

# Twelfth Sunday in Pentecost

## *Sunday August 5, 2018*



*Today is “VBS Sunday.” The theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School was “Renew” emphasizing God’s love for people and the care of the created world that we live in and are given the responsibility to care for. Throughout the week at Vacation Bible School, the kids learned about growing in God’s love for them and ways to renew the environment by caring for God’s creation.*

**Hymns and Music for Today: (on the screen)**

**Gathering Hymn:** “Peace Like a River”

**Hymn of the Day:** “The Farmer and Me”

**Communion:** “Listen Up” and “I Will Grow”

**Sending Song:** “He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”

### **Assisting with worship today:**

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

**Director of Music:** *Emily Ballentine Erb*

**Assisting Minister:** *Kathy Pokalo*

**Communion Assistant:** *Joanne Copestick*

**Reader:** *Joanne Copestick*

**Nursery:** *The Walkers*

**Acolyte:** *Open*

**Altar Flowers:** *Dayle Malentionio, Debbie Rodenbuagh and Donna Myers in loving memory of Barbara and George Snear*

**Altar Guild:** *Kathy Bell, Kathy Turner*

**Ushers:** *Delores Lush, Donna Kobi*

**Counters :** *Rhea Moore, Jen Schreiter*

**Offering Recorder:** *Kathy Pokalo*

**Fellowship Hour:** *VBS Snacks*

## Prayer of the Day

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Word

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

**First Reading: Genesis 1:26-31** -- *the story of creation and human's role to be good stewards.*

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humankind<sup>[a]</sup> in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,<sup>[b]</sup> and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humankind<sup>[c]</sup> in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;<sup>[d]</sup>  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

## Psalmody | Psalm 104:10-17



<sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth | in the valleys;  
they flow be | tween the hills

<sup>11</sup>**giving drink to every | wild animal;  
the wild donkeys | quench their thirst.**

<sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their | habitation;  
they sing a | mong the branches.

<sup>13</sup>**From your lofty abode you wa | ter the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit | of your work. R**

<sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow | for the cattle,  
and plants for people to use, to bring forth food | from the earth,

<sup>15</sup>**and wine to gladden the | human heart,  
oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the | human heart.**

<sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are wa | tered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon | that he planted.

<sup>17</sup>**In them the birds | build their nests;  
the stork has its home | in the fir trees. R**

## Second Reading: Genesis 8:20-22 and Genesis 9:12-12 *God Makes a Covenant with Noah*

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup>And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.” (continues with **Genesis 9:12-17**):

<sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## Gospel: Mark 4:1-9 *The Parable of the Sower*

<sup>4</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>“Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.” <sup>9</sup>And he said, “Let anyone with ears to hear listen!”

## Worship Ministry Announcements:

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

### 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.

### Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have opening for Altar Flowers on the last Sunday of August. If you are interested in signing up for this date, please call the office 610.828.0581 or email the Office Admin, Mary, at [office@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:office@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.

### Choir Rehearsals Begin Soon

Adult Choir rehearsals begin Thursday, August 30<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-7:45 pm. The Bell Choir rehearses right after that from 7:45 – 8:30 pm.

## Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

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

### Vacation Bible School – Thank You!!

Thank you to the many people who made our VBS a wonderful time of learning, fellowship and fun for the kids who attended this last week!!



## Illustrated Faith Books

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

## Flat Jesus this summer

Jesus goes with us everywhere this summer! And to remind us, we are inviting folks to take flat Jesus with them to take pictures in their various travels to places. This summer we are featuring a twist with our flat Jesus, we invite you take selfies with other people that you meet this summer with your flat Jesus. Maybe it’s your neighbor, or a friend, the waitress at lunch, the flight attendant on a trip, or folks at the beach – let’s see how many people Flat Jesus can meet this summer! We then invite you to share those photos with pastor via email, Facebook, or text. We will feature our flat Jesus photos each week in the weekly pastor’s email. Can’t wait to see where all Jesus ends up this summer.

## Faith Formation Begins on Sunday, September 9 – More Info Coming Soon

**Children’s Faith Formation classes will begin on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> 10:15-11:30 am**  
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.

**Adult Faith Formation will meet *after worship during fellowship hour.*** Grab a snack and join us for discussion and share your insight and thoughts ...

## Service Ministry Announcements:

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

## Building Maintenance Position

The Building Maintenance job description is posted to the St. Mark’s website ([www.stmarksconshy.org](http://www.stmarksconshy.org)). If you know anyone who is interested, please contact pastor (610-828-0581)

## Back to School Collection Items

We'll be collecting school supplies and backpacks for The Colonial Neighborhood Council – bring them in to church during this month and we'll make sure they are delivered to CNC.

## Special Collection Envelope This Month: Silver Springs – Martin Luther School

In 1859, Silver Springs was established in the Germantown section of Philadelphia by Elizabeth Fry Ashmead Schaeffer with a single dollar and a singular conviction to serve and care for orphaned children. Today, Elizabeth Schaeffer's single dollar has grown into this thriving social ministry organization that is dedicated to serving children and families, helping them to heal, grow, and see hope in their future.

Silver Springs – Martin Luther School offers a holistic approach to improving the developmental, emotional, educational, spiritual, and social well-being of children and families through residential and community-based mental health services, special education, and foster family care. With locations in Plymouth Meeting and Philadelphia, Silver Springs is a Social Ministry Organization (SMO) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is non-denominational with regard to whom it serves.

## Evangelism/Fellowship Ministry Announcements:

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

### Imagine a Church ...

Help us collect ideas for a promotional video for St. Mark's Lutheran church this summer! We are inviting folks to spend some time thinking about what you love about St. Mark's, or things that surprise or inspire you in our faith community, or some of the things that you value about our ministry together.

Then, put your responses and ideas on sticky notes and place them on the "Imagine a Church" wall that's been set up in the McCarney room. We'll use your responses to create a video about St. Mark's that we can share with the wider community inviting them to join us as we worship, serve and follow Jesus.

## Office Administrator Contact Information

In addition, to the posted office hours, the best way to contact me at other times is by calling or texting my cell phone: 215-285-9106. This is so much more efficient than me calling and retrieving messages from the church office phone which requires a number of steps to accomplish. Thanks for your help and patience as I get to know how things work at St. Mark's!! - Mary Konopka

# This Week at St. Mark's

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

## Assisting with Worship Next Week

**Assisting Minister:** Jr. Assistant  
**Communion Assistant:** Karly Sloan  
**Reader:** Pam Keebler  
**Nursery:** The Spinner Family  
**Acolyte:** *Open*  
**Altar Guild:** Joanne Copestick, Sandy Portzer  
**Ushers:** George Pokalo, Pam Keebler  
**Counters:** Lara Hoffman, Susan Dryburgh  
**Offering Recorder:** Jen Schreiter  
**Fellowship Hour:** The Penmans  
**Altar Flower:** Sandy & Bill Portzer

### Readings for next Sunday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>

**1 Kings 19:4-8** *Elijah given bread for his journey*

**Psalms 34:1-8** *Taste and see that the LORD is good. (Ps. 34:8)*

**Ephesians 4:25--5:2** *Put away evil, live in love*

**John 6:35, 41-51** *Christ, the bread of life*