

# Saint Mark's Lutheran Church

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## *Christ the King Sunday* *November 22, 2020*

- *To Join our virtual worship space click on this link:*
- *<https://zoom.us/j/649397358?pwd=c21YemhZYjFVUjZkOXBBZ3NzRXJsOT09>*
- *Meeting ID: 649 397 358*
- *Password: saintmarks*
- *Using the Zoom Controls, you can turn on and off your video and mute and unmute your microphone. For most of the worship service the presiding minister will keep the assembly on mute so that you can follow along.*
- *During worship we will celebrate communion, so if you wish to participate with us, we invite you to grab some bread, and some wine or grape juice so that when we get to the MEAL, we can celebrate together.*
- *You are invited to speak the assembly responses and sing, but we ask that you stay on mute so that all may participate together.*

## **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.

***We gather in community.*** Despite the mandate to "physical distance" we gather in community across virtual means. We welcome those who may be joining us from afar! If you would like to be added to our mailing list, leave your address in the Chat on Zoom. We are so glad that you have joined us today!

# Gathering

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

## Prelude

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

arr. by Lloyd Larson

## Introduction to Virtual Worship

*The Presiding Minister introduces us to our virtual worship space*

## Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

Beloved, we are God's children,

and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

## Opening Hymn

ELW 820

### O Savior, Precious Savior

1 O Sav - ior, pre - cious Sav - ior, whom yet un - seen we love;  
2 O bring - er of sal - va - tion, who won - drous - ly hast wrought,  
3 In thee all full - ness dwell - eth, all grace and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Oh, grant the con - sum - ma - tion of this our song a - bove,

O name of might and fa - vor, all oth - er names a - bove:  
thy - self the rev - e - la - tion of love be - yond our thought:  
the glo - ry that ex - cel - leth, O Son of God, is thine.  
in end - less ad - o - ra - tion and ev - er - last - ing love;

we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
we wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
We wor - ship thee; we bless thee; to thee a - lone we sing;  
then shall we praise and bless thee where per - fect prais - es ring,

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are placed between the staves.

we praise thee and con - fess thee, our ho - ly Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our gra - cious Lord and King.  
 we praise thee and con - fess thee, our glo - rious Lord and King.  
 and ev - er - more con - fess thee, our Sav - ior and our King!

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879  
 Music: ANGEL'S STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850–1929

## Greeting

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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service,  
 and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom  
 to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have  
 made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and  
 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Word

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

### First Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the LORD will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The LORD will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

The First Reading is from the 34th chapter of Ezekiel:

<sup>11</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them <sup>Out.</sup> <sup>12</sup>As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup>I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. <sup>14</sup>I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. <sup>15</sup>I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. <sup>16</sup>I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

<sup>20</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. <sup>21</sup>Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, <sup>22</sup>I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

<sup>23</sup>I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup>And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be ruler among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

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

## **Psalmody**

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

*We are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. (Ps. 95:7)*

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

<sup>7a</sup>For the LORD | is our God, and we are the people of God's  
pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.

## **Second Reading**

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

The Second Reading is from the 1st chapter of Ephesians

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know God, <sup>18</sup>so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power for us who believe, according to the working of God's great power. <sup>20</sup>God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at the right hand of Power in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. <sup>22</sup>And God has put all things under the feet of Christ and has made him the

head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is the body of Christ, the fullness of the one who fills all in all.

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

## **Gospel Lesson:**

*Matthew 25:31-46*

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter:  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] <sup>31</sup>“When the Son-of-Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>“Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the dominion prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the devil’s angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and

you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Children’s Sermon

*A special message for our young disciples, we invite them to come to the screen so that they can see each other.*

## Sermon

*The Rev. Bryan Penman*

## Hymn of the Day

*ELW 431*

### O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
 2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
 3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
 4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -

king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
now; you died for us up - on a cross with

praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the

glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for

walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous-ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824–1902

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## 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

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

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

Hear Us, O God

**Your mercy is great.**

*The prayers are concluded:*

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**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.**

*You are invited to share a sign of peace with those who have gathered together or with others on the screen.*

## 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.*

*During this time of “physical distancing”*

*contributing via electronic funds is a way to*

*continue to support the ministry of St. Mark’s. At*

*this time, contributions towards “Current Ministry funds” are most needed. To contribute*

*electronically, download our “Give+” giving app*

*on your phone, available in the Apple Store and*

*Google Play take a picture of the QR code with your phone to be directed to the download page.*



## Offertory

*Ode to Joy*

by Ludwig Von Beethoven

Maddie Hoffman, Violin

## Offering Prayer

God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you,

gathered around your table,

and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them

that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,

and give thanks for your rich blessings,

we may feast upon your very self

and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.  
**Amen.**

## **Words of Institution**

*ELW p. 206*

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.

### *Instructions for the Lord's Prayer*

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.*

There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## Distribution of Communion

*Today we will receive along with the presiding minister or invite those who have gathered together to commune one another by distributing the elements or offering a blessing.*

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond -- Amen.*

## Communion Blessing

*The assembly receives the blessing*

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace. Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,

and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

**Amen.**

## Sending

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

## Blessing

May the God of all creation,

in whose image we are made,

who claims us and calls us beloved,

who strengthens us for service,

give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,

Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

Amen.

## Sending Hymn

ELW 434

### Jesus Shall Reign

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -  
2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his  
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners  
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -  
love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.  
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, atr. John Hatton, d. 1793

## Dismissal

*The assisting minister sends us forth*

Beloved of God,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Coronation*

setting by Timothy Shaw

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# Leading us in Worship

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**Presiding Minister**  
**Dir. of Music Ministry**  
**Digital Sacristan**  
**Altar Guild**  
**Assisting Minister**  
**Reader**

The Rev. Bryan Penman  
Emily Ballentine Erb  
Bre Myers  
Sheldon Erb  
Bre Myers  
Rebecca Powell

## **Worship Ministry:**

*Ways we gather in praise of God.*

### **Searching for Assisting Ministers**

Our Assisting Ministers list could use a few more people so we are looking for individuals who would be willing to serve as an assisting minister during our worship. This involves leading parts of the liturgy on Sundays during worship from home over Zoom, so you would need to be comfortable muting and unmuting yourself for those parts of the worship service. The prayers are prepared and emailed out on Friday as well as a highlighted bulletin for you to use during worship. If you would be interested in serving as an assisting minister during worship please reply to this email or contact our office administrator Mary Konopka [info@stmarksconshy.org](mailto:info@stmarksconshy.org)

### **Setting up for Advent / Christmas**

This coming week we will be setting the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas, if you would be willing to help, please be in touch with Pastor to coordinate setting things up

### **Longest Night Service Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7pm**

The Longest Night Worship service is a time for those who aren't feeling "merry and bright" this holiday season. For those who are struggling, for those who are grieving, for those who want some quiet reflection time amid the hustle and bustle; join us for this service of quiet contemplation as we await the coming of the Light of the World, Jesus Christ. This year our service will be on Zoom and Facebook live.

## Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request send it to the church office (office@stmarksconshy.org). They will be shared with Pr. Bryan. If we receive it by Friday morning, it will be included in that Sunday's Prayers of the People.

## No Dinner Church this week

There will be no Dinner Church this coming week as we observe Thanksgiving!

## Faith Formation Ministry:

*Ways you can deepen your faith life*

## Advent @ Home Boxes

Advent is almost here (November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent!!) We are currently putting together family devotional boxes for advent that will include a make at home advent wreath with weekly devotional, instructions for making Chrismons at home, and a Christmas story mini-bible. If you would like to receive one of these kits, please email pastor@stmarksconshy.org!

## Fellowship & Evangelism Ministry:

*Ways you can help spread the "Good News" with others*

## Share our Christmas Eve Service link with friends

Consider inviting friends to join us for Christmas Eve this year, it's a great way for folks to check out our faith community.

## Service Ministry:

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

## Gifts for Families in Need

Below is the link to sign up to get gifts for families in our area this Christmas. Information about the families and the gifts needed is on the SignUp Genius page.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0b44a4a72eabfe3-families>

All gifts should be wrapped and labeled and brought back to the church no later than Thursday December 10th. I know this is a short turn around, but we needed to give extra time for families to pick up the gifts and maintain physical distancing.

Gifts can be dropped in the "Parcel Room" located at 508 Harry Street with the door labeled "delivery entrance".

The above sign up is for families that are being sponsored specifically by St. Mark's, so while we want you to help with that first, there is also additional needs for families that [CNC listed on Amazon Wish lists](#) (hint, hint, you should sign up for [Amazon SMILE and support St. Mark's](#)).

## **Monthly Special Collection Envelope: Lutheran Disaster Response**

During November we are taking up a special offering for Lutheran Disaster Response. LDR brings God's hope, healing and renewal to people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the United States and around the world. To help further their work of helping communities rebuild after disaster hits, please make a donation to our "special monthly collection."

## **Blessing Bags**

As folks return to venturing out in public more, Rebecca Casey reminded me this week that folks might need some blessing bags during this time. I put a box of them in the Parcel Room at the church. Feel free to take as many as you would like and I'll refill them as I see it needs refilling, we have more inside the church.

## **Offering Envelopes**

For those who use our offering envelopes as a way to give to the church in our weekly Sunday gathering, we invite you to continue the practice by mailing the envelopes to the church address 508 Harry Street Conshohocken, PA 19428. We have been creating a weekly deposit for those funds that are mailed to the church during the week.

It also may be a great time to set up St. Mark's on your banks bill pay system, simply set up Saint Mark's as a recurring item for payment and if it asks for account number – you could use you offering envelope number or just leave it blank. For all those who have mailed in their offerings, **THANK YOU**, the church needs you now at this critical time as our worship services have been suspended in the building.

## **Food Collection Items Needed**

Mac and Cheese --- Sandy has mentioned that Mac and Cheese is needed this week, so as you sparsely do your shopping if you could remember to grab a bottle or jar of jelly that would be greatly appreciated! Given the unknown nature of this time of “physical distancing” the schools are closed and lots of families in our area that depend on school meals have extra needs – kid friendly snacks are greatly appreciated. Also, in urgent need of Chef Boyardee, fruit and, as always, toilet paper.

To make a donation – you can leave items in our Delivery Room located on Harry Street at the 508 sign. That door is always unlocked and you may leave your items in there and Pastor will work to get those items down to CNC during the week.