

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8th, 2017

Assisting with Worship Today:

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| Presiding Minister | <i>The Rev. Bryan Penman</i> |
| Director of Music Ministries | <i>Emily Ballentine Erb</i> |
| Pastoral Intern | <i>Vicar Lenny Duncan</i> |
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| Counters | <i>Susan Jacovino & Lara Hoffman</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

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a parable of the vineyard, an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread, that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

Prelude



Wer nur den lieben Gott

setting by Mark Sedio

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.

Litany for Peace

Giver of Life and Love, you created all people as one family and called us to live together in harmony and peace. Surround us with your love as we face the challenges and tragedies of gun violence, especially in light of the mass shooting in Las Vegas. For our dear ones, for our neighbors, for strangers and aliens, and those known to you alone.
Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of Righteousness, you have given our leaders, especially our president, the members of Congress, the judges of our courts and members of our legislatures, power and responsibility to protect us and to uphold our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For all who bear such responsibility, for all who struggle to discern what is right in the face of powerful political forces.
Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of Compassion, we give you thanks for first responders, for police officers, firefighters and EMT's, and all those whose duties bring them to the streets, the lobbies, the malls, and the homes where the carnage of gun violence takes place day after day. Give them courage and sound

judgment in the heat of the moment and grant them compassion for the victims. For our brothers and sisters who risk their lives and their serenity as they rush to our aid.

Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

Merciful God, bind up the wounds of all who suffer from gun violence, those maimed and disfigured, those left alone and grieving, and those who struggle to get through one more day. Bless them with your presence and help them find hope. For all whose lives are forever marked by the scourge of gun violence.

Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

God who remembers, may we not forget those who have died in the gun violence that we have allowed to become routine. Receive them into your heart and comfort us with your promise of eternal love and care. For all who have died, those who die today, and those who will die tomorrow.

Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

God of Justice, help us, your church, to find our voice. Empower us to change this broken world and to protest the needless deaths caused by gun violence. Give us power to rise above our fear that nothing can be done, and grant us the conviction to advocate for change.

For your dream of love and harmony.

Loving God, **make us instruments of your peace.**

All this we pray in the name of the One who offered his life so that we might live, Jesus the Christ. **Amen.**

Opening
Hymn
ELW
727

Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth



1 Lord Christ, when first you came to earth, up -
2 O awe - some Love, which finds no room in
3 New ad - vent of the love of Christ, will
4 O wound - ed hands of Je - sus, build in



on a cross they bound you, and mocked your sav - ing
life where sin de - nies you, and, doomed to death, shall
we a - gain re - fuse you, till in the night of
us your new cre - a - tion; our pride is dust, our



king - ship's worth by thorns with which they crowned you. And
bring to doom the pow'r that cru - ci - fies you, till
hate and war we per - ish as we lose you? From
vaunt is stilled; we wait your rev - e - la - tion. O



still our wrongs may fash - ion now new thorns to pierce that
not a stone is left on stone, and then the na - tions'
an - cient doubts our minds re - lease to seek the king - dom
Love that tri - umphs o - ver loss, we bring our hearts be -



stead - y brow, and robe of sor - row round you.
pride, o'er - thrown, will nev - er - more de - fy you!
of your peace, by which a - lone we choose you.
fore your cross; come, fin - ish your sal - va - tion.

Text: W. Russell Bowie, 1882–1969, alt.
Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

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

Detailed description: This system contains two staves of music. The top staff is labeled 'Leader' and contains a melodic line with lyrics 'In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.' The bottom staff is labeled 'Assembly' and contains a lower melodic line with lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have'.

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation from the first system. The top staff (Leader) has lyrics 'For the reign of God, and for' and the bottom staff (Assembly) has lyrics 'mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.'

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

Detailed description: This system continues the musical notation. The top staff (Leader) has lyrics 'peace through-out the world, for the u-ni-ty of all, let us pray to the' and the bottom staff (Assembly) is mostly silent with some rests.

Lord. For your

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

Detailed description: This system concludes the musical notation. The top staff (Leader) has lyrics 'Lord. For your' and the bottom staff (Assembly) has lyrics '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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 Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen
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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 - mighty God and Fa - ther,



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

Refrain



for your glo - ry. *Refrain* 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**

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Assembly may be seated

+ Word +

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

First Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "wild grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

A Reading from the book of Isaiah,

- ¹Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.
- ²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.
- ³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.
- ⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?
When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?
- ⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
- ⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
 is the house of Israel,
 and the people of Judah
 are his pleasant planting;
 he expected justice,
 but saw bloodshed;
 righteousness,
 but heard a cry!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heav'n, O God; be - hold and tend this vine.

⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts;
 let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
⁸**You have brought a vine | out of Egypt;**
you cast out the nations and | planted it.
⁹You cleared the | ground for it;
 it took root and | filled the land.
¹⁰**The mountains were covered | by its shadow**
and the towering cedar trees | by its boughs. R
¹¹You stretched out its tendrils | to the sea
 and its branches | to the river.
¹²**Why have you broken | down its wall,**
so that all who pass by pluck | off its grapes?
¹³The wild boar of the forest has | ravaged it,
 and the beasts of the field have | grazed upon it.
¹⁴**Turn now, O | God of hosts,**
look | down from heaven;
¹⁵behold and | tend this vine;
 preserve what your right | hand has planted. **R**

Second Lesson

Philippians
3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

A reading from the letter to the Philippians,

[Paul writes:] ^{4b}If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹²Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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* 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew

Glory to you O Lord.

[Jesus said to the people:] ³³“Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. ³⁴When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ ³⁹So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. ⁴⁰Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’” ⁴¹They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴²Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes?”

⁴³Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. ⁴⁴The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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 806

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



1 The church of Christ, in ev - 'ry age be - set by
2 A - cross the world, a - cross the street, the vic - tims
3 Then let the ser - vant church a - rise, a car - ing
4 For he a - lone, whose blood was shed, can cure the
5 We have no mis - sion but to serve in full o -



change, but Spir - it - led, must claim and test its
of in - jus - tice cry for shel - ter and for
church that longs to be a part - ner in Christ's
fe - ver in our blood, and teach us how to
be - dience to our Lord; to care for all, with -



her - i - tage and keep on ris - ing from the dead.
bread to eat, and nev - er live be - fore they die.
sac - ri - fice, and clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.
share our bread and feed the starv - ing mul - ti - tude.
out re - serve, and spread his lib - er - at - ing word.

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Music: WAREHAM, William Knapp, 1698–1768

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+ Baptism +

God welcomes us into God's House.

Presentation God, who is rich in mercy and love...today we will baptize Francesca Noel Spinner.

The presiding minister addresses parents:

Response:

We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Response:

We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support *Francesca Noel*, and pray for *her* in *her* new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses as they affirm and renew their baptismal promises.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

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

Response:

I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

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 into hell.***

**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**

**Thanksgiving
at the font**

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.

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

We give you thanks, O God, ... through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

Francesca Noel Spinner, I baptize you in the name of the Father,*
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us pray...**Amen..**

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each: Sustain Francesca Noel Spinner ... 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 may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Francesca Noel Spinner... cross of Christ forever. Amen.

**Welcome
by the
assembly**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly as the presider leads the assembly in the welcome.

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.

**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.**

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.

**Sharing of
the Peace**

For our friends and family:

Nicholas, Nicole, Sandra, Amelia, Lynn Kime, John, Tara, Mike, Donnie, Jenny, Dawn W, Linda Jara, John I Holdsworth, Ann Beatty, Dottie Woodring, Katie Gresh, Don Dunn

We give thanks for:

The Olsen and the Nazaryk Families.

We pray for those in grief:

the Families of the Las Vegas Massacre

+ 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** who 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

My Song is Love Unknown
Bell Choir

arr. Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

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.

Dialogue

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

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.

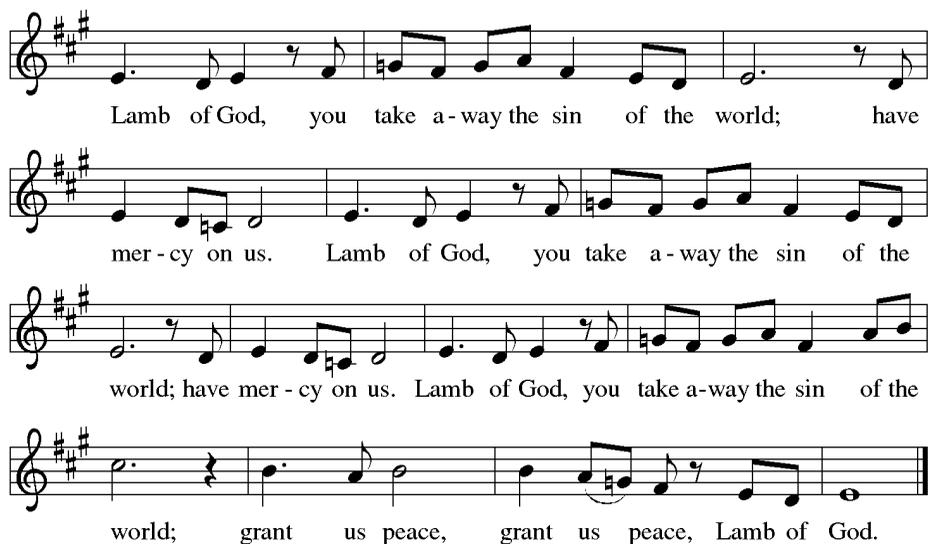
**Invitation to
Communion**

*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 Usbers 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 826



Thine the Amen



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
3 Thine the tru - ly thine the yes thine the ta - ble we the guest
4 Thine the king - dom thine the prize thine the won - der full sur - prise
5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
thine the mer - cy all from thee thine the glo - ry yet to be
thine the ban - quet then the praise then the jus - tice of thy ways
thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
then the ring - ing and the sing - ing then the end of all the war
thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry then the wel - come to the least
then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
thine the liv - ing thine the lov - ing ev - er - more ev - er - more.
then the won - der all in - creas - ing at thy feast at thy feast.
thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Communion Hymn

ELW 760



O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es,
2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing



our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide,
our lives and loves, our days and years re - main,



e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,



un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
the marks of love, in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:



O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en,
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,



who spread the skies, and set the stars a - blaze,
O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing pow'r,
for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee,



O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en,
O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,



we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Music: RED HILL ROAD, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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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If You But Trust in God to Guide You



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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

Postlude *Wer nur den lieben Gott BWV 642*

setting by J. S. Bach



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Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

Teachers for young people Faith Formation

This year we are utilizing SignUpGenius to facilitate teacher signups for our young person class. Each week we would love to have a leader for the older kids, younger kids and a helping hand. Leading a class means that you have read the curriculum and help guide the students in discussing the video and bible story and possibly an activity if time allows. The curriculum is provided for you by email in advance of the lesson. To access the SignUpGenius see the weekly pastor's email or visit our website under faith formation tab.

Special Adult Forum on October 22nd

We will be taking a deeper dive into some of our Lutheran heritage this month in a special Adult Forum following worship. Vicar Lenny will be exploring major themes in our Lutheran theology; saved by grace, vocation, why the cross is so central/important for us, saint and sinner, law and gospel as we honor and celebrate the 500th anniversary of the movement that changed the world.

Faith Formation on Sunday Mornings

Children's Faith Formation starts at 10:15-11:30am upstairs. We do this in light of our baptismal promises to teach our young ones about faith. 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 weekly email

Pastor sends out a weekly message with reflections on the coming Sunday's readings as well as announcements upcoming during the week at church. To sign up for this email check out our homepage www.stmarksconshy.org to enter your email address or let Pastor know to add you to the list.

Theology on Tap

We gather on Wednesday October 11th at the Great American Pub as we continue to explore themes from our program year: Re:Formation. This month we will explore items from our heritage. How has your life experience made you uniquely you? What formation events have happened in your life and where do you draw inspiration from your past that make you act in the present? Of course we will also explore how our Lutheran tradition continues to shape us as believers who proclaim God's grace! Join us for conversation and a few drinks!

Tweener's Bible Study

Updated Schedule is as follows:

- October 17th (Faith Active in Love) ** note chapters are out of order
- October 24th (Worship and the Arts)
- November 21st (Being Lutheran Together in a Wider World & Voices and Places)

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Learn about worship opportunities here at St. Mark's

Reformation Sunday: October 29th

Join us as we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in worship with a festival liturgy that day. Our music will feature the depth and breath of our global denomination and highlight various music from across the world wide movement. We will also feature our tried and true songs as we light up our voices and sing along with Martin Luther's "A Mighty Fortress." Don't forget the color of the day is RED!

All Saint's Sunday: November 5th

If you have someone significant in your life that 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 there 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.

Altar Flower Openings

Upcoming openings for Altar flowers: **October 22nd | October 29th | November 26th**

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 years 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.

Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays

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

Service Ministry Announcements:

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

Social Ministry Discernment Meeting: October 25th @ 7pm

Our Social Ministry Team is brainstorming new ways our congregation can bring light to the dark places in our community by serving those in need, just as we did with Dylan (our college student).

We invite you to be part of the conversation and to share your ideas. Join us on Wednesday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room at St. Mark’s. If you can’t make the meeting, please feel

free to speak to Karen Hanna, who leads our Social Ministry Team, or Pastor Bryan or me. We're looking forward to hearing from you and seeing which way the Spirit moves our community next.

Special Collection Envelope: Colonial Neighborhood Council

Each week we support the collection of food for families in need in our local community, but this month we take up a special cash collection to support the ongoing work of Colonial Neighborhood Council. In addition to food, resources gathered go to support those in need in our community.

Special Collection item of the month for CNC

This month we will be collecting toiletries for the food pantry shelves at CNC. Often food assistance helps provide needed staples for families but the personal care items like shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet paper are often items that are also expensive and needed by families trying to make ends meet. Let's stock up the shelves at CNC by helping to collect these items this month.

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 \$9,600 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.*

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

In the coming weeks you will be hearing more about our upcoming fall stewardship drive, "Discovering your unique S.H.A.P.E.: serve where you fit." In the coming weeks we will be asking our membership to participate in a several week process of discovering how God has gifted us all uniquely for the work of ministry. All of this will lead up to a series of cottage meeting in November and December as we spend time in fellowship and discernment as we "shape" the future of ministry at St. Mark's and explore ways that you can "serve where you fit" in the ministry of St. Mark's.

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. Looking for folks to help set up, or man the table during the event. Great opportunity to socialize with members of our community and get ourselves out there. If you are interested in helping – please contact Joe Ruggiero (josephmuggiero@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.

Connect with us online

Are you a “fan” of the St. Mark’s facebook page? Did you like the photo we posted on Instagram? Did you know we could be trending on Twitter? St. Mark’s offers a variety of ways to connect virtually beyond our worship services. Check out our online presence, share our messages with friends and family as we seek to spread God’s love with those who need to see the greatness of God’s grace!



This Week @ St. Mark's:

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| <p><i>Monday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours</p> | | <p>6am - Meals on Wheels 7pm – Boy Scouts</p> |
| <p><i>Tuesday</i> 10am-2pm- Office Hours</p> | <p>7pm-Council Meeting</p> | <p>6am – Meals on Wheels 7pm – Cub Scouts</p> |
| <p><i>Wednesday</i> Office Closed</p> | <p>4pm-Applesauce Making 7pm-Theology on Tap</p> | <p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p> |
| <p><i>Thursday</i> 2-8pm-Office Hours</p> | <p>6pm-Stuffing Making 6pm – Dinner Church 7pm-Adult Choir 7:45pm-Bell Choir</p> | <p>6am – Meals on Wheels</p> |
| <p><i>Friday</i> 10am-2pm-Office Hours</p> | <p>9am-Roasted Pork Making</p> | <p>6am – Meals on Wheels 6:30pm – AA / Al-Anon</p> |
| <p><i>Saturday</i></p> | <p>5pm-Octoberfest</p> | <p>7pm – AA Group</p> |
| <p><i>Sunday</i></p> | <p>9:30am – Worship Service 10:15am- Faith Formation 10:30am – Fellowship Hour</p> | <p>7pm – Venture Crew</p> |

Assisting with Worship Next Sunday:

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| Assisting Minister | <i>Katie Colaneri</i> |
| Communion | <i>Lara Hoffman</i> |
| Assistant | |
| Reader | <i>Donald Dunn</i> |
| Nursery | <i>Ruggerio Family</i> |
| Acolyte | <i>Nate Ramsden</i> |
| Altar Guild | <i>Joanne Copestick/ Sandy Portzner</i> |
| Ushers | <i>Pam Keebler / Donna Kobi</i> |
| Counters | <i>Debbie Eskate/Pam Keebler</i> |
| Offering Recorder | <i>Nate Ramsden</i> |
| Fellowship Hour | <i>Octoberfest Bake Goods</i> |

Readings for next week:

[Isaiah 25:1-9](#)

The feast of victory

[Psalm 23](#)

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

[Philippians 4:1-9](#)

Rejoice in the Lord always

[Matthew 22:1-14](#)

The parable of the unwelcome guest at the wedding feast