

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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## *Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost* *September 15, 2019*

### Gathering

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

#### Prelude

*Nettleton*

setting by Aaron David Miller

#### 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 name of the Father, and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Opening Hymn

*O Holy Spirit Enter In*

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## Greeting

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

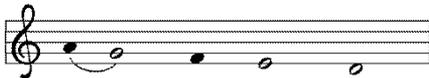
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

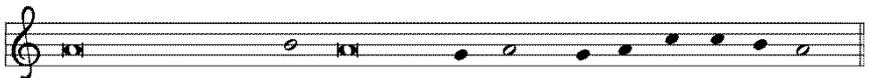
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



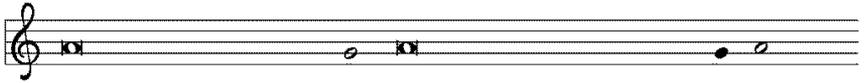
Lord, have mer - cy.



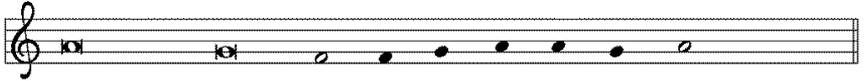
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



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.



# Word

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

## **First Reading:**

Exodus 32:7-14

*While Moses is on Mount Sinai, the people grow restless and make a golden calf to worship. Today's reading shows Moses as the mediator between an angry God and a sinful people. Moses reminds God that the Israelites are God's own people and boldly asks mercy for them.*

The First Reading is from the 32<sup>nd</sup> Chapter of Exodus.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that their god brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’?”

Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’”

<sup>14</sup>And the LORD relented concerning the disaster that  
the LORD planned for the chosen people.

The word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalmody**

Psalm 51:1-10



Have mer- cy on me, O God, ac- cord- ing to your stead- fast love.



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through | from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me | from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know | my offenses,  
and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in  
your sight; so you are justified when you speak and right | in  
your judgment. R**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me. R**

## Second Reading:

1 Timothy 1:12-17

*The letters to Timothy are called the Pastoral Epistles because they contain advice especially intended for leaders in the church. Here the mercy shown to Paul, who once persecuted the church, is cited as evidence that even the most unworthy may become witnesses to the grace of God.*

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of First Timothy:

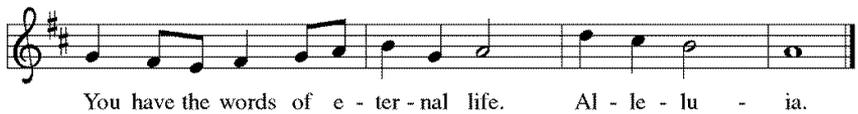
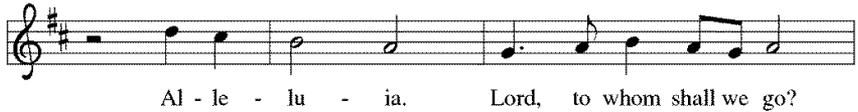
<sup>12</sup> I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the Sovereign of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



*Jesus tells two stories that suggest a curious connection between the lost being found and sinners repenting. God takes the initiative to find sinners, each of whom is so precious to God that his or her recovery brings joy in heaven.*

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which man of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman of you having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

ELW 779

NEW BRITAIN

## The 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

Sustained and nurtured by our generous God, we gather as one to pray for the church, the world, and all of God's creation.

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

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

*The prayers are concluded:*

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our 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

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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

*In Thee is Gladness*

Bell Choir

*Musical selections are offered to the glory of God. At the conclusion of the Offertory music, the gifts of bread, wine, money and other gifts are brought forward, the congregation sings "Let the Vineyards be fruitful"*

Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that  
 we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of  
 all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
 with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## Offering Prayer

God our provider,  
 we bring nothing into this world  
 and we can take nothing out of it.  
 Accept the gifts you have first given us,  
 which we bring to your table,  
 and with them the offering of our lives.  
 Nourish us now with the life that really is life,  
 revealed to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**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 also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

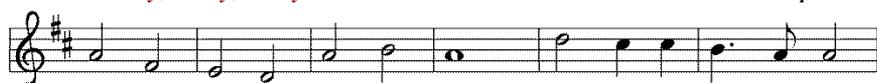
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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*

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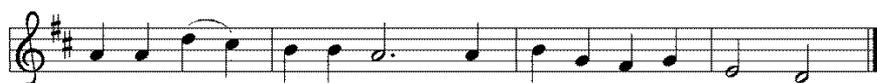
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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 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**

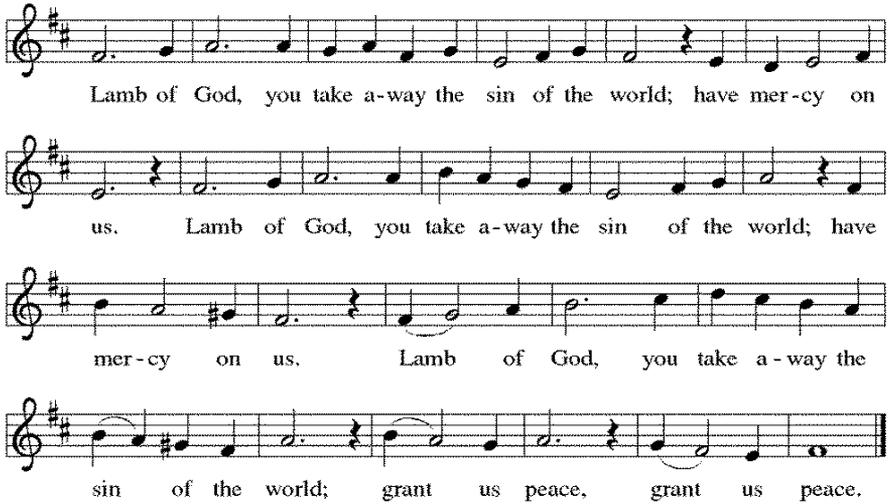
*Here at St. Mark's we invite all people to the Lord's Table no matter where you are on your faith journey. This is Christ present for you – freely offered in bread and wine – all are welcome to commune.*

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come, take your place at 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 782 *My Shepherd, You Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION

WOV 783 *Seek Ye First*

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1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
2. Ask and it shall be given unto you; Seek and you shall find;  
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia.
3. We do not live by bread alone, but by ev'ry word that proceeds  
from the mouth of God. Allelu, alleluia.

## 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

God of blessing, at this table we have seen you face to face, and in the gift of Christ's body and blood, our hearts have been refreshed. Send us now to shine with your goodness and bear witness to the one we have received: Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Sending

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

### Blessing

Guard the good treasure entrusted to you,  
with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.  
Almighty God ☩ bless you with grace, mercy, and peace,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Song

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

NETTLETON

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love as Christ loved us.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*In dir ist Freude*

setting by Timothy Shaw

# Leading Us in Worship

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

The Rev. Bryan Penman  
Emily Ballentine Erb

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Joe Jacovino	Theodora Morley
<b>Communion Asst.</b>	Matt Powell	Lauren Parkin
<b>Reader</b>	Kathy Pokalo	Donna Kobi
<b>Nursery</b>	Matt Fiore	The Holsts
<b>Acolyte</b>	Connor Logan	Ray Inderbitzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Erin Orekar	Joanne Copestick Sandy Portzer
<b>Ushers</b>	George Pokalo Kathy Pokalo	Bill Portzer Joe Dryburgh
<b>Counters</b>	Susan Dryburgh Matt Fiore	Pam Keebler Stephanie Conklin
<b>Offering Recorder</b>	Jen Schreiter	Kathy Pokalo
<b>Fellowship Hour</b>	The Ruggieros	The Inderbitzens
<b>Faith Formation</b>	Holly Holst Susan Inderbitzen	Beth Patruno Lara Hoffman

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## Worship Ministry:

*Ways we gather in praise of God*

### **Adult Choir and Bell Choir Rehearsals**

Come, join the joyful noise of music ministry at St. Mark's! Both choirs offer special music at worship throughout the year. Anyone is welcome to join either choir; you do not need to know how to read music (although it is helpful). If you have any questions, or if you're interested in singing and ringing, please contact our Director of Music, Emily Ballentine Erb. (emily@stmarksconshy.org).

**Adult Choir – Thurs. @ 7pm / Bell Choir – Thurs. @ at 7:45pm**

### **Dinner Church on Thursday**

Dinner Church is a very relaxed worship and fellowship experience. The Sign-Up to bring a main dish, soup or salad is in the “sign-up hallway” across from the McCarney room. No matter where you are on your faith journey, you are welcome here at Dinner Church.

### **The “New” Grand Addition**

Have you noticed the new addition to our sanctuary? A Steinway model L grand piano now makes its home here! Thanks to a generous donation from The Baldwin School, which was getting rid of this instrument due to space constrictions, our congregation now enjoys its beautiful sounds. This instrument was built in 1917, so it is over a century old. It is in good tune, but will need some additional work to keep it in good condition in the years to come. Now, in addition to our newly-rebuilt organ, St. Mark's has two wonderful keyboard instruments to make a joyful noise for the glory of God!

### **Notice About Altar Flowers**

Recently, we received notice that our florist, Hague's, will be going out of business. The owner has some very serious medical issues that will prevent her from continuing the flower business. Until Worship and Music has a chance to explore other options, we will be suspending Altar Flowers. If you are scheduled for upcoming dates, please note that we will not be needing payment for those altar flowers. We will let donors know when Altar Flowers resume.

## Faith Formation Ministry:

*Ways you can deepen your faith life*

### Faith Formation Classes

Children age 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to Faith Formation class (and so are their parents because Bible learning is for all ages!) Each week we gather upstairs to read scripture, do an activity, sing, pray and dive deeper into our faith together. Children ages 4 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to this class (and so are their parents, because Bible learning is for all ages. Classes for our young persons' class begins following communion.

### Confirmation Class

Confirmation class has a new weekly format. Confirmation will meet on Sundays during our Faith Formation hour following worship. Confirmation is for students in middle school ages. To find out more details about the program and about getting your child confirmed, please speak with Pastor Bryan.

### Theology on Tap

Join us as we kick off another year of informal conversation at the Pub! We meet this coming Thursday after dinner church (either here at the church or you can meet us down there) around 7:15pm. Theology on Tap is a great time of fellowship and exploring faith – all are welcome!

### Open Theological Conversation

We are going to try a new kind of Adult Forum this year in what Pastor is calling, “Open Theological Conversation.” Each month we will have an open and honest conversation about a particular topic. It’s intended to be an open and affirming space as we wrestle with difficult topics and try to seek God’s wisdom as people of faith by asking, “where do we see God in this?” Our first conversation will be following worship on Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup> as we explore the topics of Immigration and Refugees. We hope you will join us for the conversation.

### diakonia™ Program at St. Mark’s

diakonia™ is a two-year adult theological education and discipleship program covering a range of topics from the Bible, Practical Ministries, Church History and Christian Teachings. Participants can sign on for the entire year or take the courses individually as their schedules allow! For

information about this program, endorsed by the both the SEPA Synod and the ELCA, go to (ministrylink.org under the leadership tab) or (www.diakoniausa.org). Each 5 week course will meet on Mondays 6:30-9:00 pm beginning on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Speak with Pr. Bryan or Email: Pr.Mary.Konopka@gmail.com for more info or to register.

## Service Ministry:

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

### Capital Appeal Update

**"The trumpets sound the angels sing..."** Big news this week on our current Capital Appeal. We have reached our \$52,210 goal! We now have enough capital appeal funds to send the remaining payment for our Pipe Organ Appeal to Crossen and Savage for the completion of our renovation and restoration of our Pipe Organ!! We hope that you plan to join us as we celebrate these accomplishments and give thanks to God on Sunday October 27th as we rededicate the Pipe Organ and celebrate the end of this second phase of Capital appeal process. This is a huge accomplishment to celebrate - so thank you to the many donors who have made this appeal possible!

For those who contribute to "capital" as part of your regular giving - we will continue to set those funds aside as designated giving, but until a new capital appeal is identified, we will hold those funds as "seed" money. Church Council will be meeting this coming week to begin to think about what steps might be next for us.

### Upcoming Synod Training and workshops

- Anti-Racism Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 9am – 5pm @ St. Luke Devon, Cost \$15 (Pastor is planning on going) This is the first in a series of four anti-racism training events based on a model produced by Women of the ELCA. Participants are asked to bring humility, curiosity and courage as we together enter the conversation.

**Part 1(Context)** addresses gaps in what we have learned of our nation's history, describing events which have deeply affected people of color but which often go untold.

Registration Fee is \$15\* which includes lunch and materials

Register by sending an email to [antiracism@sepa.org](mailto:antiracism@sepa.org)  
Registration fee may be paid on-site in cash or by check. Checks (\$15) should be made out to “SEPA-ELCA” and on the memo line, write “Anti-racism” as well as participant’s full name. Pre-payment checks should be mailed to Ms. Mercedes Lee, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, 7241 Germantown Avenue, Wiedemann Center, Philadelphia, PA 19119.

Deadline: Friday, September 13

- Shaping Your Ministry to be Inclusive and Safe for LGBTQIA+ Folk October 12<sup>th</sup> 9am – 2pm @ Reformation, Media. Cost \$10 (Pastor is leading a workshop)
- Congregational Vitality Awareness Day November 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 3pm @ United Lutheran Seminary, Cost \$15 (Pastor is planning this event)

## **Special Collection Envelope This Month: Cradles to Crayons**

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth through age 12, living in homeless or low-income situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. We supply these new or nearly-new items of clothing free of charge. We work with nearly 75,000 families, individuals, community groups, and corporate volunteers in our Giving Factories and at community-based events to serve over 245,000 children every year. The vision is that one day every child will have the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, ready to learn, and valued.

## **Food Collection Items Needed**

Our local food bank run by our friends over at Colonial Neighborhood Council is in urgent need of Chef Boyardee, fruit 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.

## **Now is a good time to enroll in electronic giving**

Now is a great time to enroll in electronic giving to continue your support of our congregation. Electronic giving provides regular consistent contributions that 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 Ministries:**

*Ways we share the Good News and connect with Christian Community*

### **Conshohocken Beer Fest**

Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 5 is the annual Conshy Beer Festival. St. Mark's will again be present to pass out waters and meet folks in our community. If you would like to volunteer to be present at our booth – please see Joe Ruggiero or send an email to pastor.

### **St. Mark's Fall Block Party**

- Save the date for Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup> for our first St. Mark's Fall Block party and worship. Food, fellowship, pumpkin painting, kids can come in costume as we fellowship and spend some time together as a faith community.

### **Pastor's weekly email**

Pastor sends out a weekly message with reflections on the coming Sunday's readings as well as announcements upcoming during the week at church. To sign up for this email check out our homepage [www.stmarksconshy.org](http://www.stmarksconshy.org) to enter your email address or let Pastor know to add you to the list.

### **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!



### **Lutheran Disaster Response to Hurricane Dorian**

#### **The situation**

Hurricane Dorian has hit the Bahamas with devastating force, leading to major damage and a growing number of reported deaths. The storm left a

path of destruction as it moved along the southeastern coast of the United States, threatening our neighbors with dangerous winds and life-threatening storm surge.

**Our response:**

Lutheran Disaster Response is in communication with the Florida-Bahamas Synod, the South Carolina Synod, the North Carolina Synod, Lutheran Services Carolinas and other partners who are preparing to respond. We are helping our neighbors as they recover from this hurricane ... and any others the 2019 season may bring.

**What you can do:**

**Pray**

Please pray for people who have been affected by hurricanes. May God's healing presence give them peace and hope in their time of need.

**Give**

Your gifts designated for “Hurricane Response” will be used entirely (100 percent) for direct response until it is complete. Together, we can help provide immediate and long-lasting support for those whose lives have been impacted by hurricanes.

**Connect:**

To learn more about the situation and the ELCA’s response:

Use this bulletin insert in your congregation: Hurricane Dorian.

Sign up to receive Lutheran Disaster Response alerts.

Check the Lutheran Disaster Response blog.

Like Lutheran Disaster Response on Facebook and follow @ELCALDR on Twitter.

## This Week at St. Mark's

<b>Monday</b>		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office Closed</i>	<i>6:30pm diakonia™ Class</i>	<i>7pm Boy Scouts</i>
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<b>Tuesday</b>		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office hours:</i>	<i>7pm Church Council</i>	<i>7pm Cub Scouts</i>
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>		
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<b>Wednesday</b>		<i>6 am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office hours:</i>		<i>8pm AA Group</i>
<i>2pm – 4pm</i>		
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<b>Thursday</b>	<i>6pm Dinner Church</i>	<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office hours:</i>	<i>7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	
<i>3pm – 7pm</i>	<i>7:30pm Theology on Tap</i>	
	<i>7:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</i>	
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<b>Friday</b>		<i>6am Meals on Wheels</i>
<i>Office hours:</i>		<i>7 pm AA / Al-Anon</i>
<i>10am – 12pm</i>		<i>8:30 pm AA Group</i>
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<b>Saturday</b>		<i>7 pm AA Group</i>
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<b>Sunday</b>	<i>9:30 am Worship Service</i>	<i>7 pm AA Group</i>
	<i>10:30 am Faith Formation</i>	
	<i>10:30 Fellowship Hour</i>	
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# 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.