

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Twenty-sixth Sunday of Pentecost

November 18th, 2018

Gathering

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

Prelude

arr. Michael Larkin

When Peace, Like a River

Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
who calls us into an everlasting hope,
who guides us to springs of the water of life,
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

Amen.

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

O God, our merciful redeemer,
we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.
We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.
We turn our ears from voices that cry out.
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.
In your great mercy, forgive our sin
and strengthen us for service to all in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,

and for † his sake,
God forgives you all your sin.
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,
beloved people of God.
Amen.

Gathering Song

Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

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Ebenezer

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.

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading:

Daniel 12:1-3

The book of Daniel is an example of apocalyptic literature, which is full of strange visions and symbolism. Arising during times of great persecution, apocalyptic literature is concerned with God's revelation about the end time and the coming kingdom of God, when God will vindicate the righteous who have been persecuted.

A reading from the book of Daniel,

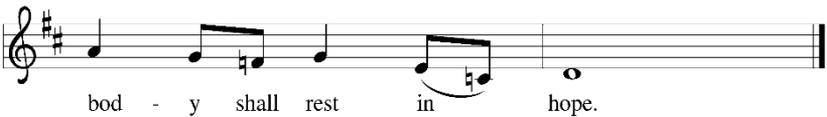
¹“At that time Michael, the great ruler, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 16



¹ Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other.”

² **All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.**

³ But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,
never take their names up- | on my lips. R**

⁵ O Lord, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶ **My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

⁷ I will bless the Lord who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸ **I have set the Lord al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R**

⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

¹¹ You will show me the | path of life;

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore. R

Second Reading:

Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Images of worship and sacrifice are used throughout Hebrews to highlight what Christ has uniquely accomplished through his death. Because we have received forgiveness through Christ's death, we live with sincere hearts by trusting in God's promises and encouraging love and good works from each other.

A reading from the book of Hebrews,

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, “he sat down at the right hand of God,” ¹³ and since then has been waiting “until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.” ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds,”

¹⁷ then is added, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.]

¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that Christ opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for the one who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another

to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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 13:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Mark

Glory to you O Lord.

In the last week of his life, Jesus warned his disciples concerning trials that were to come upon them and upon the world. He exhorts the listener: Do not be alarmed.

¹ As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!”² Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

³ When Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴“Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?”⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am the one!’ and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come.

⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and country against country; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.”

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

Bring Peace to Earth Again

ELW 700

Pace Mio Dio

Holy Baptism

Presentation for Baptism

*Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.
The presiding minister address the parent
The presiding minister address the sponsors.
The presiding minister address the assembly:*



People of God, do you promise to support Naomi and Emma and pray for them in their new lives in Christ? Will you help Amy and Justin hear the gospel of Jesus Christ within this household of faith?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church; the faith in which we baptize.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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

I renounce them.

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 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.**

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.**

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

Thanksgiving at the Font

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

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.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator ... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

The presiding minister continues with prayer and laying on of hands:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God... 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 is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Naomi/Emma, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome by the Assembly

A lighted candle is given

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

A representative of the congregation may present a Bible to each person being welcomed. New members are also given a directory of the congregation so that they can get to know us, a set of work gloves so that they may join us in doing “God’s Work with Our Hands,” a Welcome Letter explaining things about the congregation, a set of envelopes so that they can support the mission of St. Mark’s to bring up new disciples and connect people to lives of faith, a set of invitations so that they too, might invite new people to come and join them on their faith journey.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized and our newest members!

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.

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

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

Steal Away

Adult Choir

arr. Horace Scruggs

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 HUNDREDDTH, 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 624 *Jesus Still Lead on*

Seelenbrautigam

ELW 721 *Goodness is Stronger Than Evil*

Goodness is Stronger

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

Soon and Very Soon

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Very Soon

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

In dir ist Freude

Setting by Timothy Shaw

Leading us in worship today

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Bryan Penman
Director of Music	Emily Ballentine Erb
Assisting Minister	Theodora Morley
Communion Asst.	Joanne Copestick
Reader	Katie Colaneri
Nursery	The Fiores
Acolytes	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, Sue Inderbitzen
Altar Flowers	Given by the McClure & Koch Families in memory of parents, Doris and Caldwell McClure

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Worship and Music Meeting canceled this week

Please note that the worship and music meeting schedule for this week has been canceled.

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.

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., Dec. 4th at 7pm. You can place them in the labelled basket in the back of the church any time before Dec. 4 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.

Lutheran Disaster Response: Help for U.S. Wildfires

The Situation:

Wildfires are raging across California, destroying thousands of homes and wiping out the town of Paradise, located north of Sacramento. Multiple deaths have been confirmed and large-scale, mandatory evacuations are in place for multiple communities across the state’s impacted areas as first responders work to gain control of the fires.

Our Response:

Lutheran Disaster Response is working with Lutheran Social Services of Southern California, Lutheran Social Services of Northern California and the California synods to respond to this fire. As the fires are still raging, we continue to assess the ever-changing situation to determine the best ways to respond. Your gifts will help us deliver a robust response to address needs in the devastated communities.

What you can do:

Pray:

Please pray for the communities who are in the path of wildfires in California.

May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need. Pray that God will deliver comfort to those who mourn the loss of loved ones and strength to those who are working diligently to contain the fires and care for affected communities.

Give: Gifts to "[U.S. Wildfires](#)" will be used to assist those affected by the wildfires until the response is complete.

Connect: To learn more about the situation and the ELCA's response:

- Share this [bulletin insert](#) with your congregation and encourage support.
- Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response [alerts](#).
- Check the Lutheran Disaster Response [blog](#).
- Like Lutheran Disaster Response on [Facebook](#) and follow [@ELCALDR](#) on [Twitter](#).
- Checks may be sent to: Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
P.O. Box 1809
Merrifield, VA 22116-8009

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.

Today at the font we celebrate

Baptized Children of God!

Emma Marie Ehlenberger

Brian and Anna Ehlenberger, *parents*

Alexis Crimaldi, Godmother

Armando Cunha, Godfather

and

Naomi Grace Schaffer

Justin and Amy Schaffer, *parents*

Joanna DiPallo, Godmother

Jake Schaffer, Godfather

Today celebrate and welcome into
membership at Saint Mark's

Justin and Amy Schaffer

Join us in welcoming our newest
members, Justin and Amy Schaffer, to
join us in the mission we share to build
the kingdom of God!

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday <i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>Pastor's Bible Study – 7pm</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i> Office Closed		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8:00 pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday <i>3 – 7pm</i> Office Closed	<i>No Dinner Church</i> <i>No Adult Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>No Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday <i>10am – 12N</i> Office Closed		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i> <i>2 pm Eagle Scout Ceremony</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i> <i>10:30am – No Faith Formation</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>

Assisting in Worship Next Week

Assisting Minister	Kathy Pokalo
Communion Asst.	Joanne Popowicz
Reader	Kathy Turner
Nursery	The Holsts
Acolyte	Don Turkowski
Altar Guild	The Dryburghs
Ushers	Karen Hanna, LJ Kriebel
Counters	Lauren Parkin, Susan Dryburgh
Offering Recorder	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	The Fikes
Faith Formation	No Faith Formation
Altar Flowers	Stephanie Conklin

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.