

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday after Easter

May 26, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Simple Gifts

setting by J. Wayne Kerr

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

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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TURNBULL

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.

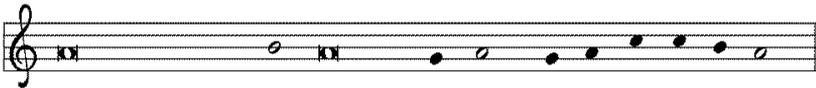
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



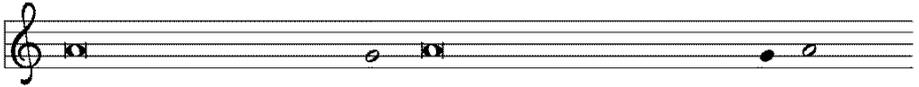
Lord, have mer - cy.



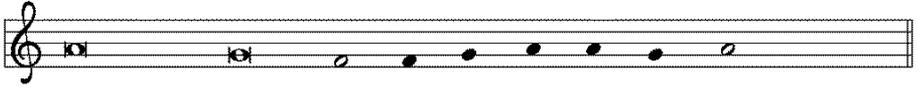
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



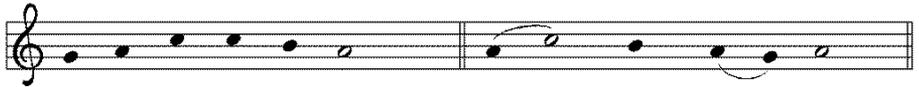
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

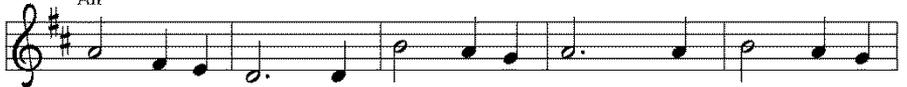
Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister

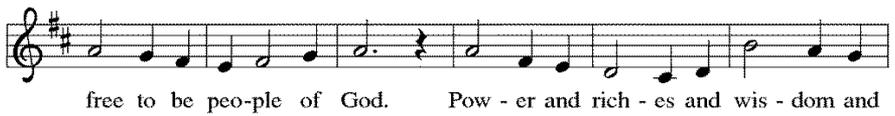


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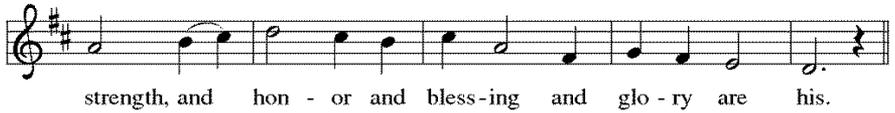
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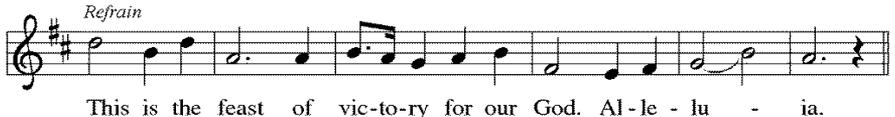
1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



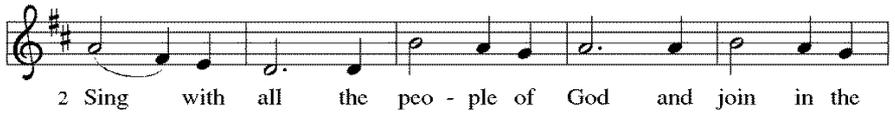
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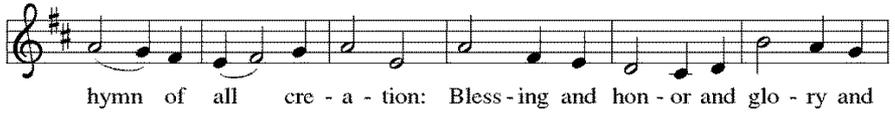
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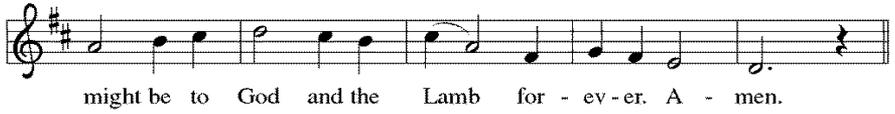
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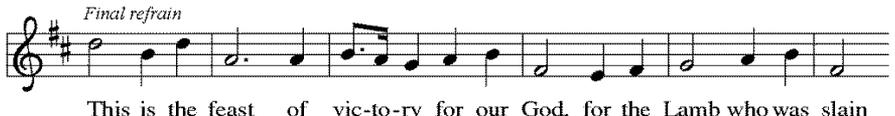
2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



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.

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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:

Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

The First Reading is from the 16th chapter of Acts:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come

and stay at my home.” And she prevailed upon us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 67



Let the na - tions be glad and sing for joy.



¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God’s face | shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known | upon earth,
your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the
na- | tions on earth. R**

⁵Let the peoples | praise you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe. **R**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John’s vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God’s past actions. Yet in this new city, God’s presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplant sun and moon.

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

¹⁰And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. ²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the

Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the rulers of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and the servants of God will do homage; ⁴they will see God's face, and on their foreheads shall be God's name. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 14th chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus said, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

ELW 646

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

Whirling Leaves

by Faber

Stella Ruggiero, Piano

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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 Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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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 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

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.

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

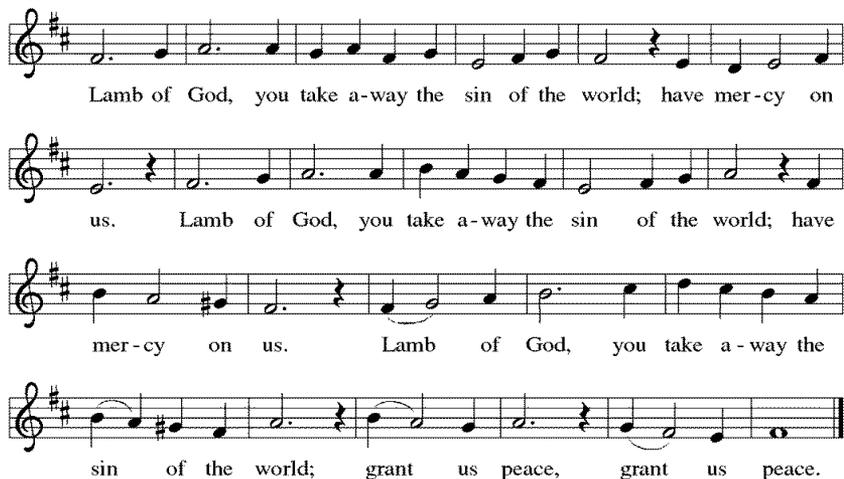
Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.

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 753 *Dona Nobis Pacem*

DONA NOBIS PACEM

ELW 388 - *Be Not Afraid*

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

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

ELW 763

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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

Orientis partibus

setting by Frank Ferko

Leading Us in Worship

Presiding Minister: The Rev. Bryan Penman
Director of Music Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
		Bells
Assisting Minister	Kim Kriebel	Kathy Pokalo
Communion Asst.	Donna Kobi	Joanne Copestick
Reader	Garrett Kriebel	Joe Ruggiero
Nursery	The Holsts	
Acolyte	Joanne Popowicz	Bridgett Schreiner
Altar Guild	Erin Orekar	Jennifer Schreiter
Ushers	Erin Orekar Kathy Pokalo	Bill Portzer Joe Dryburgh
Counters	LJ Kriebel Pam Keebler	Rhea Moore Pam Keebler
Offering Recorder	Jen Schreiter	Kathy Pokalo
Fellowship Hour	The Ruggieros	Open

Altar Flowers are given today by the Penmans in honor of those who served.

Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers in June. 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

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 looking 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. Purchase tickets on the website www.stmarksconshy.org

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>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7pm Boy Scouts</i>
Tuesday		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>7 pm Cub Scouts</i>
<i>Office Open</i>		
Wednesday		<i>6 am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>8pm AA Group</i>
<i>Office Open</i>		
Thursday	<i>6pm Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>7pm Choir Practice</i>	
<i>Office Open</i>	<i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	
Friday		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>7 pm AA / Al-Anon</i>
<i>Office Open</i>		<i>8:30 pm AA Group</i>
Saturday		<i>7 pm AA Group</i>
Sunday	<i>9:30 am Worship Service</i>	<i>Hand Bag Bingo 2pm-5pm</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. Worshipping 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.