

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

in the 169^h Year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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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 *Aria* GF Handel

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 Before You, Lord, We Bow LBW 401, "Green"**

***THE GREETING**

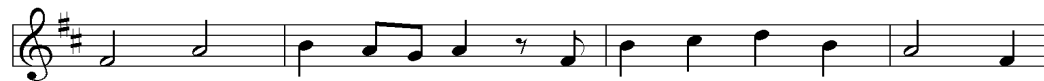
P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

***GLORY TO GOD**



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, 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. O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life’s journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat . . . take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 66:10-14

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her—

11 that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious bosom.

12 For thus says the LORD:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,

and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,

and dandled on her knees.

13 As a mother comforts her child,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

14 You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bodies shall flourish like the grass;

and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants,

and his indignation is against his enemies.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1-9

1Be joyful in God, | all you lands;
be joyful, | all the earth.

**2Sing the glory | of God’s name;
sing the glory | of God’s praise.**

3Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies | cringe before you.

**4All the earth bows | down before you,
sings to you, sings | out your name.”**

5Come now and see the | works of God,
how awesome are God’s deeds | toward all people.

**6God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the wa- | ter on
foot,
and there we re- | joiced in God.**

7Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch o- | ver the nations;
let no rebels ex- | alt themselves.

**8Bless our | God, you peoples;
let the sound of | praise be heard.**

9Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.

THE SECOND LESSON.....Galatians 6:1-16

1My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. 2Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. 3For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. 4All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. 5For all must carry their own loads.

6Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

7Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. 8If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. 9So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. 10So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

11See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! 12It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be

circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. 14May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! 16As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel 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.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**
 The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

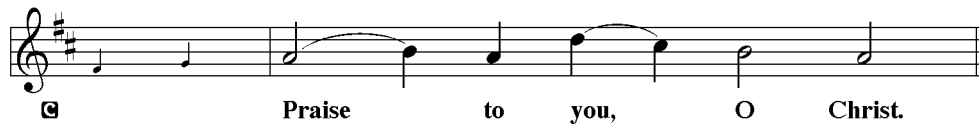
P 1After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. 2He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. 4Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. 5Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ 6And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. 7Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. 8Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; 9cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10But whenever you enter a town and

they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 11‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

16“Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

17The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” 18He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. 19See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. 20Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN “I Love to Tell the Story”

LBW, “Green”, 390

*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.

ANTHEM “*Battle Hymn of the Republic*” J.W. Howe
Soloist, Ray Huff


***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.



♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

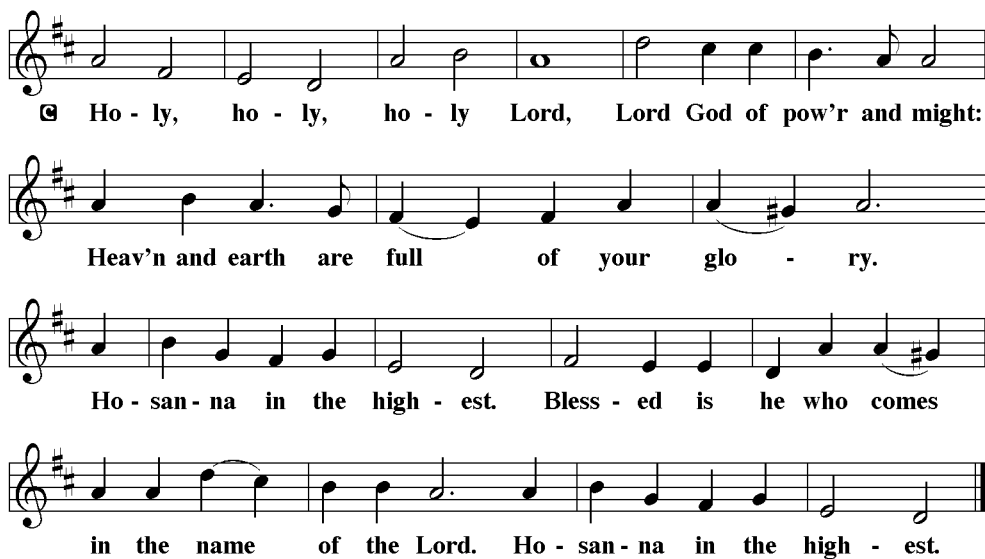


♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



♪ It is right to give 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:



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**



☐ 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**

This Is My Song

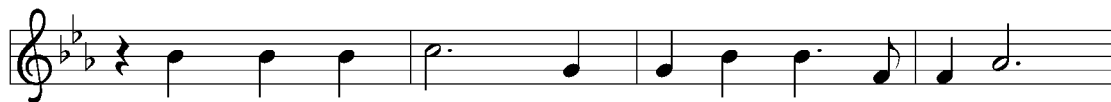
This Is My Song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,



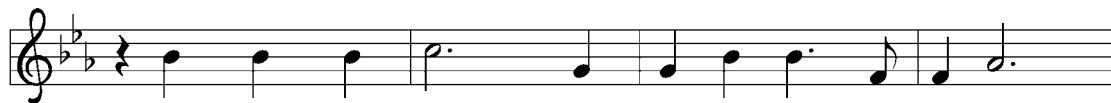
a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.



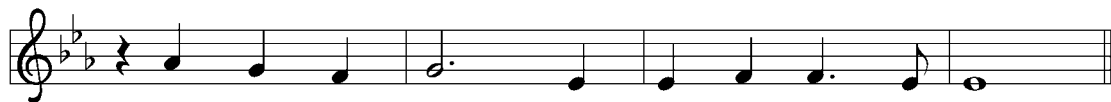
This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,



here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.



but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;



with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give you; let your will be done.

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***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, love your neighbor.

C Amen. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Gloria in C* WA Mozart

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

victims.

WORSHIP LEADERS (7/3/22)

Lector Deb Buckman

Communion Assistants Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel

Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS: Captain Mike Jensen, Gary Weber, Sean

Jensen and Shelby Weber



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 (6/26/22)

Regular Offering	1,975.00
Food Pantry	25.00
Disaster Relief	50.00
Capital Fund	25.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	150.00
July 4 th Celebration	20.00
GRAND TOTAL	2,245.00



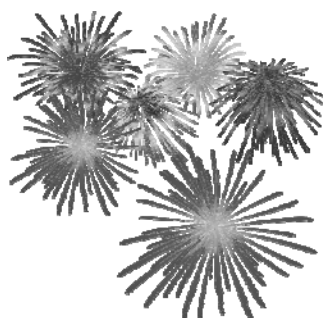
ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
+In Loving Memory of Forrest and Margaret Klinger by their daughter Donna Baker and family.
+In celebration of our St. Mark’s Family



PASTOR VACATION

Rev. Brian Vasey will be on vacation from July 14 through July 23. The Rev. Ron Montgomery will be on call during this time. His contact information is 570-584-3490 or 570-584-4465.

On Sunday, July 17, Ray Huff, Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leader, will preach and preside at St. Mark’s.



JULY FOURTH HELP NEEDED

Tomorrow is the return of the St. Mark's annual July Fourth Lawn Party. We need help in a number of ways. You can still make a donation of candy, snacks or money. Can you work the event? We still need volunteers. Sign-up sheets are in the

Narthex.



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.



DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER

Don't forget the deadline for the August newsletter is July 18th. *A great big thank you to Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler for their help putting together the July newsletter.* If you ever want to join them just watch for the date we will be putting "The Lion" together.

If you have someone who would like to be included on the mailing list for the monthly newsletter just let Joe Baur, Administrative Assistant know.



SUMMER SOLOISTS ARE NEEDED.

There are still plenty of dates to sign up for to provide your unique talent to praise God. Contact Sam if interested at srobinson@stmarkswilliamsport.org

CAMP MOUNT LUTHER



Hannah Haussmann on Camp Mount Luther Staff

Camp Mount Luther is pleased to announce that Hannah Haussmann is part of our summer ministry team this year. We invite members of St. Mark's to keep our ministry in your prayers, especially the work of Hannah. You can send mail to Hannah Haussmann at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 until August 6.

Each year Camp Mount Luther calls about 20 high school and college-aged young adults to serve on our summer staff. They are trained to deliver the camp program. Members of this team need not be Lutheran in faith, but must possess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a desire to work in the outdoors and a sound sense of responsibility.

Camp Mount Luther, located five miles west of Mifflinburg, just off Route 45, runs year-round outdoor ministry programming, including an eight week summer camp. The camp is affiliated with the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The camp serves children, youth and young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area. For more information on any of Camp Mount Luther's programs call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or visit www.campmountluther.org.





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

Community Blood Drive at St. Mark's	Friday, July 8, 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m.
Lycoming County Fair	July 13-23
Pastor's 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 after service
Koffee Klatch with Pastor Seyenkulo	Wednesday, July 27 at 10:30a.m.
Blessings of the Backpacks	Sunday, August 21

Meeting

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is asking its congregations to update their Constitutions and By-Laws to conform with language changes consistent with their model. Since as a church we last updated our Constitution in 2018, many of the changes suggested were very minor.

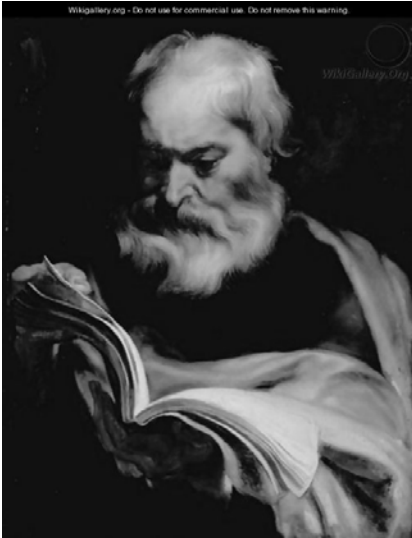
A Constitutional Revision Committee, consisting of Gary Weber as chair, Candy Dewar, Pam Jensen, and Ralph Zeigler, has been meeting for more than a year to make those changes and to provide a few needed updates.

At their June meeting, Church Council voted to adopt the updated Constitution and By-Laws, and to recommend them to St. Mark's members for their approval at a **SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** scheduled for **Sunday, July 24** immediately after our 9:30 a.m. summer service of worship celebration in the courtyard and followed by a church picnic in Fellowship Hall. More information on that will be forthcoming.

Copies of the proposed documents are available in the narthex or from the church office, or online at www.stmarkswilliamsport.org/articles/2022/constitution.asp. An executive summary highlighting those changes also is available. If you have any questions regarding this proposal, we ask that you please contact any member of the Constitutional Revision Committee prior to the meeting. Thank you!



COMMEMORATIONS



Thomas, Apostle

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas' celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.



Jan Hus, martyr, died 1415

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

Hus was a Bohemian (present-day Czech Republic) pastor who spoke against abuses in the church, and was seen by Martin Luther as his predecessor in the reforming movement. He was found guilty of heresy by a council of the church, and burned at the stake.

CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Its from our church... we've been called up for active duty."

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(See Exodus 20:1-21)

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**NEVERMIND THE TABLETS ... JUST READ
ALL THE COMMANDMENTS TO ME AND I'LL
JOT THEM DOWN IN MY ELECTRONIC
ORGANIZER**