Faith
Formation are invited to the altar rail first.*

Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread,
and make us one with you.

The bread may be broken for the communion

Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Distribution of Communion

The assembly will be guided up to the Altar Rail by the Ushers where you may stand or kneel. Bread and Wine are used for our communion, but gluten free wafers and grape juice are also available so that all may commune.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond -- Amen.

When you have finished communing you are invited to return to your seat by the side aisle and join in singing the communion hymns printed in the bulletin.

**Communion
Hymn**

ELW 659

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.
till we've seen this jour - ney through.
let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard

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**Communion
Hymn**
ELW 447

O Blessed Spring



1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
this blest mys - ter - y: that word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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**Communion
Blessing**

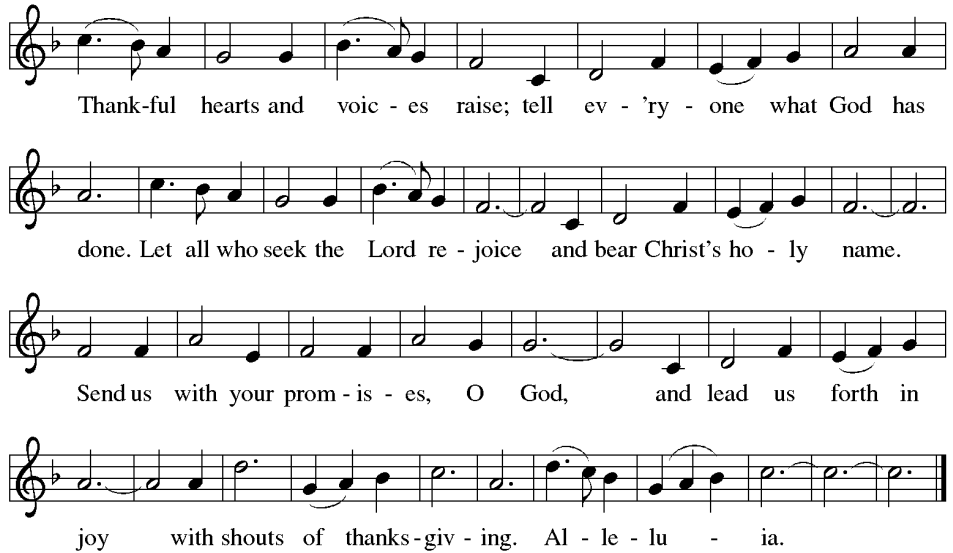
The assembly stands

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

Amen.



**Post
Communion
Canticle**



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

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

Holy and compassionate God,
in bread and wine you give us gifts
that form us to be humble and courageous.
May your words come to life
in our serving and in our witness,
that we might speak a living voice
of healing and justice to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

+ Sending +

The Spirit sends us into the world to serve

Announcements *Ways for you to be sent to do God's work this week with your hands.
Announcements are made behalf of the community.*

Blessing May the peace of Christ go with you wherever he may send you, may he guide you through the wilderness and protect you in the storms of life, may he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you, may he bring you home rejoicing once again to our doors. In the name of the +Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

**Closing
Hymn**

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Rise Up, O Saints of God!



- 1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
- 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
- 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
- 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
- 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;



Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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

Postlude *Er ist das heil*

setting by Mark Sedio

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Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Faith Formation on Sunday are back!

Faith formation activities have resumed following worship each Sunday. Each Sunday we offer two experiences to nurture our lives of faith; one class for young disciples and one class for older disciples. Our younger class meets upstairs for age level appropriate reflections on our readings from worship, prayer, and songs. Our older class meets in the Choir Room (note location change this year) for reflection on the readings as well as a once a month special topic.

Confirmation Classes forming

Our new confirmation class will meet for the first time on Thursday October 5th @ 7pm following Dinner Church. This first class will also be a time for a bit of logistical planning for the year, so parents are encourage to attend as well.

Tweener's Bible Study – Our Lutheran Heritage

Tweener's Tuesday bible study is back for the fall as we study the book "Together by Grace: Introducing the Lutherans" as we explore global and contemporary voices in our Lutheran tradition. Our schedule for classes are as follows: (9/26, 10/17, 10/24, 11/21)

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

St. Francis of Assisi Day – Blessing of the Animals

Wednesday October 4th from 5:30 – 7pm we will be blessing our animal companions outside the front of the church. Saint Francis a saint known for his care and compassion of creation a fitting way to honor his leadership we bless and give thanks for the animal companions in our own lives. Animals of all kinds are welcome at the blessing and if you would like to help with the blessing service – speak with Pastor. It is a great service for kids to participate in!!

First Communion Class

This Tuesday is our kick off First Communion Class @ 5pm here at the church. Parent and youth interested in First communion are invited to attend the meeting that should last no more than an hour to begin the process of First Communion instruction. There will be childcare in the Nursery during the class if that is a help.

Altar Flower Openings

We have openings for Altar Flowers on October 1st, October 22nd, and October 29th, if you are interested in signing up for these dates, please call the office 610.828.0581 or email Vicar

Lenny – vicar@stmarksconshy.org. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this a yearly memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

ALSO – please note that the **Altar Flower list is up on the bulletin board in the hallway** for the rest of the fall, if you have given flowers in previous years – please indicate memorial language for this year’s altar flowers by writing them in the box. If you would like to sign up for Altar Flowers for any of the other openings this fall, please just write your name in the “given by” box.

Service Ministry Announcements:

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

Special Collection Envelope: Cradles to Crayons

Each month we take up a special collection to help local and national organizations do a bit of God’s work, with our *resources*. This month we support the ongoing work of Cradles to Crayons to assist children living at or below poverty get essentials they need for school and daily living. Cradles to Crayons is a local non-profit that aids over 1.2 Million kids across the three metro areas they serve. In Philadelphia alone there are an estimated 130,000 children living in poverty and each day Cradles works to aid and provide for these vulnerable children in our community.

Special Need for Cereal at the Food Pantry @ CNC

Right now there is absolute need at CNC for cereal; there were only 2 boxes on the shelf this week when Karen Hanna took our weekly items. With the kiddos back to school, they need to have breakfast!!

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 \$8,700 and are well on our way to our \$70,000 goal. At the congregational meeting in June we voted to begin a process to collect funds for repairs and improvements to our sanctuary space; masonry work on our stained glass windows, plaster repair, painting the interior of the sanctuary, exterior trim painting, and replacing the carpet in the sanctuary. ***With the support of our whole community we can make this first phase a reality this year. As always, thank you for all you do to support the ministries of St. Mark’s.***

Disaster Relief

With an ever-growing list of disasters in our world, your support is in need now more than ever. With wildfires in the west, hurricane relief in the Caribbean, Florida, and the Gulf Coast, earthquakes in Mexico and Japan – now is the time to give to support the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

Lutheran Disaster Response is a highly reputable ELCA organization that supports case management primarily, through local providers like Lutheran Social Services. They give by need and not by creed. Learn more about giving to LDR at <http://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/>

Or give to St. Mark's by designating Harvey // LDR on your check we will send the donation for you.

Evangelism / Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

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

Octoberfest Fundraiser Dinner

Mark your calendars – Saturday October 14th for our annual fundraiser dinner! It's delicious Pork, Sauerkraut and all the fixings (to include homemade applesauce!). Cost is \$10 for adults (all you can eat) with kids (2-10) \$4.00 with a special kid-friendly menu of hotdogs, chicken nuggets, and mac and cheese. Take out is available as well as delicious treats on our bake sale table!

Volunteers are needed Saturday to help with the dinner, but we are also looking for volunteers the week leading up to the event to assist with food prep. A sign-up sheet is in the McCarney Fellowship room as well as a link to Sign-Up Genius in the weekly pastor's email.

Tell your family, tell your friends, join us for our Annual Fundraiser Dinner!

Conshy Beer Fest Evangelism Table

St. Mark's will again have a free water stand at this year's Conshohocken Beerfest on Sat. October 14th. We are looking for folks to help set up, or staff the table during the event. It is a great opportunity to socialize with members of our community and get ourselves out there. If you are interested in helping – please contact Joe Ruggiero (josephmruggiero@yahoo.com) he is looking for help to set up in the morning (going to BJ's with me to buy water and bring to A field in Conshohocken) or staff the table passing out water (12:30PM - 5PM) and talking to folks.

This Week @ St. Mark's:

<i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours		6am - Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts
<i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours	5pm – First Communion Class 7pm – Tweener's Bible Study	6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts
<i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed	7pm – Stewardship Meeting	6am – Meals on Wheels
<i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours	6pm – Dinner Church 7pm-Adult Choir 7:45pm-Bell Choir	6am – Meals on Wheels
<i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours		6am – Meals on Wheels 6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon
<i>Saturday</i>		7pm – AA Group
<i>Sunday</i>	9:30am – Worship Service 10:15am- Faith Formation 10:30am – Fellowship Hour	7pm – Venture Crew

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Theodora Morley</i>
Communion	<i>Nate Ramsden</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>George Pokalo</i>
Nursery	<i>Fiore Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Joanne Poponvicz</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Sandy Portzger & Joanne Copestick</i>
Ushers	<i>Joanne Copestick & Terry Spence</i>
Counters	<i>Rhea Moore & Pam Keebler</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazrayk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Debbie Eskate</i>

Readings for next week:

[Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32](#)

The fairness of God's way

[Psalms 25:1-9](#)

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love. (Ps. 25:6)

[Philippians 2:1-13](#)

Christ humbled to the point of death on a cross

[Matthew 21:23-32](#)

A parable of doing God's will