

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Christ the King
November 25, 2018

Gathering

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

Prelude

Saint Agnes

setting by Eleanor Whitsett

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

ELW 344

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

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.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading:

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One who is judge will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from the book of Daniel:

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One sat down on the throne,
whose clothing was white as snow,
the hair of whose head like pure wool;
whose throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from the presence of the Ancient of Days,
whom a thousand thousands served,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood in attendance.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One,
before whom he was presented.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his reign is one

that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 93

Ev - er since the world be - gan, your
throne has been es - tab - lished.

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty
and | armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it can- | not be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has | been established;
you are from | everlasting. R**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted | up their
voice;

the waters have lifted up their | pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the
breakers | of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who | dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are | very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and
for- | evermore. **R**

Second Reading:

Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from the book of Revelation,

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the rulers of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

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The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Reading:

John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask

this on your own, or did others tell you about me?”³⁵ Pilate replied, “I am not Jewish, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?”³⁶ Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Judeans. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

The gospel of the 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 of heading off to the nursery.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

At the Name of Jesus

ELW 416

King's Weston

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

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.

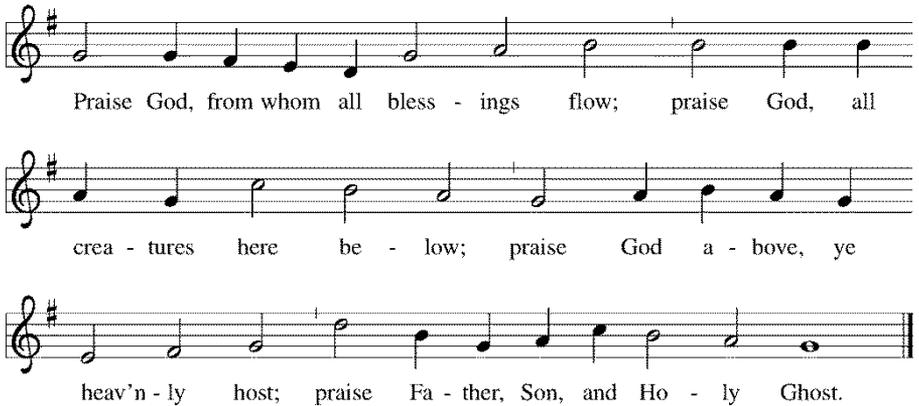
Musical Offering

King's Weston

setting by Frederick Frahm

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

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 838 *Beautiful Savior*

Schonster Herr Jesu

ELW 490 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*

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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

Lift High the Cross

ELW 660

Crucifer

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn

BWV 630 J.S.Bach

Leading us in worship today:

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

Assisting Minister

Kathy Pokalo

Communion Asst.

Joanne Popwicz

Reader

Kathy Turner

Nursery

The Fikes

Acolytes

Don Turkowski

Altar Guild

The Dryburghs

Ushers

Karen Hanna, LJ Kriebel

Counters

Susan Dryburgh, Lauren Parkin

Offering Recorder

Kathy Pokalo

Fellowship Hour

The Fikes

Faith Formation

No Faith Formation This Week

Altar Flowers

Given by Stephanie Conklin in thanksgiving
for many blessings.

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Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Help Decorate for Advent!

Today after worship the Worship and Music Team will be setting the sanctuary for Advent, we invite folks to stay and help us set up trees, banners, and the advent wreath!

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!

There is no faith formation today, join us next week as we begin our season of Advent!

Pastor’s Bible Study

Pastor’s bible study will meet this coming Tuesday for our final session exploring Rachel Held Evan’s book “Inspired.”

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 Nov. 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 is offered on Thursdays 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.

Helping Families in need this Christmas

St. Mark's will again adopt a few families in need this holiday season and help collect items for under their tree. A list of items that are needed is in the rear of the sanctuary and we ask that items be brought back wrapped, but with the tags on them so we know what is in them.

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.

Save the Date – Caroling Through Conshy

More details are coming soon, but save the date of Friday December 21st for our Caroling through Conshy event! We will start around 6pm here at the church!

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>Boy Scout Annual Banquet - 6pm</i>	<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	Kim Kriebel
Communion Asst.	Matt Powell
Reader	Matt Hoffman
Nursery	The Inderbitzens
Acolyte	Open
Altar Guild	Stephanie Conklin
Ushers	Meagan & Aaron Moul
Counters	Rhea Moore, Pam Keebler
Offering Recorder	Jennifer Schreiter
Fellowship Hour	K.Hanna, J.Popowicz, P. Keebler
Faith Formation	Stephanie Conklin, Beth Patruno
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.