

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 19, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Mit Feuden zart

setting by Mark Sedio

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 of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!

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EARTH AND ALL STARS

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.

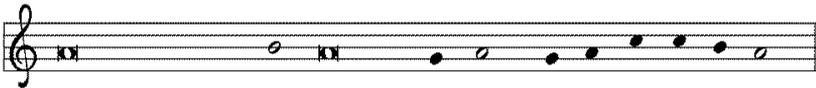
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



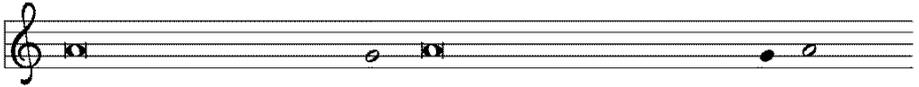
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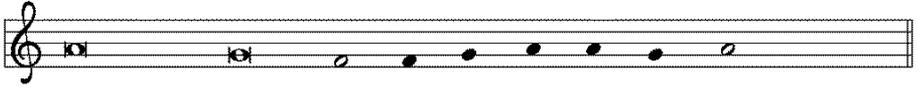
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



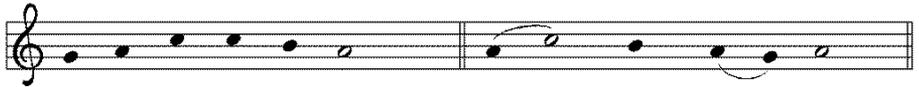
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

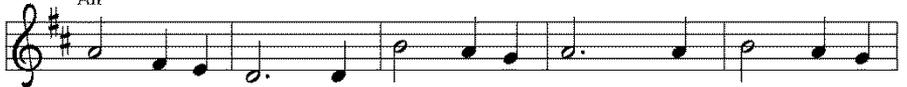
Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing.
Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive

by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through 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

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

First Reading:

Acts 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

The First Reading is from the 11th chapter of Acts:

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house

and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that God gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?’ ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 148

The splen-dor of the LORD is o - ver earth and heav'n.

¹Hallelujah! Praise the LORD | from the heavens;
 praise God | in the heights.

²**Praise the LORD, | all you angels;
 sing praise, all you | hosts of heaven.**

³Praise the LORD, | sun and moon;
 sing praise, all you | shining stars.

⁴**Praise the LORD, heav- | en of heavens,
 and you waters a- | bove the heavens.**

⁵Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
 who commanded, and they | were created,

⁶**who made them stand fast forev- | er and ever,
 giving them a law that shall not | pass away. R**

⁷Praise the LORD | from the earth,
 you sea monsters | and all deeps;

⁸**fire and hail, | snow and fog,**

tempestuous wind, do- | ing God's will;

⁹mountains | and all hills,
fruit trees | and all cedars;

¹⁰**wild beasts | and all cattle,
creeping things and | flying birds;**

¹¹sovereigns of the earth | and all peoples,
princes and all rulers | of the world;

¹²**young | men and maidens,
old and | young together. R**

¹³Let them praise the name | of the LORD,
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is over | earth and
heaven.

¹⁴**The LORD has raised up strength for the people and praise for
all | faithful servants,
the children of Israel, a people who are near
the LORD. | Hallelujah! R**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

The Second Readings is from the 21st chapter of Revelation:

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

God will dwell with them as their God;

they will be God's people,

and that very God will be with them,

⁴and will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

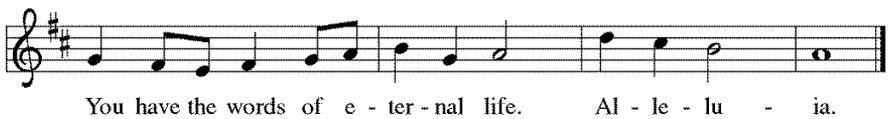
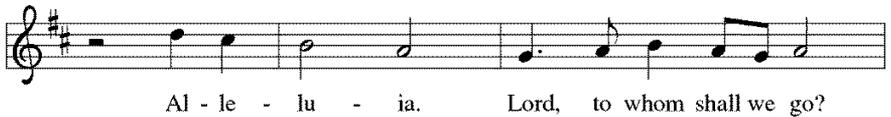
⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new,” and also said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then the one seated on the throne said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 13th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When Judas had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son-of-Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in God's own self and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Judeans so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you,

you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

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Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

TRURO

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

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

We Come with Joy

arr. by Becky Mason

Bell Choir

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

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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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures.

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

Sanctus

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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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, with some longer notes and rests. The lyrics are written below each staff. The first staff has two measures, the second has two measures, the third has two measures, and the fourth has two measures.

The presiding minister continues

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal ...
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 Sonall our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one... sharing your bounty with all the world. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Holy and benevolent God ... 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.

Communion Hymns

ELW 648 – Beloved God's Chosen

ELW 388 - Be Not Afraid

ANDREW'S SONG

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

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

With High Delight Let Us Unite

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MIT FREUDEN ZART

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

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setting by Mark Sedio

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Leading Us in Worship

Presiding Minister:
Director of Music

The Rev. Bryan Penman
Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
	Bells	
Assisting Minister	Joe Jacovino	Kim Kriebel
Communion Asst.	Donna Kobi	Donna Kobi
Reader	Lara Hoffman	Garrett Kriebel
Nursery	The Ramsdens	The Holsts
Acolyte	Stella Ruggiero	Joanne Popowicz
Altar Guild	Stef Conklin Sandy Portzer	Erin Orekar
Ushers	Kathy Pokalo Joanne Copestick	Erin Orekar Kathy Pokalo
Counters	Susan Jacovino Debbie Eskate	LJ Kriebel Pam Keebler
Offering Recorder	Kathy Pokalo	Jen Schrieter
Fellowship Hour	The Inderbitzens	Open
Faith Formation	Gail Penman Kim Kriebel	

Altar Flowers are given today by Nancy and Mary Ann Saldutti in memory of loved ones.

Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers on May 25th and a few openings in June as well. This is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one. The Sign Up sheet is in the hallway. The cost is \$40.00 for the week and please indicate if you would like to take the flowers home with you or have them given away to other members or homebound members as well.

Faith Formation Ministry:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Faith Formation Sunday Morning Class

Our last class for the program year is this morning – thanks to all who have helped make this a great year of learning for all!!

Vacation Bible School

Mark you calendars for this summer's Vacation Bible School: Sunday, July 7th 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.

We're currently look for adult volunteers to lead each of the centers during VBS:

- Story time
- Games
- Snacks/ Crafts
- Simulation Station
- Folks to serve as rotation leaders

A sign up sheet is in the signup hallway.

Service Ministry:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

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 have begun 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.

Hand Bag Bingo Fundraiser for our Capital Appeal Sunday, June 2nd for a Hand Bag Bingo event

\$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 and a sign-up sheet for that is in the back of the sanctuary.

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you to all those who helped to provide lunch for the crews working at the Habitat house in Bridgeport this weekend. St. Mark's was able to provide lunch for the crews on both Friday and Saturday. This was a great way to support those who are helping to do God's work with our hands!

Food Collection Items Needed

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council is in urgent need of tuna, fruit, jelly and, as always, toilet paper. Baskets are located at the rear of the sanctuary to collect items that will be taken over each week to the food bank.

St. Mark's Community Garden

Now that the warmer weather is starting to roll in, it is time to start thinking about our St. Mark's community garden plot. As in years past, we are again tending a 10'x10' plot in the Conshohocken community garden located near Edwards Freeman Nut Company. We donate all of the produce that we grow to Colonial Neighborhood Council as part of our Stewardship drive. In the coming weeks, we will start preparing the plot and doing our initial planting. Then over the duration of the summer, we need volunteers to help with weekly upkeep such as watering and weeding the plot. This project requires a great deal of time, so if you would be interested in helping, please reach out to Matt Hoffman.

Evangelism Fellowship Ministry

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Lutheran Night at the Phillies 2019

Mark your calendars: Friday, June 7, 7-11pm. The Phillies take on the Cincinnati Reds. Cost: To be determined: approx. \$20-48. Sign up NOW – sheet is in the Sign Up hallway.



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday <i>Office Closed</i>		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7pm Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday <i>3pm – 7pm</i> <i>Office Open</i>	<i>7pm Church Council</i>	<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm Cub Scouts</i>
Wednesday <i>10am – 12N</i> <i>Office Open</i>		<i>6 am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>8pm AA Group</i>
Thursday <i>3 – 7pm</i> <i>Office Open</i>	<i>6pm Dinner Church</i> <i>7pm Choir Practice</i> <i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
Friday <i>10am – 12N</i> <i>Office Open</i>		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>7 pm AA / Al-Anon</i> <i>8:30 pm AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am Worship Service</i> <i>10:30 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.