

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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# Freed & RENEWED in Christ 500 YEARS OF GOD'S **GRACE** IN ACTION

*Reformation Sunday*

*October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

## **Assisting with Worship Today:**

Presiding Minister	<i>The Rev. Bryan Penman</i>
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Assisting Minister	<i>Joe Jacovino</i>
Communion Assistant	<i>Donna Kobi</i>
Reader	<i>Erin Fazzari</i>
Nursery	<i>Walker Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Joanne Popowicz</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jen Ramsden</i>
Ushers	<i>Dolores Lush &amp; Karen Hanna</i>
Counters	<i>Pam Keebler &amp; Stephanie Conklin</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Portzer/Copstick</i>
Altar Flowers	<i>Given by the Conklin Family in thanksgiving for Anderson's 3rd Birthday!</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** *Jesus' summary of the law in today's gospel echoes our first reading from Leviticus. We are called not only to love God with heart, soul, and mind, but also to love our neighbor as ourselves. It is out of such deep care that Paul shares the gospel with the Thessalonian community. In the confession of sins, we acknowledge that we have not loved God, neighbor, and self, yet we gather to hear the word of forgiveness and to be strengthened by word and meal to be signs of God's love and mercy in the world.*
- Prelude** *Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Keyboard* J.S. Bach  
*BWV 1014 I. Adagio, II. Allegro*  
John Sergovic, violin
- Invocation** *All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*  
Blessed be the ✠ holy Trinity,  
the one who fashions us, the one who heals us,  
the one who reforms us again and again.  
**Amen.**
- Confession and Forgiveness** Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.  
*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*  
Source of all life,  
**we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.**  
**We fear that we are not good enough.**  
**We hear your word of love freely given to us,**  
**yet we expect others to earn it.**  
**We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.**  
**Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love,**  
**willing to speak for what is right,**  
**act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation.**  
**Amen.**  
God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us  
and to empower our lives in the world.  
Our sins are forgiven, ✠ God's love is unconditional,  
and we are raised up as God's people  
who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Opening  
Hymn**

ELW 631

**Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788  
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

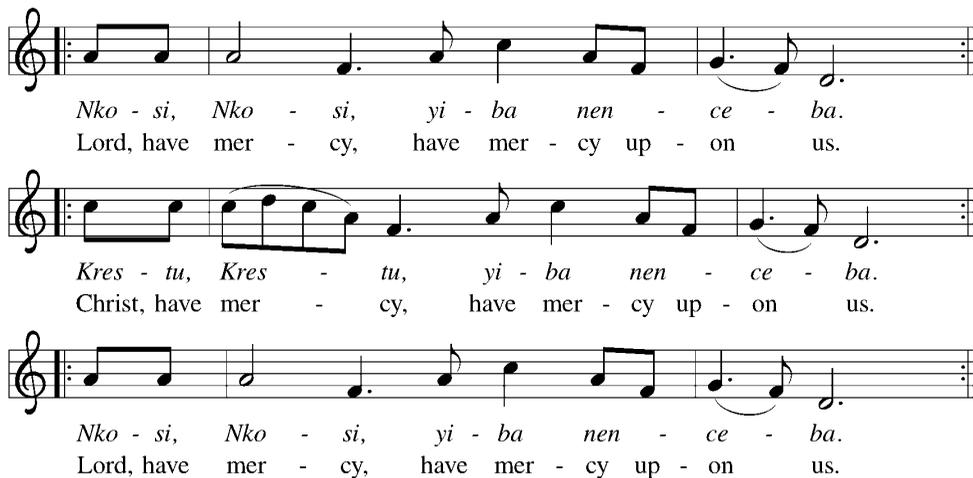
**Apostolic  
Greeting**

*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



*Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.*  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.*  
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.*  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

## 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

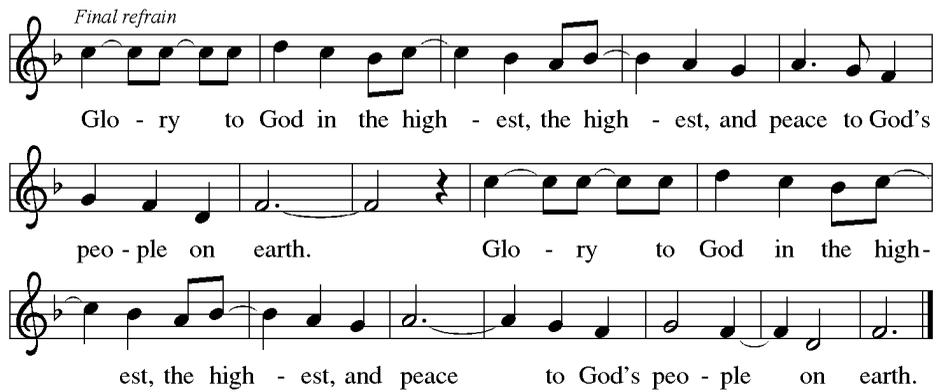


Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



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 God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, 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*

**+ Word +**

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

**First Lesson**  
*Leviticus 19:1-2,  
 15-18*

*The holiness code in Leviticus urges people to be holy because God is holy. Holiness is lived out in partiality for and consideration of the poor and the weak. We are to love our neighbors as ourselves. God's people exercise justice and love in their dealings with one another.*

A Reading from the book of Leviticus,

<sup>1</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

<sup>2</sup>Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

<sup>15</sup>You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. <sup>16</sup>You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. <sup>18</sup>You shall not

take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalmody

*Psalm 1*



<sup>1</sup>Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel | of the wicked,  
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats | of the  
scornful!

<sup>2</sup>**Their delight is in the law | of the Lord,  
and they meditate on God's teaching | day and night. R**

<sup>3</sup>They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due  
season, with leaves that | do not wither;  
everything they | do shall prosper.

<sup>4</sup>**It is not so | with the wicked;  
they are like chaff which the wind | blows away.**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when | judgment  
comes,  
nor the sinner in the council | of the righteous.

<sup>6</sup>**For the Lord knows the way | of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked shall | be destroyed. R**

## Second Lesson

*1 Thessalonians  
2:1-8*

*Paul uses maternal imagery to depict the caring and nurturing relationship he shares with the Thessalonian Christians. When he first came to their city it was not to benefit himself but to share the gospel with them, which was his responsibility as an apostle of Christ.*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> letter to the Thessalonians,

<sup>1</sup>You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup>but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup>For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup>but

just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup>As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup>nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup>though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup>So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

**Gospel  
Acclamation**

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel*

*Today we will be using an Palastinian Hallelujah for the gospel acclamation, we invite you to follow along with our Music Director.*

**Gospel  
Reading**

*Matthew 22:15-  
22*

*Put on the spot by the Pharisees, Jesus displays wisdom by summarizing the law of God in just two commandments and by demonstrating the Messiah must be more than the son of David.*

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

<sup>34</sup>When the Pharisees heard that [Jesus] had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup>and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup>“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” <sup>37</sup>He said to him, “ “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup>And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ <sup>40</sup>On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

<sup>41</sup>Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup>“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” <sup>43</sup>He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

<sup>44</sup>“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,

until I put your enemies under your feet”?”  
<sup>45</sup>If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” <sup>46</sup>No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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 546*

## To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion’s face and lis - t’ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,  
 right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!  
 love ex - pressed,  
 church, re - joice,

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 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924  
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**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:*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

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

Into your hands, gracious God, we  
commend all for whom we pray, trusting  
the power of Christ and the gifts of the  
Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*Don Dunn, John I. Holdsworth,  
Jenny, Donnie, Linda Jara, Dawn  
W., Katie Gresh, Dottie  
Woodring, Ann Beatty, Ana,  
Unce Jimmy, Bob Rubach, Sharon,  
Carol, Nancy FW, Joanne WH*

***We give thanks for:***

*The birth of Lucy & Calder*

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

*Keith and Portzger families.*

## Sharing of the Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## + Meal +

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### Offering

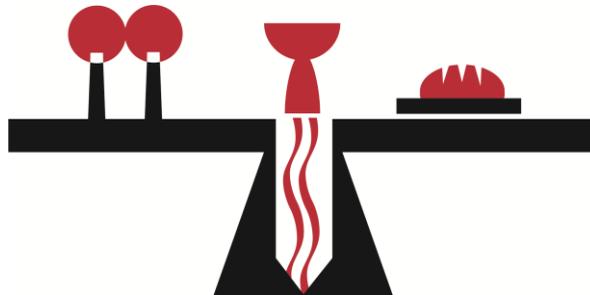
*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need.*

*During the month of October, we will be collecting for **Colonial Neighborhood Council** which works with those in need in Conshohocken, Plymouth Meeting, Whitmarsh and Lafayette Hill. In addition to the food pantry, CNC also sponsors the Well (a clothing store for low income families), runs our local "Meals on Wheels" program, and provides special meals at the holidays for families in need.*

### Offertory

*Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Keyboard BWV 1014 III. Andant*  
John Sergovic, violin

JS Bach



## Offertory Canticle

*The assembly  
stands as the  
gifts and  
offerings are  
brought forward*



Nues-tro Pa - dre nos in - vi - ta a la me - sa de la  
God ex - tends an in - vi - ta - tion to the ta - ble of cre -

vi - da, don - de hay vi - no, luz y pan; y no -  
a - tion, where there's wine and light and bread. Here we

so - tros nos reu - ni - mos, y lo nues - tro com - par - ti - mos, pues a -  
gath - er in thanks - giv - ing and we of - fer all our liv - ing. Here the

sí es la co - mu - nión; pues a - sí es la co - mu - nión.  
feast of life is spread; here the feast of life is spread.

Text: Miria T. Kolling; English and Spanish tr. Gerhard M. Cartford, b. 1923  
Music: NUESTRO PADRE. Miria T. Kolling  
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Music © Miria T. Kolling.

## 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

*Dialogue*

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**

*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*

*Today for our Sanctusis from the “Music Makes Community” liturgy, we invite you to follow the instructions of our music director as we join our voices in song with all the choirs of angels*

*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

*We will sing the lamb of God "echo" style where we repeat what our music director sings.*



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: mi-se-re-re no-bis.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; have . . mer-cy on . . us.



A - gnus De - i, qui tollis pec-ca-ta mun-di: do-na no-bis pa-cem.  
Lamb of God, . . you take away the sin of the world; grant . . us . . peace.

## 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 750



Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart



1 Lord, thee I love with all my heart; I pray thee, ne'er from me de-part;  
2 Yea, Lord, thine own rich boun-ty gave my bod - y, soul, and all I have  
3 Lord, let at last thine an-gels come, to A-br'ham's bos-om bear me home,



with ten-der mer-cy cheer me. Earth has no plea-sure I would share,  
in this poor life of la - bor. Lord, grant that I in ev - 'ry place  
that I may die un-fear - ing; and in its nar - row cham-ber keep



yea, heav'n it - self were void and bare if thou, Lord, were not near me.  
may glo - ri - fy thy lav - ish grace and serve and help my neigh - bor.  
my bod - y safe in peace-ful sleep un - til thy re - ap - pear - ing.



And should my heart for sor-row break, my trust in thee can noth-ing shake.  
Let no false teach-ing me be-guile, let Sa - tan not my soul de - file.  
And then from death a-wak-en me, that these mine eyes with joy may see,



Thou art the por - tion I have sought; thy pre - cious  
Give strength and pa - tience un - to me to bear my  
O Son of God, thy glo - rious face, my Sav - ior



blood my soul has bought. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
cross and fol - low thee. Lord Je - sus Christ, my God and Lord,  
and my fount of grace. Lord Je - sus Christ, my prayer at - tend,



my God and Lord, for - sake me not! I trust thy word.  
my God and Lord, in death thy com - fort still af - ford.  
my prayer at - tend, and I will praise thee with - out end!

# Communion

## Hymn

ELW 411



# We All Believe in One True God

1 We all be - lieve in one true God,  
2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ,  
3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost

who cre - at - ed earth and heav - en, the Fa - ther,  
his own Son, our Lord, pos - sess - ing an e - qual  
who, in high - est heav - en dwell - ing with God the

who to us in love has the right of chil - dren giv - en.  
God-head, throne, and might, source of ev - 'ry grace and bless - ing;  
Fa - ther and the Son, com - forts us be - yond all tell - ing;

He in soul and bod - y feeds us; all we need his  
born of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er, by the pow - er  
who the church, his own cre - a - tion, keeps in u - ni -

hand pro - vides us; through all snares and per - ils  
of the Spir - it, Word made flesh, our el - der  
ty of spir - it. Here for - give - ness and sal -

leads us, watch - ing that no harm be - tide us.  
broth - er; that the lost might life in - her - it,  
va - tion dai - ly come through Je - sus' mer - it.

He cares for us day and  
was put to death on the  
All flesh shall rise; we shall

night;  
cross,  
be

all things are gov-erned by his might.  
and raised by God vic-to-ri-ous.  
in bliss with God e-ter-nal-ly.

A - men.

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 Music: WIR GLAUBEN ALL., Latin *Credo*, c. 1300, adapt.  
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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**

*We will sing this new  
canticle through  
“normally”*

**Strengthen for Service, Lord**

1 Streng-then for ser-vice, Lord, the hands that ho-ly  
 2 The tongues that sang your ho-ly name now purge of  
 3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev-er

things have ta-ken; and let the ears that heard your  
 all de-cep-tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
 lured to wan-der; but lead the faith-ful nour-ished

word to false-hood nev-er wak-en.  
 love and sharp-en their per-cep-tion.  
 here to jour-ney on in splen-dor.

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 Music: BUCKHURST RUN, Robert A. Hobby, b. 1962  
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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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# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God,  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might!  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide,

a sword and shield vic - to - rious;  
 We would be lost, re - ject - ed.  
 all threat - 'ning to de - vour us,  
 no thanks to foes, who fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod  
 But now a cham - pion comes to fight,  
 we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand;  
 for God him - self fights by our side

and wins sal - va - tion glo - rious.  
 whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
 they can - not o - ver - pow'r us.  
 with weap - ons of the Spir - it.

The old e - vil foe, sworn to work us woe,  
 Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he!  
 This world's prince may rage, in fierce war en - gage.  
 If they take our house, goods, fame, child, or spouse,

with dread craft and might he arms him - self to fight.  
 Christ Je - sus our Lord, God's on - ly Son, a - dored.  
 He is doomed to fail; God's judg - ment must pre - vail!  
 wrench our life a - way, they can - not win the day.

On earth he has no e - qual.  
 He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther  
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**Dismissal** Go in peace. Sound the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude** *Sonata No. 1 for Violin and Keyboard*

JS Bach



*BWV 1014 IV. Allegro*

John Sergovic, violin

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*A Special Thank You to John Sergovic for Blessing Us with His  
Violin and Gifts this Reformation Sunday*

## **Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Theology on tap**

Martin Luther has a great tradition of meeting with his students around tables in his house to discuss theology informally – and since his wife Katie was a well known brew master, we assume they shared a few pints as well. So this group gathers at the Great American pub at Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. No theology degree is required, just your honest wrestling with faith and questions on all things pertaining to God.

This year we will be exploring the monthly themes from our program year Re:Form and exploring the role of faith in our everyday lives as we are formed by faith (or Re:Formed) into faithful disciples.

## **Worship Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **All Saint's Sunday: November 5<sup>th</sup>**

If you have someone significant in your life who has passed this year, we invite you to send us their name for reading during worship on November the 5th.

Also if you have pictures of loved ones that have died we invite you to bring them to worship that day —it's a great way for us to be surrounded by the saints in worship.

## **Name Tag Sunday: First Sunday of the Month**

“You know, what’s their name....” has become a common expression around our expanding congregation. As a way of helping us learn one another’s names, we will be observing “Name Tag Sunday” once a month on the first Sunday of the month. We will invite all people to wear name tags and practice during the liturgy to share the peace *by name* as well as a few other elements during the service.

## **Service Ministry Announcements:**

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

### **Special Collection item of the month for CNC**

This month we will be collecting toiletries for the food pantry shelves at CNC. CNC is in need of baby food desperately. Also for the Thanksgiving boxes this year we are collecting 100 cans of mushroom soup. Let’s stock up the shelves at CNC by helping to collect these items this month.

### **Fall Stewardship Drive: Discovering your unique S.H.A.P.E.**

This week we continue our multi-week Stewardship Campaign “S.H.A.P.E.” This week we will focus on **H**earth/Passions. Through a process of surveys and reflections, we will discover our **S**piritual Gifts, what we have **H**earth/Passions for, affirm our **A**bilities, learn about our **P**ersonalities, and reflect on our **E**xperiences that shape our story. At the end of the survey process, we will spend time in “cottage meetings” as we discuss and discern future directions for ministries in our key ministry areas of Worship, Service, Fellowship & Evangelism, and Faith Formation. Most of the survey will be electronic in nature, but if you would like a printed copy of the materials – they are available in the rear of the sanctuary.

We hope to have the **WHOLE** congregation complete this process and we are inviting people to use the survey as a devotional in their households over the next few weeks as we discover our unique **SHAPE** and how it fits into the ministry of St. Mark’s.

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

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

### **Becoming Members of St. Mark’s**

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the St. Mark’s community? Speak with Pastor or Vicar Lenny about taking the next steps to join our congregation.

## This Week @ St. Mark's:

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

### Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

Assisting Minister	<i>Erin Fazžari</i>
Communion	<i>Kathy Pokalo</i>
Assistant	
Reader	<i>Sheldon Erb</i>
Nursery	<i>Spinner Family</i>
Acolyte	<i>Garret Kriebel</i>
Altar Guild	<i>Jen Schreiter</i>
Ushers	<i>LJ Kriebel &amp; Joanne Copestick</i>
Counters	<i>Rhea Moore &amp; LJ Kriebel</i>
Offering Recorder	<i>Jeanette Nazaryk</i>
Fellowship Hour	<i>Popowicz &amp; Hanna</i>

### Readings for next week:

Revelation 7:9-17

*The multitudes of heaven worship the Lamb*

Psalms 34:1-10, 22

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord; for those who fear the Lord lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

1 John 3:1-3

*We are God's children*

Matthew 5:1-12

*Blessed are the poor in spirit*