

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 11, 2023

in the 170^h Year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

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



Please be aware:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Face masks are optional.

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

A guide to hymnal use: LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

**Please stand as you are able.*

C = Congregation P = Pastor

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices.

PRELUDE *Prelude on 'Amazing Grace'* David Cherwien

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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.

Please kneel as able.

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 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 God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister 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 \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

***HYMN** **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** **LBW, "Green", 290**

***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.


***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. O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING.....Hosea 5:15-6:6

15I will return again to my place

until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

6:1“Come, let us return to the LORD;

for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;

he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

2After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,

that we may live before him.

3Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;

his appearing is as sure as the dawn;

he will come to us like the showers,

like the spring rains that water the earth.”

4What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

5Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,

I have killed them by the words of my mouth,

and my judgment goes forth as the light.

6For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,

the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 50:7-15

7“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am | God, your God.

**8I do not accuse you because | of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are al- | ways before me.**

9I will not accept a calf | from your stalls,
nor goats | from your pens;

**10for all the wild animals of the for- | est are mine,
the cattle on a | thousand hills.**

11I know every bird | of the mountains,
and the creatures of the | fields are mine.

**12If I were hungry, I | would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all | that is in it.**

13Do you think I eat the | flesh of bulls,
or drink the | blood of goats?

**14Offer to God a sacrifice | of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to | the Most High.**

15Call upon me in the | day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall | honor me.

THE SECOND READING.....Romans 4:13-25

13The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. 14If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. 15For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

16For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 17as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. 18Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” 19He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. 20No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his

faith as he gave glory to God, 21being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. 22Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” 23Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, 24but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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 HOLY GOSPEL.....Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

9As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

10And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. 11When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” 12But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

18While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” 19And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. 20Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, 21for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” 22Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition, “God in your mercy/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.


***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.

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, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

Lord of heaven and earth,
 in mercy for our fallen world
 you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish
 but have eternal life.
 We give thanks to you for the salvation
 you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.
 Send now your Holy Spirit,
 into our hearts and on these gifts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in this his holy supper.

C Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed
 our Lord Jesus took bread,
 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 all people
 for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

P Lord as you have taught us, so now we pray,

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;

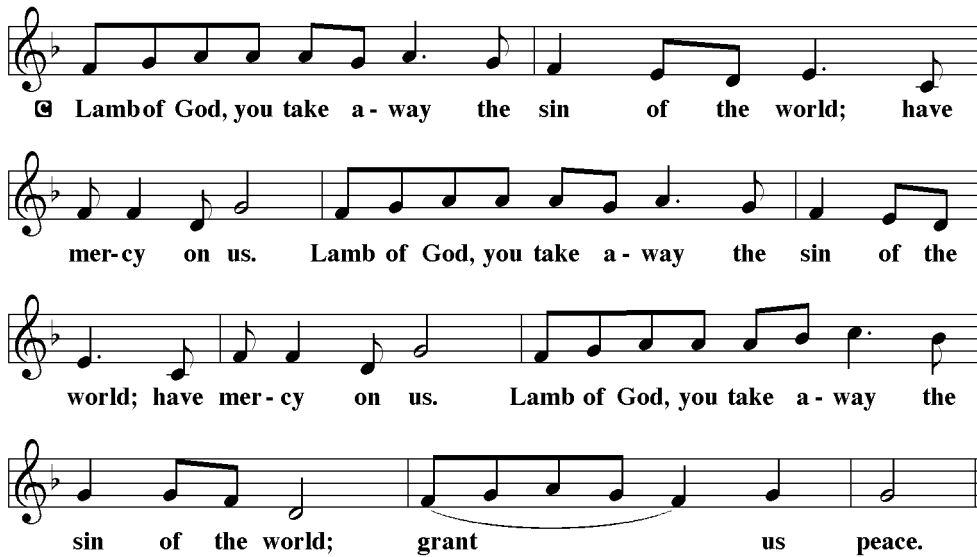
and lead us not into temptation,

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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *All Are Welcome to Receive.*

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

- *Communicants as directed by ushers are asked to come forward by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread.*

- *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.*

P All people are called to Christ's table.

Come, taste and see that the Lord is good.

C **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

***AFTER COMMUNION**

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

C **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. We thank you, generous God,
for the refreshment we have received
at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world,
through the one who is our dearest treasure,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***THE BLESSING**

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

C **Amen.**

***HYMN** **Holy God, We Praise Your Name** **LBW, “Green”, 535**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go forth in the faith we proclaim and profess.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken* Robert J. Hughes

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, 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, the people of Ukraine, Eastern Europe and Afghanistan, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Steve Beiber, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini.



June 4, 2023

Regular Offering	\$3,971.00
Miscellaneous	10.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Global Mission	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Flower Memorials / Tributes	30.00
Memorials	60.00
Synod Benevolence	25.00
July 4 th Celebration	50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,346.00



LARSON MEMORIAL

The Memorial Service for Roxy Larson is Thursday, June 22, 11 am, St. Mark's. A time before the service to greet the family begins at 10 am and a luncheon will follow the memorial service in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.



June 11, 2023

Lector	Becky Pryor
Communion Assistants	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
Organist	Sam Robinson
Ushers	Carl Albright, captain Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair
Altar Guild	June Deb Buckman and Leah Hausmann



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY? Faith Formation 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!



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
+In Honor of our children, Derek, Paige and Brandon Fortin by Matt and Wanda Fortin.
+In Loving Memory of our mothers, Doris Fortin and Lois Johns by Charlie and Judy Fortin and Family.



Cereal Sunday is today June 11!

For food insecure families with children, there is no vacation from hunger. With school no longer in session the benefits of school breakfast and lunch are no longer available. We can help bridge the gap in their food needs.

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is designating the second Sunday of each summer month “Cereal Sunday.” We will be collecting boxes of any kind of cereal in any size. Donations will be given to the United Churches Food Pantry and the Blessing Boxes at New Covenant UCC. Donations may be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Thank you for any assistance you can give.



MOSES

From the banks of the Nile River to the depths of the Red Sea, **MOSES** is a spectacular entertainment experience for the whole family!

Set adrift as a baby, Moses is an unlikely hero — until God calls

him to lead His people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Journey with Moses as he ventures through the wilderness, encounters God at the burning bush, and ascends to the top of Mount Sinai.

A bus trip to see **Moses** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for **Wednesday, September 20**, 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 which will be determined based on the number attending. ****Please note that the faster we sign up, the lower the price may be.** To sign up, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627. We can't wait to hear from you!



Summer Hospitality

The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, s'mores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark's, **summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.**

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the "Hospitality Binder" on the "Hospitality Table" in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!

High School Graduation



Congratulations to our 2023 high school graduates, **Owen Gair and Gabriella Gregory**, who will walk across the stage this June and receive their high school diplomas. Today, *Sunday, June 11* we celebrate Owen and Gabriella during Worship and Hospitality

(complete with ice cream sundaes). Join us in wishing Owen and Gabriella well in their future endeavors.

Owen, the son of Brenda and Ed Gair, graduates from Williamsport Area High School. Owen is planning to continue his education at York College.

Gabriella, the daughter of Tracy and Andrea Gregory, graduates from N.Penn/Liberty High School. Gabriella is planning to continue her education at Mansfield University.

May God shower you with many blessings as you complete this milestone and begin the next step in your journey!



Prayers for Staff Training 2023

The staff of Camp Mount Luther asks for congregational and personal prayers as they begin training for the 2023 summer camping season.

We pray for the staff of Camp Mount Luther as it gathers for the 2023 summer camping season. Grant each staff member your Holy Spirit that the mission of your church may be edified in the work of the summer. Give them wisdom that your grace blossoms among the staff and their campers. Strengthen them in their faith practices. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.



Registration is still open for all programs this summer at Camp Mount Luther. Make sure that you register online at www.campmountluther.org or mail your registration form soon as some sessions are filling up! Have a great summer, growing in faith and God's grace!



Carol Johnson, Vicar of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and Saint Michael's Lutheran Church (Quigleville) will be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer. All are welcome,



Monday, June 12, - Sunday, June 18, 2023

Monday, June 12
Tuesday, June 13
Wednesday, June 14
Thursday, June 15
Friday, June 16
Saturday, June 17
Sunday, June 18

No Events Scheduled this week

Holy Communion 9:30 a.m.

BIRTHDAYS

Adam Clokey June 12
Ruth Sherlinski June 15

Alex Clokey June 12
Wanda Fortin June 16

ANNIVERSARY

Shelby and Gary Weber June 18

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

None scheduled this week

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the "This Week at Our Church" please let the administrative assistant, Joe Baur, know at jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



Saint Mark's Leadership 2023

Bottom Row (left to right) Ralph Zeigler (President), Vicki Haussmann (Secretary), Mel Wentzel (Vice President), Pastor Brian Vasey
 Back Row (left to right) Ed Gair, Helen Schramm, Shelby Weber, Debra Buckman, Ray Huff, Herb Poff

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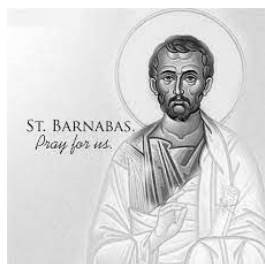
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Debra Buckman	Glenn Yaple
Helen Schramm	Ray Huff
Shelby Weber	Edward Gair

To contact any Member of the Council, Committee Chairs or Ministry Leaders send a message to:
Stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org

Your message will be forwarded to the appropriate person. Please make sure you include in your message who you are trying to reach and the concern you have. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the above email address.

COMMEMORATIONS



Barnabas, Apostle

Sunday, June 11, 2023

Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.



The Cappadocian fathers



Macrina

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.



Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015

Saturday, June 17, 2023

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

+ When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

+ When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.