

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Second Sunday after Easter*  
April 28, 2019

## Gathering

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

### Prelude

*Shanti*

setting by Marilyn Biery

### Acclamation

*The presiding minister begins (repeated one or more times):*

Christ is Risen!

**He has Risen Indeed! Alleluia!**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our 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.*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and **walk**

**in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.  
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\text{†}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Come You Faithful Raise the Strain*

ELW 363

GAUDEAMUS PARITER

**Greeting**

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

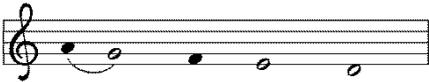
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

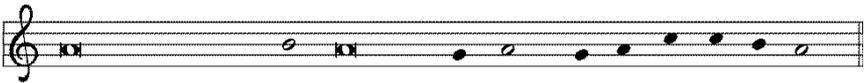
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



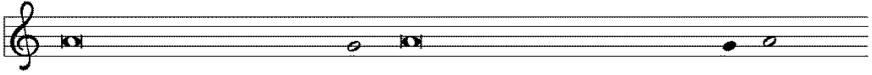
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



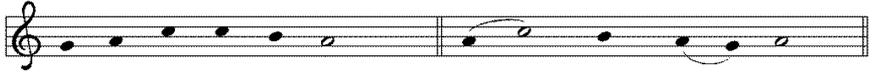
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

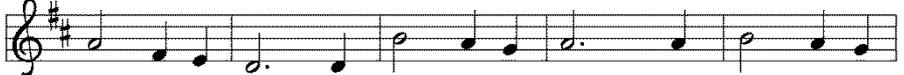
## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us

free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and  
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

*The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.*

Let us pray.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

## Word

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

### First Reading:

Acts 5:27-32

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

The First Reading is from the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts:

<sup>27</sup>When the temple police had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted this Jesus to be Leader and Savior at God's right hand, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit who has given to those who obey God."

The Word of the Lord.

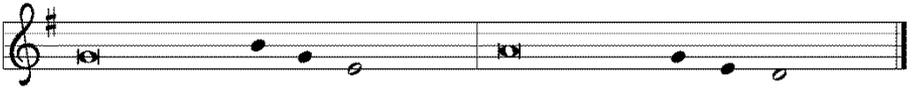
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalmody

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.



<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,**  
**“God's mercy en- | dures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the  
righteous:**

**“The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,**  
**and declare the works | of the Lord. R**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**  
**and you have become | my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has | this been done;**  
**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

## **Second Reading:**

Revelation 1:4-8

*The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ, experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.*

The Second Reading is from the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: 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, <sup>5</sup>and 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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a dominion, priests serving his God and Father, to Jesus Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

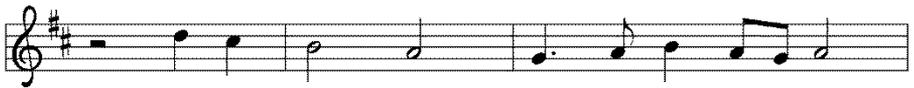
<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“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

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

### Gospel:

John 20:19-31

*The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”*

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 20th chapter:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas said to Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

*We Walk By Faith*

ELW 635

SHANTI

## Apostles 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

Trusting God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence is kept. Each petition ends:*

God of Mercy, **Hold us in love.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God. Come near to us with your saving help, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our risen 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

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*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

Improvisation on *Shanti*

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God.*

*At the conclusion of the Offertory music, the gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward, the congregation sings "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"*

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

Risen One,  
 as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore,  
 meet us now in this meal.  
 Nourish us to follow you,  
 using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary,  
 and all for your love's sake.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*ELW p. 152*

*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.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy.... join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus

*ELW p. 153*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:  
you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos;  
you encircled the globe with air;  
you created fire for warmth and light;  
you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,  
and with mercy higher than the mountains,  
with grace deeper than the seas,  
you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.  
That also we, estranged and dying,  
might be adopted to live in your Spirit,  
you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup we remember your Son,  
the first-born of your new creation.  
We remember his life lived for others,  
and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth.

We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through  
wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,

whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

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.**

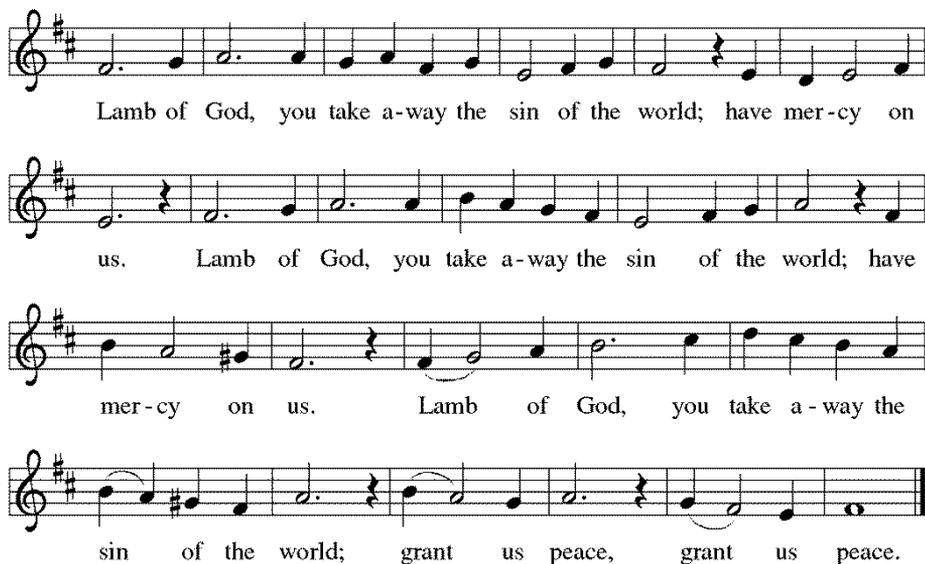
## **Invitation to Communion**

*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.*

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

*The bread may be broken for the communion*

## **Agnus Dei** *Lamb of God*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **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.*

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## **Communion Hymns**

*ELW 820 - O Savior, Precious Savior*

*ELW 388 - Be Not Afraid*

ANGEL'S STORY

BE NOT AFRAID

## 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

Living God,

you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

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*God blesses us and send us in mission to the world*

### Blessing

The blessing of the living God,  
Father, ✙ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you,  
keep you from harm,  
and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

*Thine is the Glory*

ELW 376

JUDAS MACCABEAUS

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Postlude

*Gaudeamus pariter*

setting by Robert Buckley Farlee

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## Leading us in Worship

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**Presiding Minister**  
**Dir. Music**

The Rev. Bryan Penman  
Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Katie Colaneri	Sheldon Erb
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Nate Ramsden	Matt Powell
<b>Reader</b>	George Pokalo	Kim Kriebel
<b>Nursery</b>	Liz MacNeal	The Powells
<b>Acolyte</b>	Theodora Morley	Brian Schreiner
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Jen Ramsden	The Dryburghs
<b>Ushers</b>	Dolores Lush	Bill Portzer
	Terry Spence	Joe Dryburgh
<b>Counters</b>	Joanne Copestick	Rhea Moore
	Stef Conklin	Matt Fiore
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Nate Ramsden	Pam Keebler
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	The Hoffmans	Open
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Kim Kriebel	Stef Conklin,
	Susan Inderbitzen	Holly Holst

### Worship Ministry:

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### 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.

## **Faith Formation Ministry:**

*Ways you can deep your faith life*

### **Vacation Bible School**

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Kick off Sunday on July 7<sup>th</sup> during and directly after worship on that day, continuing Mon., July 8- Thurs., July 11 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This year's theme is, "Who is My Neighbor?" exploring how we can care for our neighbors near and far.

## **Service Ministry:**

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

### **Sharing God's Love with Blessing Bags**

"Blessing Bags" are bags filled with energy & granola bars and other items that can be used right away. The bags can be placed in your car, tote or briefcase to distribute to those experiencing homelessness.

### **Capital Appeal : Pipe Organ Repairs**

We continue to raise funds for our current Capital Appeal to renovate and refurbish our Pipe Organ. This spring we enter the critical period of this appeal as we will soon begin payments for the work to be completed over the summer. We are roughly halfway to our goal of raising \$53,000 for this work, but we need your help to get us the rest of the way there! We invite you to consider making a gift donation to help us with these much needed repairs to our organ.

Over the summer the organ will be completely disassembled and the pipe chamber completely rebuilt. The results will be a refurbished pipe organ that will be brought back to its full potential. Currently, there are a significant number of pipes and ranks that are no longer working due to age of the mechanicals that operate the various pipes.

### **Upcoming Fundraisers Supporting the Capital Appeal**

Mark your calendars now! Join us for fun, fellowship and fundraising!

#### **Friday, May 17th for a Trivia Event**

\$45 ticket or table of 10 for \$400. Doors open at 6:30pm with trivia to begin at 7:30pm. Dinner provided by Cantina Feliz. BYOB, Margarita Machine available

**Sunday, June 2nd for a Hand Bag Bingo event**

Coach, Dooney & Bourke, Kate Spade, Michael Kors, and Tory Burch \$30 a ticket for 15 games. BYOB permitted, Food Permitted and Snacks for purchase. Raffle Baskets, Door Prizes, 50/50. Bring a food donation for CNC and get 3 free raffle tickets. \*\*Raffle Basket items are needed for both events and sign ups for that are in the back of the sanctuary

**Evangelism Fellowship Ministry**

*Ways you can do God's work with your hands*

**Lutheran Night at the Phillies**

Mark you calendars: Fri., June 7, 7-11pm. Cost: To be determined: approx.. \$20-35. Sign up sheet in hallway

**This Week at St. Mark's**

<b>Monday</b> <i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
<b>Tuesday</b> <i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>6 am: Meals on Wheels 8:00pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>6pm : Dinner Church 7pm: Choir Practice 7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<b>Friday</b> <i>10am – 12N</i>	<i>SEPA Synod Assembly</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels 7 pm: AA / AI-Anon 8:30 .AA Group</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	<i>SEPA Synod Assembly</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service 10:30 Faith Formation and Fellowship Hour</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 or Yellow Visitor Cards in the pew backs which can be dropped 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.