

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost
November 11th, 2018

Gathering

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

Prelude

Medley of Praise

By Lynette Maynard

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

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

Forest Green

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.

O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading:

1 Kings 17:8-16

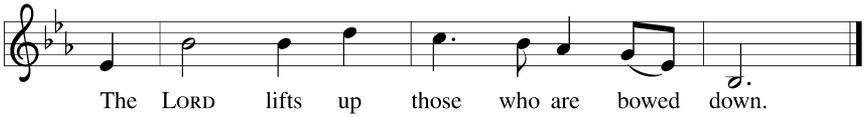
This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner, the widow of Zarephath.

A reading from the book of Kings,

⁸The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, ⁹“Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So Elijah set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.” ¹¹As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” ¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.” ¹⁵She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



¹Hal- | lelujah!

Praise the Lord, | O my soul!

²**I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

³Put not your | trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there | is no help.

⁴**When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**

and in that day | their thoughts perish. R

⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,

whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

⁶**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;**

who keeps promis- | es forever;

⁷who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.

The Lord sets the | captive free.

⁸**The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are bowed down;**

the Lord | loves the righteous. R

⁹The Lord cares | for the stranger;

the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

¹⁰**The Lord shall | reign forever,**

your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:24-28

The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.

A reading from the book of Hebrews,

²⁴Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, Christ has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12:38-44

After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and oppressive ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

³⁸As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and for

the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

⁴¹Jesus sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³Then Jesus called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

For the Fruits of All Creation

ELW 679

Ar hyd y nos

Apostle’s Creed

Together with the whole people of God, let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostle’s 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.**

**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

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.

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers 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

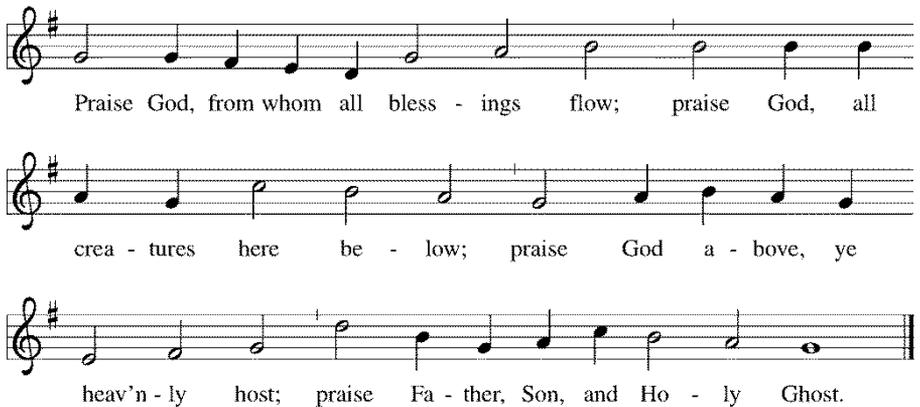
What Shall I Give?

By Emily Ballentine Erb

Faith Formation Singers

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 HUNDREDTH, 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

Lamb of God

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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 733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

ELW 685 *Take My Life, That I May Be*

Patmos

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

All Depends on Our Possessing

ELW 589

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Lobe den herren

Setting by Friedrich Zipp

Leading us in worship today:

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

Assisting Minister

Open

Communion Asst.

Nate Ramsden

Reader

Kim Kriebel

Nursery

Ramsdens

Acolytes

Gavin Kriebel

Altar Guild

Jen Schreiter

Ushers

Donna Kobi & Pam Keebler

Counters

Matt Fiore & Susan Jacovino

Offering Recorder

Nate Ramsden

Fellowship Hour

The Penmans

Faith Formation

Kim Kriebel & Susan Inderbitzen

Altar Flowers

Given by Gerald and Rhea Moore in memory
of parents Elizabeth and Norman Leeser and
John & Kathryn Moore.

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

No Dinner Church on November 22nd

There will not be dinner church on Thanksgiving as we hope all are home enjoying a shared meal with family!

Festival Flowers for Christmas Eve

Order forms are in the rear of the sanctuary for our Christmas Poinsettia plants. Cost is \$12.00 a plant and orders are due by December 10th. Please help us create a festive sanctuary for our Christmas Eve service!

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers during the month of December . 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 OR sign up on the Altar Flower sign up sheet in the “sign up sheet hallway.” 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.

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.

Theology on Tap – Thursday following Dinner Church

Join us for Theology on Tap this week as we discuss how we tell the story of Jesus and answer the question, “who do you say that I am?”

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

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)

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 Envelope: Lutheran Disaster Response

Lutheran Disaster Response brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. When the dust settles and the headlines change, we stay to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. LDR is active around the globe right now helping continuing and ongoing recovery in Indonesia following earthquakes and Tsunami, across the US in 2018 as we aid recover in the wake of hurricanes, Gaza humanitarian crisis, South Sudan and across the African continent in the face of severe drought, Middle East and European Refugee crisis, and more.

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.

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>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7 pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday	<i>Church Council – 6pm</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday	<i>Pastor away at Bishop's Convocation</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>8:00 pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday	<i>Dinner Church 6-7pm</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm</i>	
	<i>Theology on Tap – 7:15pm</i>	
	<i>Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45pm</i>	
Friday		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i>
		<i>8:30 AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
	<i>10:30am - Faith Formation</i>	

Assisting in Worship Next Week

Assisting Minister	Theodora Morley
Communion Asst.	Joanne Copestick
Reader	Katie Colaneri
Nursery	The Fiores
Acolyte	Theodora Morley
Altar Guild	Jen Ramsden
Ushers	Erin Orekar & Kathy Pokalo
Counters	Erin Orekar & LJ Kriebel
Offering Recorder	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	The Schreiners
Faith Formation	Becca Casey & the Hoffmans
Altar Flowers	McClure and Koch Families

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.