

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 4, 2019*

## Gathering

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

### Prelude

*In Christ There Is No East or West* Global Tune Medley arr. Sherri Hansen

### Invocation

*The presiding minister begins*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

### 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

ELW 650

*In Christ There is No East or West*

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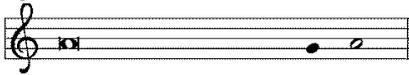
## Greeting

*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.**

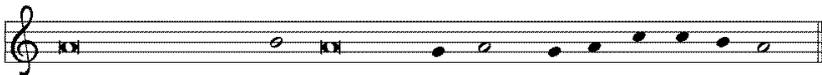
## Kyrie



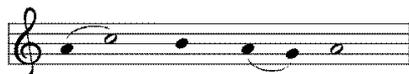
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



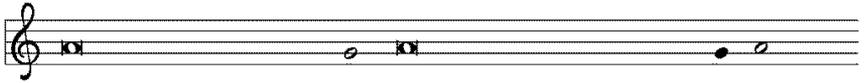
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Assisting minister

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



All

Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
 you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.  
 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,  
 in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

## Prayer of the Day

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

Let us pray,

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

# Word

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

**First Reading:** Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

*The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a “vanity of vanities.” Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one’s work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.*

A reading from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> chapters of Ecclesiastes:

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

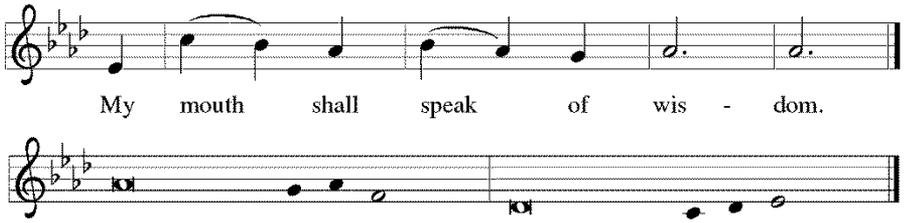
<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

# Psalmody

Psalm 49:1-12



<sup>1</sup>Hear this, | all you peoples; give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high de- | gree and low, rich and | poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall | speak of wisdom, and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear | to a proverb and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp. R**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in | evil days, when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess, and boast of | their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never re- | deem another, or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life | is so great that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forev- | er and ever and never | see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to | generation, though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever; they are like the | beasts that perish. R**

## Second Reading:

Colossians 3:1-11

*Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new*

*garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.*

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Colossians:

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



## Gospel Lesson:

Luke 12:13-21

*In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.*

The Gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter:

### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But Jesus replied, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And Jesus said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

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

*God Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

ELW 678

RUSTINTON

## 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

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation:

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

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

*The prayers are concluded:*

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord,  
Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen**

## Sharing of the Peace

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

# Meal

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*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## Announcements

*Announcements are made on behalf of the community*

## Offering

*An offering is gathered to support the mission of the church. Funds gathered today will help sustain our ministry efforts at St. Mark's, support the wider national church and help those in need. You can also contribute electronically via our "Give+" giving app on your phone, available in the Apple Store and Google Play. If you give electronically we invite you to take one of the green slips and place it in the offering plate as a way to include your electronic gifts in the offering time.*

## Offertory

*Rustington*

setting by Carol Wahl

*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

Blessed are you, O God,  
for the greening earth given for all,  
for the talents we are given to share, and for this bread and wine.  
Transform us to be the body of Christ, that, feasting on this food  
and drink, our lives may reflect your generosity;  
through Christ our Lord.

**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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

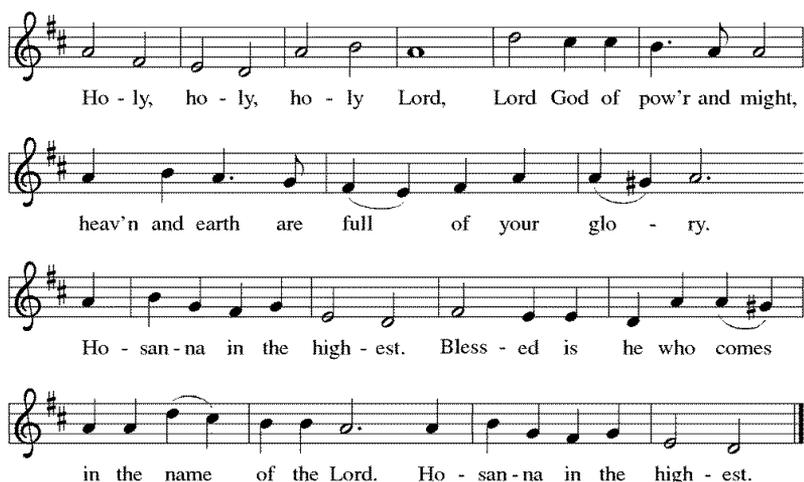
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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. 152*



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*

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.

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.*

God invites you to this table of bounty.

Come, the banquet is ready.

*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 739 *Touch the Earth Lightly*

TENDERNESS

ELW 733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

FAITHFULNESS

## 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

O God, in this holy communion  
you have welcomed us into your presence,  
nourished us with words of mercy,  
and fed us at your table.  
Amid the cares of this life,  
strengthen us to love you with all our heart,  
serve our neighbors with a willing spirit,  
and honor the earth you have made;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Sending

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

## Blessing

Live your lives in Christ, rooted and built up in him,  
and abound in thanksgiving;  
and the blessing of the holy Trinity, † one God,  
be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song

*O Jesus, Blessed Lord*

ELW 541

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is sending you.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Linstead*

setting by Anne Krentz Organ

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## Leading Us in Worship

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**Presiding Minister:**  
**Director of Music**

The Rev. Bryan Penman  
Emily Ballentine Erb

*This Week*

*Next Week*

**Assisting Minister**

Katie Colaneri

Ava Ruggiero

**Communion Asst.**

Joanne Copestick

Karly Sloan

**Reader**

Stephanie Conklin

Brooke Kenna

**Nursery**

Jennifer Ramsden

The Holsts

**Acolyte**

Stella Ruggiero

Gavin Kriebel

**Altar Guild**

Jennifer Ramsden

Jennifer Schreiter

**Ushers**

Pam Keebler

George Pokalo

George Pokalo

Joe Dryburgh

**Counters**

Rhea Moore

Lauren Parkin

Matt Fiore

Susan Dryburgh

**Offering Recorder**

Nate Ramsden

Kathy Pokalo

**Fellowship Hour**

Open

Open

**Altar Flowers** are given today by Dayle Malantonio, Donna Myers and Debbie Rodenbaugh in loving memory of Barbara and George Snear.

## **Worship Ministry:**

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### **Dedication of New Hymnals:**

Our new hymnals will be dedicated during worship on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Because of the generous giving of our congregation members and friends, we were able to purchase 40 new Evangelical Worship (ELW) hymnals to use as we glorify and worship God through liturgy and song on Sundays and other occasions.

### **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 sign up sheet is located in sign up hallway.

### **Altar Flower Sponsorship**

We have an opening for Altar Flowers for the third Sunday in August and a few Sundays in September. 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.

## **Faith Formation Ministry:**

*Ways you can deepen your faith life*

### **Get Ready for Rally Day – Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Faith Formation classes:** will begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. We offer two faith formation opportunities after worship, a class for young disciples and their families and an adult forum (for disciples young at heart!) Today, both classes meet following worship, our young persons' class begins following communion.

## **Service Ministry:**

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

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

We continue to raise funds for our current Capital Appeal to renovate and refurbish our Pipe Organ. The results will be a refurbished pipe organ that will be brought back to its full potential.

Currently we've raised \$47,145 of the \$54,000 need to complete this work—that's \$6,855 to go! 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. Another family has agreed to match funds given to the Capital Campaign over the next few weeks. So, if you give, they will also give. Now is the time to give to our capital appeal process so we can pay the bill on refurbishing our Pipe Organ!

Work began this week on installing the new racks and pipes!!

### **Backpacks for School Kids**

St. Mark's is currently collecting solid colored backpacks for Colonial Neighborhood Councils school supply drive for families in need of a little help getting their kids off to school this year. We ask that backpacks be brought to the church no later than Sunday August 18th.

### **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.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at St. Mark's on Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> from 12Noon – 5pm in the Auditorium. To sign up to donate blood go <https://www.redcrossblood.org> or call 1-800-REDCROSS

### **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 This Month: Silver Springs Martin Luther School**

This month's special collection envelope is for Silver Springs Martin Luther School offers a holistic approach to improving the developmental, emotional, educational, spiritual, and social well-being of children and families through residential and community-based mental health services, special education, and foster family care. Dedicated professionals who are motivated by our mission partner with families and caregivers to provide individualized services to children to promote resilience, stability and bright futures.

With locations in Plymouth Meeting and Philadelphia, Silver Springs is a Social Ministry Organization (SMO) of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and is non-denominational with regard to whom it serves.

### **Wider Church:**

*Ways we do more together*

## **Churchwide Assembly: August 5th – 10th**

Every three years, our national church body, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America has its "Churchwide Assembly." Pastor Bryan was elected to be one of the clergy representatives from the SEPA Synod to this Churchwide Assembly. Lay and clergy delegates from our Synod will travel to Milwaukee, Wisconsin gathering under the theme of "We are church." This year's agenda includes adopting a budget for the national expression of our churchbody, establishing churchwide policies, the election of our Presiding Bishop and the ELCA Secretary. Please keep all the delegates in your prayers that they may be guided by the Spirit to seek and find God's will and way for our churchwide expression of the Body of Christ.

# This Week at St. Mark's

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

**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.

