

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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All Saints Sunday
November 4th, 2018

Gathering

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

Prelude

Appalachian Air
Bell Choir

By Susan T. Nelson

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

Great God, Your Love has called Us Here

ELW 358

Ryburn

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.**

Litany of the Saints

The presiding minister and the Assisting Minister will lead the assembly in giving thanks for the great cloud of witnesses in the saints. The assembly is invited to sing ostinato the refrain as the cantors intone the verses.

Litany of the Saints

Leader	Assembly
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Thank you, O God.

Grant them rest e - ter - nal, shine on them light per - pet - ual.

We give thanks for the saints from the Old Testament

We give thanks for the saints that joined Jesus in his ministry

We give thanks for the missionaries of the faith

We give thanks for the renewers of the church

We give thanks for the saints from our congregation

We give thanks for the newly baptized saints in our congregation this year



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, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

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

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

As the children of Israel enter the promised land, Moses instructs them to love the Lord and to teach God's law to future generations. Verses 4-5 are called the Shema (Hebrew for "hear"), which is still used in Jewish daily

prayer and which forms the basis for the “greatest commandment” in today’s gospel reading.

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy,

[Moses said to the people,] ¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, ²so that you and your children and your children’s children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

The Word of the Lord.

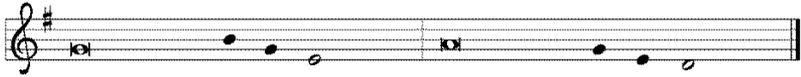
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 119: 1-8



Hap-py are they who seek the LORD with all their hearts.



¹Happy are they whose | way is blameless,
who follow the teaching | of the Lord!

**²Happy are they who observe | your decrees
and seek you with | all their hearts, R**

³who never do | any wrong,
but always walk | in your ways.

**⁴You laid down | your commandments,
that we should | fully keep them. R**

⁵Oh, that my ways were made | so direct
that I might | keep your statutes!

**⁶Then I should not be | put to shame,
when I regard all | your commandments.**

⁷I will thank you with | a true heart,
when I have learned your | righteous judgments.

**⁸I will | keep your statutes;
do not utter- | ly forsake me. R**

Second Reading:

Hebrews 9:11-14

In ancient systems of worship, temporary forgiveness and purity came through rituals using the blood of sacrificial animals. Now, however, our forgiveness and purity comes eternally through the death of Jesus.

A reading from the book of Hebrews,

¹¹But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), ¹²he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, ¹⁴how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Gospel Reading: Mark 12:28-34

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you O Lord.

When a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is first of all, Jesus answers that love of God and love of neighbor are interconnected and define the heart of the kingdom of God.

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²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW 631

Hyfrydol

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 parents.

The presiding minister address the sponsors.

The presiding minister address the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Selene and pray for her in her new life in Christ? Will you help Lindsay 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:

Selene, 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.

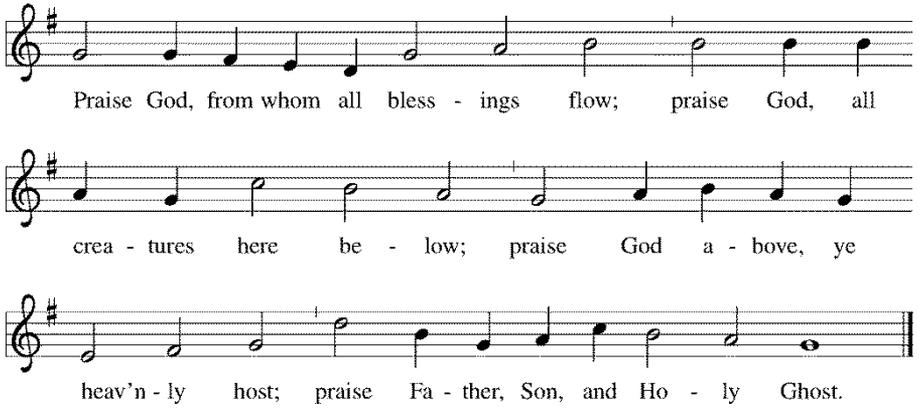
Musical Offering

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Bell Choir

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:

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 423 *Shall We Gather at the River*

Hanson Place

ELW 666 *What Wondrous Love*

Wondrous Love

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

O God Beyond All Praising

ELW 880

Thaxted

Dismissal

Go in peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Laudate Dominum

Setting by David Cherwein

Leading us in worship today:

Presiding Minister

The Rev. Bryan Penman

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

Assisting Minister

Katie Colareri

Communion Asst.

Karen Hanna

Reader

Donna Kobi

Nursery

The Fikes

Acolytes

Stella Ruggiero

Altar Guild

Joanne Copestick & Sandy Portzer

Ushers

Dolores Lush & Terry Spence

Counters

Rhea Moore & Jen Schreiter

Offering Recorder

Pam Keebler

Fellowship Hour

The Ruggieros

Faith Formation

Allison Fike & Gail Penman

Altar Flowers

Given by Joanne & Thomas Popwicz in
loving memory of Robert P. Donovan and
John F. & Anna Mae Popwicz

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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.

Confirmation Class Wednesday November 7th

Our next Confirmation class will be held on Wednesday November 7th at 6pm (please note that is a week earlier than normal).

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.

Help for Hurricane Victims

The 2018 hurricane season continues to produce strong storms with potentially devastating impacts to the United States. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating its response from the most recent storms with Lutheran Services Florida, the Florida-Bahamas Synod, as well as our partners and affiliates in other impacted areas. As a church, we're ready to stand by our neighbors as they recover from these storm and the years of recovery that often follow them. 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 these storms. 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..*

Today at the font we celebrate

Selene Elizabeth Paul
Baptized Child of God!

Jeff and Lindsay Paul, parents
Stephanie and Joseph Ruggiero, Godparents
Brian and Jessica Cox, Godparents

Today celebrate and welcome into
membership at Saint Mark's

Lindsay Paul

Join us in welcoming our newest
member 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 7 pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>Confirmation – 6pm</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	Ava Ruggiero
Communion Asst.	Nate Ramsden
Reader	Kim Kriebel
Nursery	Ramsdens
Acolyte	Gavin Kriebel
Altar Guild	Jen Schreiter
Ushers	Donna Kobi & Pam Keebler
Counters	Susan Dryburgh & Susan Jacovino
Offering Recorder	Nate Ramsden
Fellowship Hour	The Penmans
Faith Formation	Kim Kriebel & Susan Inderbitzen
Altar Flowers	Gerald and Rhea Moore

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.