

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Third Sunday after Easter

May 5, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Nun danket all

setting by Gael Liardon

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

Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361

ELLACOMBE

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.



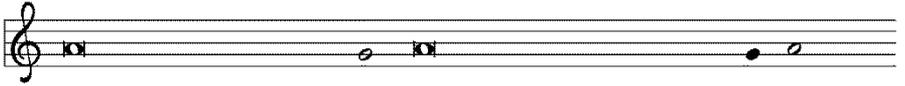
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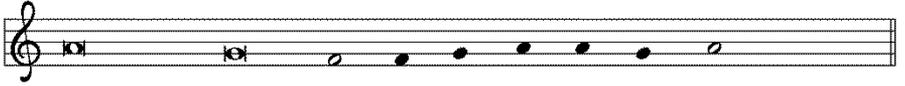
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



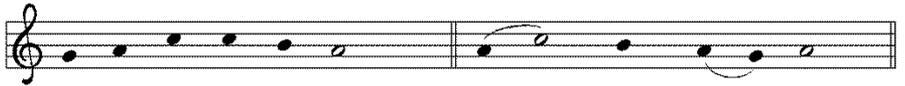
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

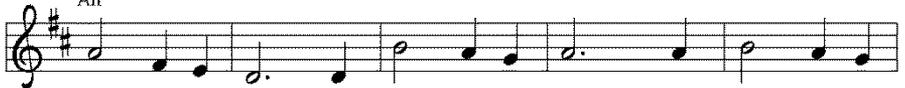
Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



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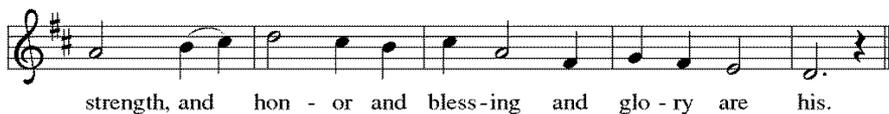
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I Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



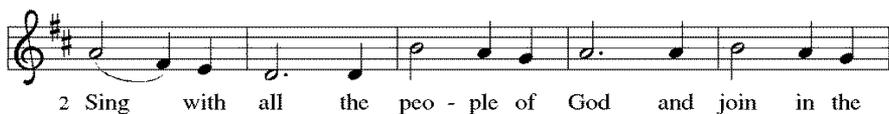
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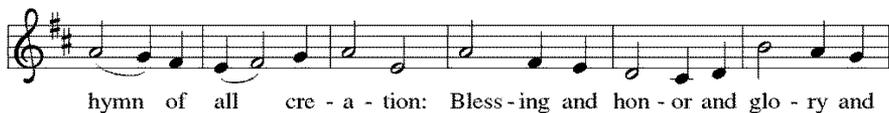
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



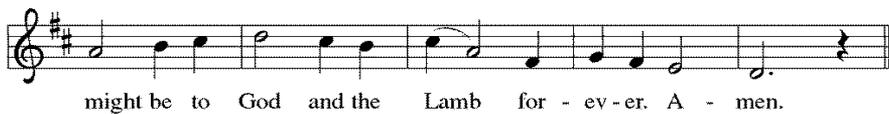
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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.



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.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show

yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 9:1-6

Each of us has a story of meeting God’s grace. Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation, beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

The First Reading is from the 9th chapter of Acts:

¹Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, “Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?” ⁵He asked, “Who are you, Lord?” The reply came, “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.”

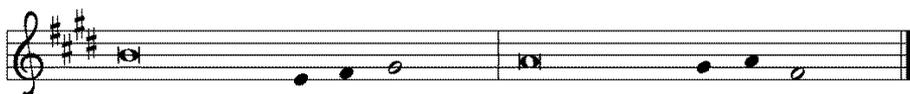
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 30

The musical notation consists of two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the verse: "You have turned my wail - ing in - to". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "danc - ing, in - to danc - ing." The melody is simple and rhythmic, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.



¹I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

²**O Lord my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

³You brought me up, O Lord, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the Lord, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. R**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

⁷You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong | as the
mountains."

Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O Lord;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O Lord, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O Lord, | be my helper." R**

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O Lord my God, I will give you | thanks forever. R**

Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship on the Lord's Day. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

The Second Reading is from the 5th chapter of Revelation:

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding

the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

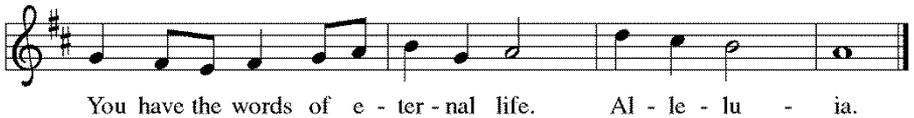
¹⁴And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Gospel

John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 21st chapter:

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias;

and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, “Children, you have no fish, have you?” They answered him, “No.” ⁶He said to them, “Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, “Who are you?” because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶A second time Jesus said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷Jesus said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said

to Jesus, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹(Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God.) After this Jesus said to him, “Follow me.”

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

Blessing and Honor

ELW 854

AMERICAN HYMN

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

Come My Way by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Erik Whitehill
Adult 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 musical score consists of four staves of music 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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is more complex than the previous piece, 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.

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 666 – What Wondrous Love is This

WONDROUS LOVE

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

Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen

ELW 548

SURGE ECCLESIA

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

Nun danket all

setting by Mark Sedio

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Leading us in Worship

**Presiding Minister
Preaching**

The Rev. Bryan Penman
The Rev. Seminarian Kelsey Brown

Director of Music

Emily Ballentine Erb

Assisting Minister

This Week
Sheldon Erb

Next Week
Garrett Kriebel

Communion Asst.

Matt Powell

Lara Hoffman

Reader

Kim Kriebel

Nate Ramsden

Nursery

The Powells

Matt Fiore

Acolyte

Brian Schreiner

Don Turkowski

Altar Guild

Kathys Bell & Turner

The Dryburghs

Ushers

Bill Portzer
Joe Dryburgh

Pam Keebler
Theodora Morley

Counters

Rhea Moore
Matt Fiore

Susan Dryburgh
Lauren Parkin

Offering Recorder

Pam Keebler

Nate Ramsden

Fellowship Hour

Open

The Fikes

Faith Formation

Stef Conklin
Holly Holst

Joe Ruggiero
Matt Hoffman

Altar Flowers are given today by Pam Keebler with gratitude for my many blessings.

Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers on May 12th and May 25th. 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 will be on Sunday May 19th – thanks to all who have helped make this a great year of learning for all!!

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates for Vacation Bible School. Kick off Sunday on 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.

Service Ministry:

Ways you can do God's work with your 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. The food pantry is always in need of paper products (paper towels, toilet paper and toiletry items) and shelf stable meals like Chef Boyardee and boxes of Cereal. 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. Similar to years past, we are again going to be tending to a 10'x10' plot in the Conshohocken community garden; located near Edwards Freeman Nut Company. We donate all of the fruits and vegetables that we grow to Colonial Neighborhood Council as part of our Stewardship drive. In the coming weeks, we will start by 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.

Special Collection Envelope This Month: The Interfaith Hospitality Network

The problem of family homelessness is complex. A large number of factors

that are often out of our control—such as job loss and health crises—can easily change the financial status of an otherwise stable family. And it's a growing problem. On any night of the year in Philadelphia, an estimated 1,000 to 1,300 children and their families are homeless.

With the worsening economy, families are finding themselves unable to make their rent or mortgage payments. And Philadelphia's shelter system is stretched beyond capacity. Unfortunately, there is no simple solution or quick fix. Ending homelessness requires a holistic approach that begins with meeting immediate needs, and extends further to alleviate the root causes and help families achieve lasting independence. Our approach is highly effective. 92% of our families have succeeded in permanently overcoming homelessness. For more information go to www.philashelter.org

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

\$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 2019

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



This Week at St. Mark's

Monday		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>		<i>7pm: Boy Scouts</i>
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Tuesday		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>		<i>7 pm: Cub Scouts</i>
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Wednesday		<i>6 am: Meals on</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>Wheels</i>
		<i>8:00pm: AA Group</i>
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Thursday	<i>6pm : Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>3 – 7pm</i>	<i>7pm: Choir Practice</i>	
	<i>7:45pm Bell Choir</i>	
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Friday		<i>6am: Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>10am – 12N</i>		<i>7 pm: AA / Al-Anon</i>
		<i>8:30 .AA Group</i>
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Saturday		<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
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Sunday	<i>9:30 am – Worship Service</i>	<i>7 pm: AA Group</i>
	<i>10:30 Faith Formation and</i>	
	<i>Fellowship Hour</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.