

Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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Day of Pentecost
June 9th, 2019

Gathering

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

Prelude

Varvindar Friska

setting by Anne Krentz Organ

Invocation of the Holy Spirit

We can't seem to catch our breath these days. Amid our chaotic and busy lives, we hardly have time to breath in the goodness you offer us. We fail to be your voice for the oppressed; we fail to utter words of love and peace. We, your people, stand ready and open to receive the flame of your Spirit. Give us the ability to speak your truth so that other may hear.

This is the blessing

we cannot speak
by ourselves.

This is the blessing

we cannot summon
by our own devices,
cannot shape
to our purpose,
cannot bend
to our will.

This is the blessing

that comes
when we leave behind
our aloneness

when we gather
together
when we turn
toward one another.
This is the blessing
that blazes among us
when we speak
the words
strange to our ears
when we finally listen
into the chaos
when we breathe together
at last. ^[1]

Following the direction of our Music Director we sing:
Windy God, take the fire of my heart and let it sing for you

Holy Spirit, breath of God, fill our lungs and our lives. Today we hear of God's gift to us, enlivening us so that we may be even more Christ's own. Holy Spirit, fill us with an abundance of new life.

Windy God, take the fire of my heart and let it sing for you

O Spirit divine, with every breath we take you are giving us holy opportunities. On this special day when we celebrate the amazing way you came into the lives of the disciples, may we breathe deeply your grace. May we inhale your love, strength and passion, and may we exhale these gifts in service to inspire and renew this weary world. **Amen.**

^[1] When We Breathe Together by Jan Richardson
A Blessing for Pentecost Day

Opening Hymn

O Living Breath of God

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VARVINDAR FRISKA

Greeting

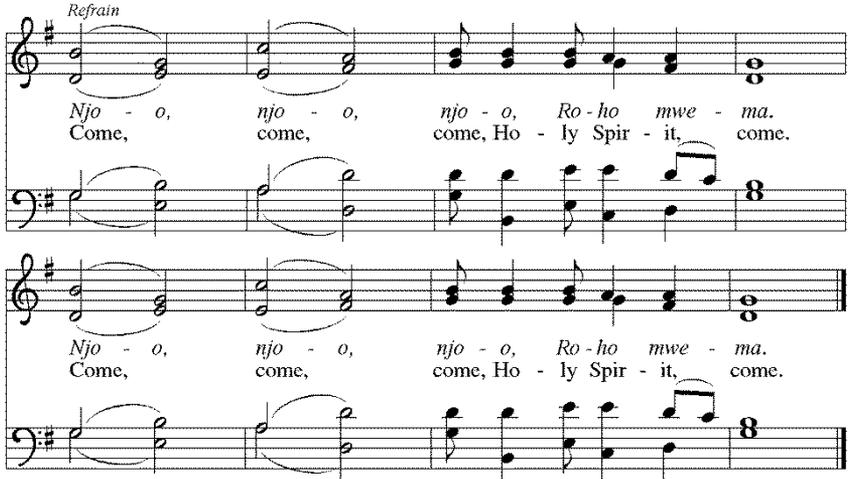
During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

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.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain



Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 1 Gracious Spirit, heed our pleading,
fashion us all anew.
It's your leading that we're needing,
help us to follow you. *Refrain*
- 2 Come to teach us, come to nourish
those who believe in Christ.
Bless the faithful, may they flourish,
strengthened by grace unpriced. *Refrain*

Prayer of the Day

The presiding minister prays the prayer of the day.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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 2:1-21

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples they would be filled with the Holy Spirit. Now, surrounded by signs of fire, wind, and a variety of languages in their midst, the people were amazed and astonished at Jesus' promise coming true.

A reading from the book of Acts,

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jewish-born and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them

speaking about God’s deeds of power.”¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?”¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “You Judeans and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.”¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your youth shall see visions,
and your elders shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalmody

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b



Send forth your Spir - it and re - new the face of the earth.



²⁴How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,**

living things both | small and great.

²⁶There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

²⁷**All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season. R**

²⁸You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R**

³²You look at the earth | and it trembles;
you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

³⁴May these words of | mine please God.
I will rejoice | in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
Hal- | lelujah! R**

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

Here Paul speaks about the mystery of baptism: through the Holy Spirit we are claimed, gathered, and welcomed into Christ's body, the church. And we receive new names in our adoption: brother, sister, child of God.

A reading from the book of Romans,

¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with Christ so that we may also be glorified with Christ.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Refrain

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
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Gospel

John 14:8-17 & 25-27

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God’s mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

The Holy Gospel according to John
Glory to you O Lord.

⁸Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time,

Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but it is the Father who dwells in me who does these works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees nor knows that Spirit. You know that Spirit, because that Spirit abides with you, and will be in you.

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.”

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

Holy Baptism

God claims us and washes us clean in the waters of grace

The Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

The presiding minister address the parents.

The presiding minister address the sponsors.

The presiding minister address the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Julia and Corinne and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church; the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

Thanksgiving at the Font

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, holy God. You are the creator ... who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

Baptism

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate.

The presiding minister continues with prayer and laying on of hands on each in term:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God... both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose is used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Julia / Corinne, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Welcome by the Assembly

A lighted candle is given

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me
will have the light of life.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

Let us welcome the newly baptized!

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The service continues with the Prayers of the People.

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

Creator Spirit

Aaron David Miller

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

Refrain

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The piano accompaniment is in bass clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma. Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody. The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

3 Guide our thinking and our speaking

done in your holy name.

Motivate all in their seeking,

freeing from guilt and shame. *Refrain*

- 4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,
nor rootless liberty;
turn disquiet to contentment,
doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

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.

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 with the words of institution

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we are bold to pray in the words
our savior taught us:

**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 414 – *Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove*

HERR JESU CHRIST, MEINS

ELW 405 – *O Spirit of Life*

O HEILIGER GEIST

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.**

Nunc Dimittis *Now Lord*

Refrain

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Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.
Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

- 5 Keep us fervent in our witness;
unswayed by earth's allure.
Ever grant us zealous fitness,
which you alone assure. *Refrain*

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

Holy Spirit, Ever-Dwelling

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IN BABILONE

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

Komm, heiliger Geist, herre Gott

setting by Matthias Weckmann

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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>
	Choir	
Assisting Minister	Katie Colaneri	Theodora Morley
Communion Asst.	Karly Sloan	Joanne Copestick
Reader	Rebecca Powell	Karen Hanna
Nursery	Liz MacNeal	TBA
Acolyte	Theodora Morley	Gavin Kriebel
Altar Guild	Joanne Copestick, Sandy Portzer	Jen Ramsden
Ushers	Bill Portzer Dolores Lush	Pam Keebler Terry Spence
Counters	Susan Dryburgh Stef Conklin	Pam Keebler, David Penman, Lara Hoffman
Offering Recorder	Nate Ramsden	Joanne Copestick
Fellowship Hour	The MacNeals	Open

Altar Flowers this week are given by Carol and Tom Brady in loving memory of Luella Claffey: "You are in our hearts forever".

Today at the font we celebrate
Julia Renee Longwell and Corinne Elizabeth Longwell
Baptized Children of God!

Emily & Travis Longwell, parents
Renee and Robert Kelly, Godparents

Worship Ministry:

Ways we gather in praise of God

Altar Flower Sponsorship

We have openings for Altar Flowers in July. 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.

Dinner Church on Thursday

Traveling this summer? Don't worry, there is still a chance to get your weekly worship fix by attending Dinner Church on Thursday's at 6pm! Over the summer we serve a meal of hot dogs and salad. We invite people to volunteer to make salads during the weeks over the summer and a signup sheet is located in sign up hallway.

Faith Formation Ministry:

Ways you can deep your faith life

Vacation Bible School

Mark your 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.

Confirmation

The Confirmation class will meet for the last time of the school year on Wednesday June 12th @ 6:30pm before going on break for the summer.

Service Ministry:

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Hand Bag Bingo Fundraiser Update

Thanks to all who made the "First Annual" Hand Bag Bingo Capital Campaign fundraiser a wonderful success! We raised \$4004 AND made some new friends too!

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.

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

Special Collection Envelope: SPCA

This month's special collection envelope supports the Montgomery County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is a nonprofit organization dedicated to caring for unwanted, lost and abused domestic animals.



Established in 1909 and chartered in 1916, the Montgomery County SPCA (in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania), has three locations. The Conshohocken facility houses the administrative offices as well as small domestic animals. The Perkiomenville facility includes a pet cemetery (closed) and horse farm along with facilities for small animals. Our newest facility for small domestic animals is in Abington.

Now is a good time to enroll in electronic giving

Heading out of town this summer? Now is a great time to enroll in electronic giving to continue your support of our congregation. We wish our bills went away over the summer, but they don't and regular consistent giving helps us maintain our budget for the year. To sign up – download the "Give+" app on either apple or android, search for St. Mark's in Conshohocken (make sure you get the town, there are a few St. Mark's churches) and then set up the amount and frequency of the offering; either one time, or on a recurring basis. As always thank you, for all that you do to support the work and ministry of St. Mark's.

Evangelism/Fellowship Ministry

Ways you can do God's work with your hands

Connect with us online

Are you a "fan" of the St. Mark's

Facebook page? Did you like the photo

we posted on Instagram? Did you know we could be trending on Twitter? St.

Mark's offers a variety of ways to connect virtually beyond our worship

services. Check out our online presence; share our messages with friends and

family as we seek to spread God's love with those who need to see the

greatness of God's grace!



Becoming Members of St. Mark's

Are you interested in finding out more about becoming a member of the St. Mark's community? Speak with Pastor about taking the next steps to join our congregation.

Diakon Lutheran Disaster Response

It's not often that we hear of tornados affecting our neighbors in Pennsylvania but that's exactly what happened recently. Instead of shaking our heads in disbelief, why not consider donating to those who can make a difference in the disaster recovery

Diakon Lutheran Social Ministries serves as a partner with the national Lutheran Disaster Response organization and is the primary organization for response in the Delaware-Maryland and Upper Susquehanna synods, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Diakon also responds as needed within the Northeastern Pennsylvania, Lower Susquehanna, Southeastern Pennsylvania, and Allegheny synods, as determined by the Lutheran social ministry organizations assigned primary responsibility for those regions.

Because of changes in national funding, Diakon's disaster response program depends on local contributions that are then used to respond to local disasters. There are two ways you can support these vital efforts:

Program support helps to fund annual budgeted expenses to provide disaster response coordination in the three Evangelical Lutheran Church in America synods in which Diakon is the primary response organization.

The disaster response fund provides support activated when a federally declared disaster occurs, helping to underwrite immediate, initial response without having to await national funds. The reserve fund is replenished by continuing contributions, particularly during a disaster.

For more information, go online (<https://www.diakon.org/disaster/>).

This Week at St. Mark's

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

Feel free to use cell phones and other electronic devices 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.