

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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in the 169^h Year of the Parish

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Welcome to Saint 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.



Our COVID-19 Guidelines:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Face masks are optional.

Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.

Please continue to observe social distancing and our directives as to where to sit.

An Order for Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m., Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, “Green Book”)

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Melody* J. Haydn

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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. The congregation may kneel.

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 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given 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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***HYMN Let the Whole Creation Cry**

LBW, "Green", 242

***THE GREETING**

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

C And also with you.

***GLORY TO GOD**

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

Ⓑ 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. Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

We have no good apart from God. That makes Jesus' call to follow him an invitation to freedom. This is freedom to revel in the Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, and patience. This is freedom to not be imprisoned by anything that would keep us from the fullness of the life God has given us. This is the path of life.

THE FIRST LESSON.....1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

15Then the LORD said to [Elijah,] "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. 16Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place.

19So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. 20He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" 21He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16

1Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**2All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

3But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,

never take their names up- | on my lips.

5O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

**6My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.**

7I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

**8I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken.**

9My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

**10For you will not abandon me | to the grave,
nor let your holy one | see the pit.**

11You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore.

THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 5:1, 13-25

1For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

13For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. 14For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 15If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

16Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. 18But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. 19Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, 20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, 21envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

22By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, 23gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. 24And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the

Spirit.

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.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 9:51-62**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

51When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. 52And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; 53but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. 54When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” 55But he turned and rebuked them. 56Then they went on to another village.

57As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” 60But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

***THE SERMON**

***HYMN** “Come, Follow Me”, the Savior Spake LBW, “Green”, 455

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we 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 power of 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.

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



P The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



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



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



G It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



G 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.

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 in the words our Savior gave 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**



L 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.

***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 In Christ's presence there is fulness of joy! Come to the banquet!

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray. Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

***THE BLESSING**

P The God of peace,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C Amen.

***HYMN You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim LBW, “Green”, 252**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, love your neighbor.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Credo from Mass No. 1 J. Haydn

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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, Jeremy Splain, Ryan Dancho, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

WORSHIP LEADERS (6/26/22)

Lector Leah Hausmann
Communion Assistants Matt and Wanda Fortin
Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS: Captain: Tim Maggs, Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin

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 6/19/22)

Regular Offering	3.175.00
Plate Offering	1.05
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	180.00
Memorials	250.00
July 4 th Celebration	60.00
GRAND TOTAL	3,676.05



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+In Loving Memory of Charles and Helen Clokey by daughter Helen Schramm
+In Loving Memory of Thomas Schramm by wife Helen Schramm

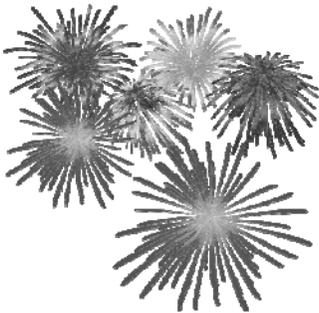
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BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND

Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers.

A bus trip to see the show **David** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 14, the 11:00 AM show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner are all included in the price (roughly \$130-\$150 depending on number attending). If interested, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.



JULY FOURTH HELP NEEDED

In just eight days St. Mark's annual July Fourth Lawn Party will be occurring. We need help in a number of ways. Can you make a donation of candy, snacks or money? See the June "Lion" for details. Can you work the event? Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Can you help before the event? Today, Sunday, June 26, after the service we will bring all the supplies for this event from the basement to Fellowship Hall. Many hands make for quick and easy work. Meet in Fellowship Hall to help.



"I want you to scan these and put them in the next newsletter."

DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Don't forget the deadline for the August newsletter is July 22nd. Anyone interested in helping with the July newsletter? We will be putting it together on Monday, June 27 at 10 a.m.



Family Promise

of Lycoming County, Inc.

Building Communities, Strengthening Lives

The next hosting of Family Promise is Sunday, July 10 through Saturday, July 16. At this point St. Mark's is only responsible for providing food for breakfast, lunch and dinners. The evening cooks need to provide meals for four families at this point, 6 adults and 7 children. This of course may change as

families leave and enter the program. If you would like to help provide an evening meal, please contact me, Deb Buckman at 570-323-1707 or dabuckman@gmail.com. Donations of cash would help offset the cost of providing the food for breakfast and lunches. This cost goes up over the summer since the children are not in school. Make checks payable to St. Mark's with Family Promise food in the memo line. Thanks to all who help with helping strangers who for one reason or the other find themselves homeless.



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Events

Community Blood Drive

Friday, July 8

Pastor Vacation

July 14 – 24

Ray Huff Preaching

Sunday, July 17

Church in the Courtyard and Picnic

Sunday, July 24

Special Congregational Assembly

Sunday, July 24

Blessings of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 21

COMMEMORATIONS



Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Monday, June 27, 2022

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.



Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.



Peter and Paul, Apostles

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.



Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Friday, July 1, 2022

Neale was an English pastor who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

