

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

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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 seek,
"To know Christ and to make Christ known."*



An Order for Holy Communion 9:30 am
(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave. All hymns are printed in back of bulletin.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from this assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

PRELUDE *O Christ Our Light* Paul Manz

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

In the name of the Father and of the Son, ✠
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

Kneel/stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from our ways.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your love.

Turn us again to you.

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world.**

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

***HYMN Before You, Lord, We Bow (LBW, “Green”, 401)**

***THE 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.



*HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ 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

*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING.....Ezekiel 2: 1-5

1 [A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.
2 And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. 3 He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. 4 The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord GOD.” 5 Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

1 To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a
maid to the hand | of her mistress,**
**so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show | us your
mercy.**
3 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 **too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,**
and of the derision | of the proud.

THE SECOND READING.....2 Corinthians 12:2-10

2 I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. 3 And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—4 was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. 5 On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. 6 But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, 7 even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me

from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. 8 Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, 9 but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. 10 Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***THE 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 GOSPEL.....Mark 6:1-13**

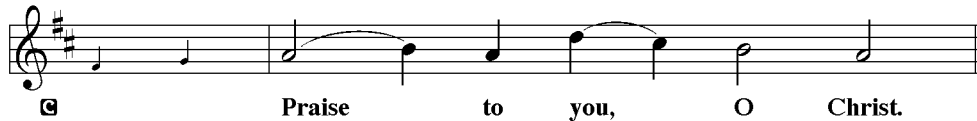
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

1 [Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.2 On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. 4 Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” 5 And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. 6 And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. 7 He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. 8 He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread,

no bag, no money in their belts; 9 but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. 10 He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. 11 If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” 12 So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. 13 They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.
The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Lord, You Give the Great Commission (WOV, “Blue”, 756)**

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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**

***THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Lord, in your mercy/Receive our prayer”.*

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.


All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

ANTHEM *Battle Hymn of the Republic* *American, 19th century*
Ray Huff Soloist


***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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



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

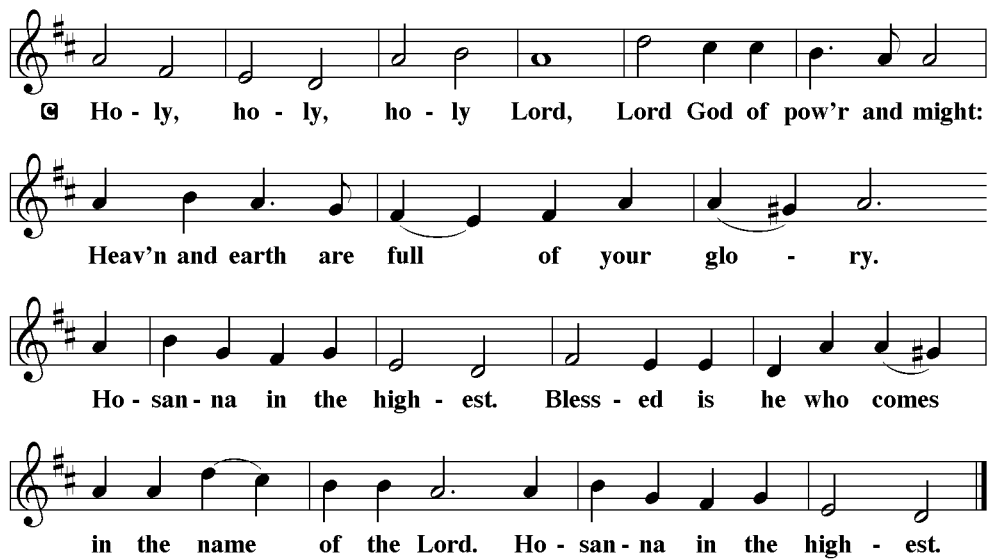


Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☒ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 In your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
 who preached good news to the poor,
 who on the cross opened his arms to all,
 and by his resurrection brought eternal life.

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 which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."
 Again after supper, he took the cup,
 gave thanks,
 and gave it to 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."

Remembering, therefore,
 his death, resurrection and ascension
 we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills
of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom with you
and the Holy Spirit
be all honor and glory,
now and forever.

Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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



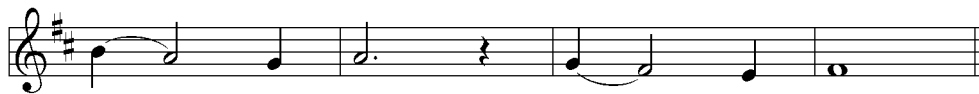
☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all! Come! **Amen.**

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.

*AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.

In your name we pray. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

The blessing of God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit,
who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us
be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

***HYMN This Is My Song**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE Recessional in E-flat Major D.N. Johnson

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PRAYER LIST



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Bob Miller’s Room and Telephone Number at Ravine Ridge:

Room Number 209
Telephone: 272-230-7514





Welcome Carol Waltz! Today we welcome Carol Waltz as our guest organist and thank her for sharing her talents with us. Thank You Carol!

OUR STEWARDSHIP June 30, 2024



Regular Offering	\$3,609.00
Plate Offerings	54.00
Food Pantry	30.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Family Promise Hosting	30.00
July 4 th Celebration	160.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	100.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,033.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, July 7, 2024 are given to the glory of God:



+ In Loving Memory of Forrest and Margaret Klinger by their daughter, Donna Baker and Family.
 +To the Glory of God and in Honor of our nation's Independence Day by Barb Thomas



**WORSHIP LEADERS
July 7, 2024**

Lector	9:30AM	Brenda Gair
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Nikki and Brian Jackson
Organist	GUEST	
	ORGANIST	Carol Waltz
Ushers:	9:30AM	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber, Charles Kuntz
Altar Guild	JULY	Connie Shaible, Sally Bjornstad and Sarah Young

Upcoming Evangelism and Fellowship Events

Monday, July 22, 2024: Prepare and serve a light supper for the children attending VBS at St. John's-Newberry VBS.

Friday, August 2, 2024: Red Cross blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 - 3:00 with set-up beginning at 9:30.

Saturday, August 10, 2024: This committee will serve it's third Habitat for Humanity luncheon to volunteers working on the Faith Build on Scott Street in Williamsport.

We could use some help with all of these events. If one or more of them interest you, speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

Blessing Box Needs



With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are **Star-Kist Tuna Creations: Deli Style Tuna Salad** and **Star-Kist Chicken Creations: Chicken Salad**. These items do not need refrigeration and resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items.

P.S.: We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.

Cereal Sunday Success



Our next Cereal Sunday is July 14, 2024. **Can we beat June's collection of 52 boxes of cereal?**

Summer Hospitality!

The summer come long, lazy all sorts of fun, means a single We look forward 9:30 service, and a few treats ~



months are once again upon us and with them days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and summery things. At St. Mark's, summer also service beginning at 9:30 AM. to sharing hospitality with each other after the ask that you please consider signing up to share 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!

The Great Grab and Go....In Reverse

Today after the service, a few able-bodied folks are needed to return all the July Fourth supplies from Fellowship Hall to the basement. With enough volunteers this task takes 10-15 minutes. If you are able to help, meet in Fellowship Hall after the service.

If you provided a cooler for the festivities, it is on a bench in the courtyard.



The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.



Please join us on Sunday, July 21st following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils. **Please bring a dish to share as you are able.**

If you need a ride or if you have questions, please be in touch with Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263.

We look forward to sharing time with you on July 21st!

July Fourth Celebration

This year we once again celebrated God and country on our front lawn. As the night progressed, more folks joined us for refreshments and fellowship. Sam Robinson entertained more than eighty folks in the Nave with his program of “Disney on Pipes.” The fireworks did not disappoint as the evening concluded. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their unwavering support of this event that spans more than two decades.



Monday, July 8, -
 Sunday, July 14, 2024

Monday, July 8	Little Lambs Liaison Meeting	ML	12:15PM
Tuesday, July 9	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM	
Wednesday, July 10	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM	
Thursday, July 11	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM	
Friday, July 12	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM	
Sunday, July 13	Holy Communion		9:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Dylan Ott	July 7	Nicholas Buckman	July 10
Annika Waffenschmidt	July 12	Levi Gair	July 13
	Nancy Larson	July 14	

ANNIVERSARIES

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 email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



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.

COMMEMORATIONS

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540



Thursday, July 11, 2024

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931



Friday, July 12, 2024

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 The na - tion you have blest may well your love de - clare, from
 3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each vale and for - est green, shine
 4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice; your great re - deem - er own; be -
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low, bound-less in pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
 in your word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen! May ev - 'ry
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our king!
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
 tongue be tuned to praise and join to raise a grate - ful song.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'n's high king sal - va - tion's song!

Text: Francis S. Key, 1779–1843, alt.
 Music: DARWALL'S 148TH, John Darwall, 1731–1789

Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain
 With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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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.

Text: Lloyd Stone, 1912–1993, sts. 1–2; Georgia Harkness, 1891–1974, st. 3

Music: FINLANDIA, Jean Sibelius, 1865–1957

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