

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 28, 2018

Gathering

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

Prelude

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier

Setting by Frederick Frahm

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

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

Gracious God,

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

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

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

Amen.

Gathering Song

Rise, Shine, You People

ELW 665

Woitkiewicz

Greeting

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie

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Canticle of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

A reading from the book of Jeremiah:

⁷Thus says the Lord:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become as a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.



¹When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with | shouts of joy. Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great | things for them.” R**

³The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴**Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves. R**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 7:23-28

Human priests of old offered sacrifice for their own sins and served only until their death. In contrast, Jesus is God’s Son, the holy, sinless, resurrected high priest. Death did not terminate his priestly service, but through his death he has interceded for our sins.

A reading from the book of Hebrews.

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who

approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, Jesus has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:44-52

Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

⁴⁶As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed Jesus on the way.

The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

Children's Sermon

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

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

O Christ, O Christ Your Heart Compassionate

ELW 722

Ellacombe

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty Creator of heaven and earth.

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

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

Prayers of the People

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

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

A brief silence is kept.

Each petition ends:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers are concluded:

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

Amen.

Peace

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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

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

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Announcements

Announcements are made on behalf of the community

Offering

An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play.

Musical Offering

A Mighty Fortress

Bell Choir

Setting by Derek K. Hake

Offertory

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

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

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

Offering Prayer

Merciful God,

you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing.

You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sanctus

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The presiding minister continues,

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

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

The great thanksgiving concludes:

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

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

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

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

Invitation to Communion

Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.

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

The bread may be broken for the communion

Distribution of Communion

Today we will receive communion around the altar rail. At the direction of the usher you are invited forward to receive communion.

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

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond -- Amen.

Communion Hymns

ELW 779 *Amazing Grace*

Hew Britain

ELW 793 *Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

Post Communion Blessing

The Assembly stands.

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

Prayer after Communion

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

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

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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

Sending Song

A Mighty Fortress

ELW 503

Ein Feste Berg

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Leading us in worship today:

Presiding Minister
Director of Music
Assisting Minister
Communion Asst.
Reader
Nursery
Acolytes
Altar Guild
Ushers
Counters
Offering Recorder
Fellowship Hour
Faith Formation
Altar Flowers

The Rev. Bryan Penman
Emily Ballentine Erb
Sheldon Erb
LJ Kriebel
George Pokalo
The Logans
Don Turkowski
Pam Keebler
Joanne Copestick, Bill Portzer
Pam Keebler, Stephanie Conklin
Kathy Pokalo
The Holst's
Holly Holst, Beth Patruno
Given by Donna DeVillars in memory of
loved ones

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Celebrate Reformation Sunday: October 28th

Today we mark the anniversary of the traditional date that Luther nailed his 95 theses to the castle door in Wittenburg, kicking off the Protestant Reformation. We celebrate the festival day by wearing RED and celebrating God's love and grace that extends to all!

All Saint's Sunday

November 4th we celebrate the church's annual feast of All Saint's Sunday. As part of the service we will give thanks for the many saints and loved ones that have gone before us as well as give thanks and celebrate a new saint by celebrating a Baptism! We hope that you will join us for this meaningful service as we give thanks for the lives of the faithful that have led us along our journey. We are collecting a list of names of those particular saints that have

gone before us that you would like to give thanks for – a sign up sheet is in the rear of the sanctuary or you can contact the church office to have folks remembered as part of the service.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Today!

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

Pastor's Bible Study (Formerly Tweener's)

The next session of Pastor's bible study will be this Tuesday, October 30th at 7 pm as we explore the chapters on Deliverance stories and War stories from Rachel Held Evan's new book "Inspired."

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Congregational Meeting Today

Following worship today, we will hold a congregational meeting in the sanctuary to update the congregation on the next phase of the Capital Appeal process as we seek to raise funds to make extensive repairs to our Pipe Organ. This will be an informational meeting to go over the work that Crossen and Savage have proposed for us and a time of demonstration to show the deficiencies of our Pipe Organ. Please plan to join us for this important update!

Knitters and Quilters Needed

We'll mix and match colors and textures when we sew the squares together on Tues., Nov 6th at 7pm. You can place them in the labelled basket in the back of the church any time before Nov. 6 or give them to Karen Hanna or Kathy Pokalo. Questions? Call or email Kathy Pokalo (610-420-2157, kpokalo@gmail.com)

Building Maintenance Position

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

Homework Help @ Conshy Library

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

Special Monthly Collection Envelope: CNC

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

Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need

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

Blessing Bags

“Blessing Bags” are available now in the rear of the sanctuary for people to take and put in their cars or carry with them to give out when we see people in need. The blessing bag contains personal care items, food, and a fresh pair of socks.

Help for Hurricane Victims

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. The latest storm, Hurricane Michael, is threatening our neighbors on the Gulf Coast with dangerous winds, heavy rainfall and storm surge. Evacuation orders and warnings are in effect across many areas, and emergencies have already been declared in Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The storm made landfall with winds upward of 150 miles per hour. Lutheran Disaster Response is monitoring Hurricane Michael as it develops and is coordinating its response with Lutheran Services Florida, the

Florida-Bahamas Synod, as well as our partners and affiliates in other potentially impacted areas. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from this storm. Your gifts ensure that our church will be able to provide help and hope for those whose homes have been devastated or who have been otherwise affected by Hurricane Michael. Your gifts designated for Hurricane response will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Give now to support survivors of disasters.

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

Name _____

Address _____

City State ZIP code _____

Email Address _____

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

Evangelism Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Hosts for Cottage Meetings

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

This Week at St. Mark's

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

Assisting in Worship Next Week

Assisting Minister	Katie Colaneri
Communion Asst.	Karen Hanna
Reader	Open
Nursery	The Fikes
Acolyte	Open
Altar Guild	Joanne Copestick, Sandy Portzer
Ushers	Dolores Lush, Terry Spence
Counters	Rhea Moore, Jen Schreiter
Offering Recorder	Pam Keebler
Fellowship Hour	The Ruggiero's
Faith Formation	Allison Fike, Gail Penman
Altar Flowers	Open

Welcome to St. Mark's, we are so glad you are with us today!

No matter where you are on your spiritual journey, you have a place here. *This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.* We are a church that shares a living and daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person - questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Children are always welcome to participate in worship. To help our youngest worshippers, "Little Lutheran Activity Bags" are located in the rear of the sanctuary which have crayons and worship appropriate coloring pages. We offer a "Soft Space" for infants and toddlers to spread out a bit in during worship. Worshiping with children is important to us, and so we hope you find these things helpful so that you may worship together as a family.

Restrooms are located through the back left – exit the sanctuary, go up the stairs, through the first room to the end of the hallway. If you need assistance, please see the attendants (ushers) at the back of the sanctuary.

Cell phones and other electronic devices are welcome to be used to Post, Tweet and Instagram the "Good News" you hear today, but we kindly ask you to turn the sound off on them so that they do not cause a distraction to other worshippers.

Our team of ushers is available throughout the service to be of any assistance you might need. Assistive Listening devices are available. Please see an usher.

Are you new or visiting St. Mark's? If you would like to receive more information about St. Mark's, we have several methods where you can leave your information with us:

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

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