

**The Transfiguration of Our Lord**  
**February 27, 2022**  
*in the 169<sup>th</sup> year of the Parish*  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
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*Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church!*

**Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known”**

**This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.**  
*We are the church that shares a living, 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.*

**Please note the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided revised guidelines with regard to mask wearing. Following these guidelines, and the specific recommendations of our bishop (Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod) Church Council strongly recommends that masks be worn, social distancing followed and to speak and sing in very low tones when worshipping at St. Mark's. Thank you!**

**A Guide to Hymnal Use:**

**LBW refers to our Green Hymnal**  
**WOV refers to our Blue Hymnal**

*An Order for Holy Eucharist, Setting One, Lutheran Book of Worship*  
*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**      *Fanfare*

Jean Mouret

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage 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.**

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*HYMN                    O God, Beyond All Praising                    WOV, “Blue”, 797**

**\*GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



**B** 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

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS:

*Witnesses to the glory of God in the face of Jesus reflect that glory in the world. It was true for Moses. It was doubtless true for Peter, James, and John. We pray that it will be true of all of us who see God's glory in the word and in the supper and who are being "transformed into the same image" by God's Spirit.*

## THE FIRST LESSON.....Exodus 34:29-35

29Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. 30When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. 31But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. 32Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. 33When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; 34but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, 35the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 99

1The LORD is king; let the | people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let | the earth shake.

**2The LORD, | great in Zion,  
is high a- | bove all peoples.**

3Let them confess God's name, which is | great and awesome;  
God is the | Holy One.

**4O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- | tablished equity;  
you have executed justice and righteous- | ness in Jacob.**

5Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down be- | fore God's footstool;  
God is the | Holy One.

**6Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call  
upon your | name, O LORD,  
they called upon you, and you | answered them,**

7you spoke to them out of the pil- | lar of cloud;  
they kept your testimonies and the decree | that you gave them.

**80 LORD our God, you answered | them indeed;  
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their | evil  
deeds.**

9Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's | holy hill;  
for the LORD our God is the | Holy One.

**THE SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2**

12Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, 13not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. 14But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. 15Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; 16but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

4:1Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. 2We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*THE GOSPEL.....Luke 9:28-43a**

**P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.**

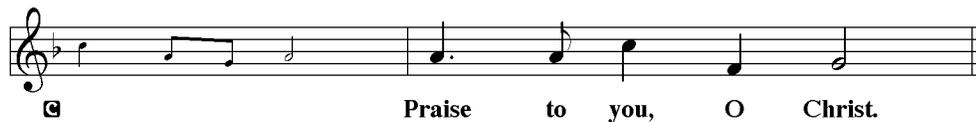


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P 28Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. 29And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. 30Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. 31They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. 33Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. 34While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. 35Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” 36When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

37On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. 38Just then a man from the crowd shouted, “Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. 39Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. 40I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not.” 41Jesus answered, “You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here.” 42While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. 43aAnd all were astounded at the greatness of God.

P The gospel of the Lord.



## THE SERMON

\*HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

LBW, “Green”, 89

## \*THE APOSTLES' CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, let us affirm our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died and was buried.  
 He descended into hell.  
 On the third day he rose again.  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again 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.

**\*THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition: God of Grace/Hear our prayer.*

**\*THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

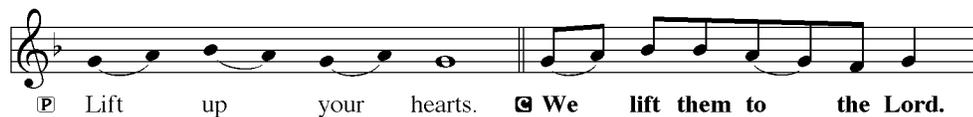
*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*

**ANTHEM** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us* William Bradley Roberts

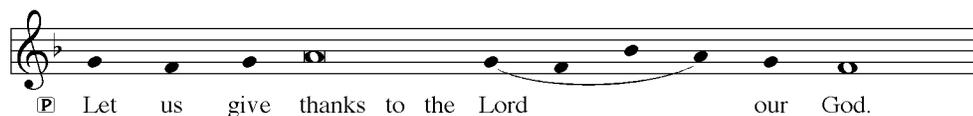
**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P The Lord be with you.
 C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.
 C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P 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."

### **\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Let us pray as our Savior Christ has taught us,

**C 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;**

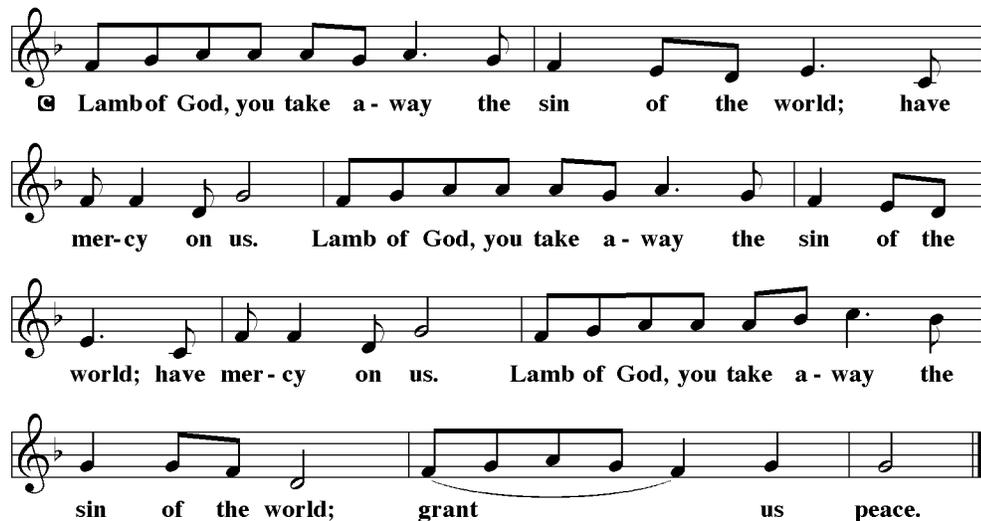
**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**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.**

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The lyrics are: "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." The piece ends with a double bar line.

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:*

- *Communicants, masked and observing social distancing, are asked to come forward as directed by ushers by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread from Pastor Vasey.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

*Please do not kneel at the rail. Kneeling at the rail will return at a time to be determined by pastor and Church Council.*

**P** Come to the feast in the light of Christ!

**C** **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

**COMMUNION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news  
and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

**\*HYMN**                    **In Thee is Gladness**                    **LBW, “Green”, 552**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go with Christ into a weary world.  
Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**                    *Psalm XIX*                    Benedetto Marcello

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**Prayer List:** Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott,

Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, Lou DeSeau , Jeremy Splain, and Sarah Prevelige.

### **WORSHIP LEADERS (2/27/2022)**

**Lector**                    8 a.m. Drew Haussmann  
                                  10:30 a.m. Ralph Ziegler

### **Communion Assistants**

8 a.m. Drew Haussmann  
10:30 a.m. Gregg & Kathy Dancho

**Organist**                Sam Robinson

### **USHERS:**

8 a.m. Dick Miller/Herb Poff  
10:30 a.m. Carl Albright, Captain. Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair.

### **DO YOU ENJOY QUILTING?**

St. Mark's would like to "resurrect" our Quilting Ministry! If you like to sew or quilt or are just interested contact Kathy Dancho at 570-435-2716 or dancho2@verizon.net.

**THE AED** (Automated External Defibrillator) and first aid kit are located in the hallway outside of the chapel.

**SHROVE TUESDAY CELEBRATION:** St. Mark's will celebrate "Shrove Tuesday" (March 1) the day before Ash Wednesday with a special celebration. At 6:30 p.m. we will gather in Fellowship Hall for donuts and light conversation. Remember that in some circles "Shrove Tuesday" is also referred to as "Fastnacht"; Donut Day, a day to remove all fat and sugar from the home in preparation for Lent. Our celebration will include gathering in our courtyard to burn last year's palms for ashes to be used as our ashes for repentance and mortality on Ash Wednesday. We will conclude our time together with a brief liturgy of prayer and praise as we "Bury the Alleluia" in

preparation for Lent. Joined by fellow Lutherans from St. Luke's, Williamsport, this promises to be a meaningful day as we celebrate our faith and life in Christ in anticipation of the Lenten and Easter Seasons. Be sure to join us!

**ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2:** This year there will be two opportunities to receive ashes at St. Mark's:

12:15 p.m. - Holy Communion Service in the Chapel.

7 p.m. - Ash Wednesday Holy Communion in the Nave.

All are welcome!

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDY,** 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., Wednesdays beginning March 9 through April 6 in Fellowship Hall. “Conversation and Catechism” will explore the scripture texts of Luther's Small Catechism. No meal will be served but feel free to bring a "bag lunch" if you so desire. Coffee, water and tea will be provided. All are welcome!

**CHURCH CLEAN-UP:** Our beautiful, BIG building could use a little more TLC than one or two people can handle. If you are willing to help dust, clean windows, sweep floors, vacuum carpets, mop..... we would love to have some extra hands to help tidy up a bit. We will meet on **Saturday, March 5** from **9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** to see what we can tackle. Please enter through the Fellowship Hall doors which will be unlocked. Any questions, please contact Vicki Haussmann. We look forward to seeing you!

**READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?** Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

**OUR STEWARDSHIP (2/15/2022 to 2/22/2022)**

Regular Offering	\$ 3,461.00
Plate Offerings	\$ 2.06
Flower Memorials/Tributes	\$ 90.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 3.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,556.06</b>

## **Let us rejoice in this day the Lord has made!**

We will begin a new GriefShare 13-week cycle at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Williamsport, PA, on Monday, March 7, at 1 p.m.

If you are an adult grieving the death of a family member or friend, we would like to invite you to join us on this journey.

You are not alone. Ever.

If you would like more information, please go through [GriefShare.org](http://GriefShare.org), search for our location and leave your name and contact information.

If you are not tech savvy and feel more comfortable, please contact Barb Horn at 570-974-3744 or [horn@lycoming.edu](mailto:horn@lycoming.edu) and I'll be glad to talk with you.

Another option for you is to just come to our meetings on Monday at 1 p.m. Redeemer Lutheran Church Williamsport is located at 1101 Washington Blvd. Please use the wooden door entrance on Washington Blvd.

We invite you to share (if you'd like to), realize that many of us are on this journey at different stages, and perhaps find some peace. What happens at our informal sessions STAYS in those sessions♥.

We can offer you prayer, refreshments and friendship.

Peace,  
Barb and Deb  
Facilitators

**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:

+ In loving memory of Gregg's father, Joseph Dancho, by Gregg and Kathy Dancho.

## **COMMEMORATIONS**

**George Herbert, hymn writer, died 1633**

*Tuesday, March 1, 2022*

An excellent scholar, Herbert served briefly in the English parliament, then became a parish priest. He was known for devoted care of his parishioners, as well as for writing poetry and hymns, including "Come, my way, my truth, my life." He died at age 40.

**John Wesley, died 1791; Charles Wesley, died 1788; renewers of the church**

*Wednesday, March 2, 2022*

These brothers led a revival originally intended to remain within the Church of England, one that involved weekly communion and advocacy for the poor. Except for a brief time in America, they worked in England. Charles was also a prolific hymn writer. After their deaths, their work led to the formation of the Methodist Church.