

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent
March 10, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Schönster Herr Jesu

setting by Marshal Barnhouse

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 gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us,
anoint us,
and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin,
and receive God's promise of mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God at the margins,

**We have wandered far from your home;
again and again, we lose our way.**

We turn inward, afraid of the world around us.

**We forget that you have saved your people before
and promise to do so again.**

**Do not remember the deeds of our past,
but turn our faces toward the future,
where your forgiveness is sure,
your welcome is clear,
and your love overflows. Amen.**

Like a hen who gathers her chicks,
God embraces you in tender care.
Like manna in the desert,
God feeds you with surprising mercy.
Like a loving parent,
God runs to meet you again this day,
forgiving your sins for the sake of † Christ,
leading you from death into life.

Amen.

Opening Hymn

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Litany for Lent

Leader

O Christ, out of your fullness we have all received grace upon grace.
You are our eternal hope;
You are patient and full of mercy;
You are generous to all who call upon you.

Assembly



O Christ, fountain of life and holiness,
You have taken away our sins.
On the cross you were wounded for our transgressions
And were bruised for our iniquities

Refrain

O Christ, obedient unto death,
Source of all comfort, our life and resurrection,

Our peace and reconciliation

Refrain

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you,
Hope of all who die in your and joy of all the saints:

Refrain

Leader Assembly Leader

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us. Je - sus,

Assembly

bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Leader

Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,

Assembly

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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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 Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, through 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:

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

The First Reading is from the twenty sixth chapter of Deuteronomy:

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as the place where the name of God dwells. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. ⁶When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, ⁷we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. ⁸The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; ⁹and the Lord brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before

the Lord your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody (*Read responsively by whole verse*) Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—

²**you will say to the Lord, “My refuge | and my stronghold,
my God in whom I | put my trust.”**

⁹Because you have made the | Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

¹⁰**no evil | will befall you,
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,
10147est you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. 471**

¹³You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who | cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation.**

Second Reading:

Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Christ as Lord.

The Second Reading is from the tenth chapter of Romans:

^{8b} “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who ask for help. ¹³ For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel. We sing following the direction of the Music Director.

Open my heart, Open my heart. Open my heart, Open my heart.

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Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil, he defines what it means to be called “the Son of God.”

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” ⁴Jesus answered the devil, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread

alone.’”

⁵Then the devil led Jesus up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” ⁸Jesus answered the devil, “It is written,

‘Worship the Lord your God, the Lord alone shall you serve.’”

⁹Then the devil took Jesus to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, ‘God will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ ¹¹and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” ¹²Jesus answered the devil, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” ¹³Having finished every test, the devil departed from Jesus until an opportune time.

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 or heading off to the nursery.

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

Hymn of the Day

Bless Now, O God, the Journey

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The Creed

Together with the whole church let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

A brief silence is kept.

Each petition ends:

God of Mercy,
Hold us in love.

The prayers are concluded:

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of the 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. If you give electronically we invite you to take one of the green slips and place it in the offering plate as a way to include your electronic gifts in the offering time.

Offertory

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

arr. Lloyd Larson

Bell Choir

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

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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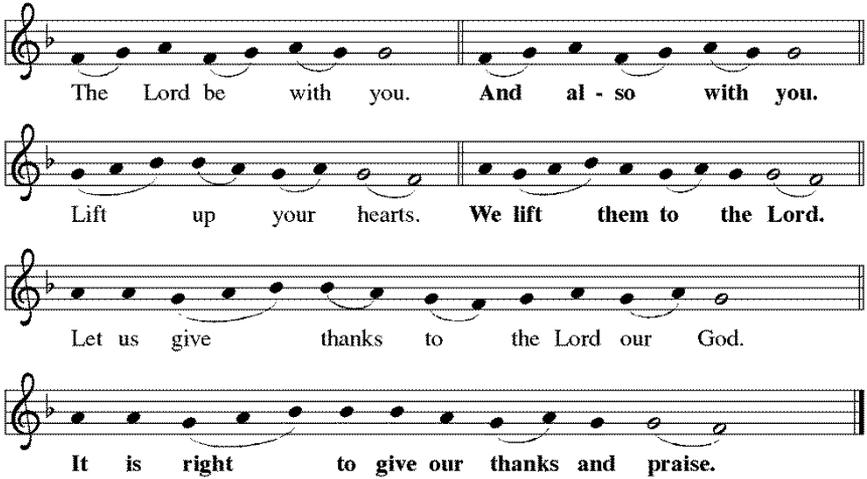
Offering Prayer

Generous God,
 you feed us with the harvest of the land,
 and you provide for our every need.
 Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labor,
 and transform them into a feast that welcomes all,
 in Jesus Christ, our host and our guest.
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 al - so 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.

Sanctus

ELW p. 153

“Holy Holy Holy”

Words of Institution

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 Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,
 your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.
 Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we
 for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al
 and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

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.

Christ has prepared the feast. Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

The bread may be broken for the communion

Agnus Dei

MMC 36

We sing following the Director of Music

Lay me low, where the Lord can find me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can hold me.

Lay me low, where the Lord can bless me.

Lay me low Lord, lay me low.

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. To focus our attention on the distribution of communion during Lent, there will be no communion hymns and we are invited into a time of silent reflection and prayer as focus on the meaning of Holy 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.

Post Communion Blessing

When all have communed, 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

Tender and merciful one,
at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing,
turning our emptiness into joy.
Filled with your abundant grace,
send us now to be ministers of reconciliation,
mending broken hearts, working for justice,
and striving for peace among all people,
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Sending

God blesses us and send us in mission to the world

Blessing

God, who fills the creation with abundance,
Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness,
Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,
✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.
Amen.

Sending Song

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

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Dismissal

Go in peace, remember the poor.

Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Herzliebster Jesu

setting by Johann Christoph Oley

Leading us in Worship

Presiding Minister	The Rev. Bryan Penman	
Director of Music	Emily Ballentine Erb	
	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
Assisting Minister	Katie Colaneri	Sheldon Erb
Communion Asst.	Donna Kobi	Nate Ramsden
Reader	Brooke Kenna	Joe Dryburgh
Nursery	The Fikes	Liz MacNeal
Acolyte	Brigette Schreiner	Theodora Morley
Altar Guild	The Dryburghs	Kathys Bell and Turner
Ushers	Joe Dryburgh Bill Portzer	Dolores Lush Joanne Copestick
Counters	Susan Dryburgh Susan Jacovino	Stephanie Conklin Debbie Eskate
Offering Recorder	Nate Ramsden	Pam Keebler
Fellowship Hour	The Schreiners	Open
Faith Formation	Allison Fike Beth Patruno	Stephanie Conklin S. Inderbitzen
Altar Flowers	Given by the Holst Family in celebration of Holly's birthday and in thanksgiving for many blessings received	Lauren Parkin

Worship Ministry Announcements:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Memorial Service for Ann Beatty

The memorial service for our sister in Christ, Ann Beatty, will be held on Saturday March 16th here at St. Mark's. The family will receive visitors from 10 – 11am with the service beginning at 11am.

Help us purchase more hymnals for the sanctuary

We need some more hymnals to fill the pew racks, and we're inviting members of the congregation to purchase a hymnal to place for use in worship. You're invited to include your dedication (for example, in memory of a loved one, to the Glory of God, for blessings received)--a book plate will be set in the hymnal identifying the giver and dedication. The cost is \$25 per book. Place your check or cash in one of the white pew envelopes and label it HYMNAL. On the back of the envelope, write your name and what you'd like to have included in the dedication.

Dinner Church @ 6PM on Thursdays

“Dinner Church” has great roots in the Christian tradition. Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship experience; some come right from work, some right from the gym, some from just picking the kids up. The Sign-Up sheet to bring a main dish, soup or salad is in the “sign-up hallway” across from the McCarney room. No matter where you are on your faith journey you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

Easter Flower Orders

Please help us create a joyful sanctuary for our Festival Easter worship service! Purple order forms are in the back of the sanctuary by the bulletins to purchase either lilies or tulips to decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Due by April 8th.

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers in March. Cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to keep this as an annual memorial, or just a memorial for this year.

Faith Formation Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Classes after worship

We offer two faith formation opportunities after worship today, a class for young disciples and their families and an adult forum (for disciples young at heart!) Today, both classes meet following worship downstairs in the auditorium, our young persons' class begins following communion and the adult forum starts shortly after the fellowship hour.

Confirmation Class

The next meeting of the confirmation class will be Wednesday March 13th @ 6pm in the pastor's study.

Service Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Pipe Organ Appeal

Our congregation continues to raise funds to repair and rebuild our Pipe Organ. The instrument is in major need of refurbishment and new parts, the cost of which is \$53,000. To date we have raised a little over \$24,000 for this work with more to go. Please consider making a donation to the Capital Appeal to support this work; we have until June to raise the rest of the funds for this work.

Knitters & Crocheters

We're still collecting 12" knitted or crocheted squares to be assembled into blankets that we'll take to the Coordinated Homeless Outreach Center (CHOC) in Norristown. If you have any questions, please speak to Kathy Pokalo or Karen Hanna.

Cradles to Crayons Donations Discontinued

We want to thank everyone who so faithfully and generously supported Cradles to Crayons over the years helping to provide children birth through age 12 with the everyday essentials they need to thrive at home, at school and at play. Because the organization has closed their Conshohocken location leaving the nearest drop off center in Philadelphia, we will no longer be accepting donations for them here at St. Mark's. If you have questions, please speak to Karen Hanna or Kathy Pokalo.

Items Needed at Our Local Food Bank

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council have a special need for Chef Boyardee products and canned fruit. Collection baskets in the back of the sanctuary. Items are delivered to CNC weekly.

Homework Help @ Conshy Library

Our congregation will continue to staff the Homework Help Club at the Conshohocken Public Library. The program is offered on Thursdays from 3:45pm – 4:30pm. If you are interested in helping to tutor, please see or contact Jenn Schreiter (jeschreiter@yahoo.com).

Sharing God's Love with Blessing Bags

Thanks to the many who helped put together 75 “Blessing Bags”. “Blessing Bags” are bags filled with energy & granola bars and other items that can be eaten right away. In addition, the bags contain dry socks – an especially prized item during the winter months. The bags can be placed in your car, tote or briefcase to distribute to those experiencing homelessness. We have all experienced that strange feeling of embarrassment mixed with guilt when we encounter folks on the streets and these bags are a tangible way to show concern and compassion and give the encouragement that they, too, are both a blessing and blessed by God.

Special Envelope Collection This Month

The Lutheran Settlement House is a multifaceted service organization offering a variety of programs to empower individuals and strengthen communities across the city of Philadelphia. Established in 1902, LSH is a non-profit, community-based organization committed to serving children, adults, and families living in Philadelphia offering a variety of programs such as domestic violence, homelessness, senior services, community education, employment and advocacy. (More info at: <https://www.lutheransettlement.org>)

Evangelism Ministry Announcements:

Ways you can share your faith with others

Saint Patrick's Day Parade

We are currently looking for volunteers who might be willing to “staff” a table for St. Mark’s at the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on Saturday March 16th which starts at 2pm. We usually have free pretzels and water to give away at the event and socialize a bit with our neighbors here in Conshohocken. If interested

please email the church office info@stmarksconshy.org or speak to Pastor.

Easter Egg Industry Continues

Our annual Easter Egg Candy making fundraiser production continues! Volunteers needed on Monday and Wednesday evening for candy making and chocolate coating as well as Friday mornings to assist with packing. This is St. Mark's largest fundraiser and we need lots of help to make the 101st year another successful season in the longstanding Conshohocken tradition.

Monday Evenings 6pm – 8pm: Volunteers are needed to help roll / cut fondant centers. We are in special need of folks who can volunteer from 5pm – 7pm in the kitchen to assist with making the candy batches.

Wednesday Evenings 6pm – 8pm: Volunteers are needed to help coat the candies in dark chocolate, each candy is hand coated so we need lots of hands to help coat the candies!

Friday Mornings 9am – 11am: Packers are needed to help pack and weight the candies in boxes.

To place orders: you may order in person during production, fill out an order form (available in the back of the sanctuary) and turn it into the church office, or you may contact our order coordinator Donna Kobi 610.825.3021, or you may place an order using our website (www.stmarksconshy.org)

New to St. Mark's?

Are you new to St. Mark's? Would you like to find out more about becoming a member? Are you a new member who would like to know more about becoming more involved? Please speak with Pastor Bryan we are so glad you are here and want to help support your walk of faith!

Council Corner:

News from the leadership of the Congregation

Newly Elected Council Officers & Ministry Leads for 2019

Each year from our elected Council members, the group elects executive officers and appoints ministry leads over our key ministry areas. At a recent Council meeting the following people were elected as executive officers of the church council:

- **President:** Kathy Pokalo
- **Vice-President:** Joe Ruggiero
- **Treasurer:** Aaron Moul
- **Secretary:** Liz MacNeal
- **Worship:** Becca Casey
- **Service:** Brooke Logan
- **Faith Formation:** Stef Conklin
- **Evangelism and Fellowship:** Brooke Kenna

Please help congratulate these Council members and thank them for their willingness to serve this year. But more importantly, pray for them and help support them as they continue to move our ministry forward on behalf of the whole congregation. Members of the congregation are invited to attend meetings. Upcoming dates are March 19, April 16, May 21, June 11; meetings begin at 7:30 pm.

This Week at St. Mark's

Monday <i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6-8pm Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>Easter Egg Industry 6-8pm Confirmation 6pm</i>	<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels 8:00pm: AA Group</i>
Thursday <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>Dinner Church 6-7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal – 7pm Bell Choir Rehearsal – 7:45pm</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>9-11am Easter Egg Industry</i>	<i>6am: 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>

Welcome to St. Mark's, We're 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.