# The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2024 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 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

Christ, today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. The gospel according to John includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

### **PRELUDE**

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Pastor's Introduction

\*Blessing (If you brought your backpack/bag with you, hold it high)
Gracious and loving God, bless these backpacks, bags and briefcases and all who carry them. Make them strong for their job of helping students learn, teachers teach and workers work. May their straps never break, their padding never give out, their zippers never jam. May they never be forgotten in strange places; may the burdens in them be light; may the bodies that bear them be strong. Grant this O Lord, in the name of the Great Teacher, at whose knee we are all students and servants, even the same Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

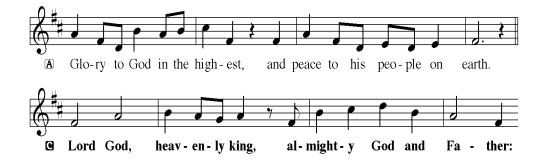
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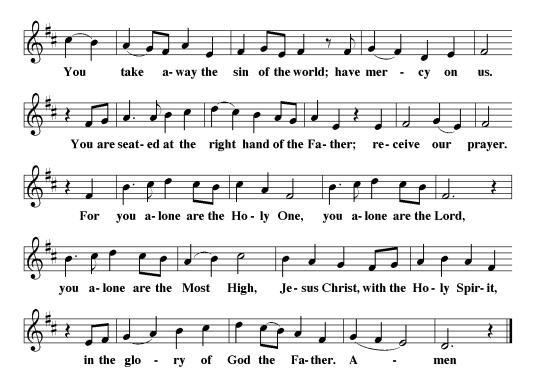
### \*THE GREETING

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





### \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you

# And also with you

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

### THE FIRST READING...... Proverbs 9:1-6

<sup>1</sup>Wisdom has built her house,

she has hewn her seven pillars.

<sup>2</sup>She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

<sup>3</sup>She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

4"You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says,

5"Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

<sup>6</sup>Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks Be God.

### PSALM Psalm 34:9-14

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD, for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,

but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

<sup>11</sup>Come, children, and lis- | ten to me;

I will teach you reverence | for the LORD.

12Who among you takes plea- | sure in life and desires long life to en- | joy prosperity?

<sup>13</sup>Keep your | tongue from evil and your lips from | lying words.

<sup>14</sup>Turn from evil | and do good; seek peace | and pursue it.

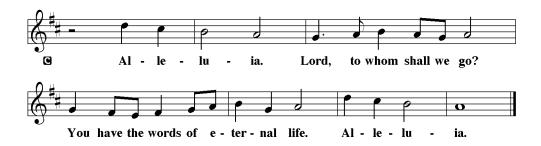
### THE SECOND READING...... Ephesians 5:15-20

<sup>15</sup>Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the most of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

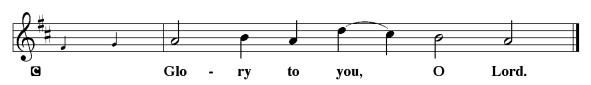
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### \*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter



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[Jesus said,] <sup>51</sup>"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; <sup>55</sup>for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."



### THE SERMON

\*HYMN What Feast of Love

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### \*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, "Merciful God/Receive our prayer".

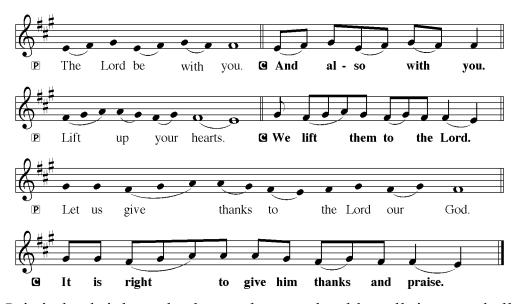
### \*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

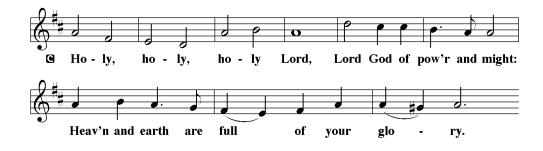
### And also with you.

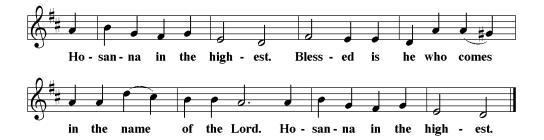
All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:





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

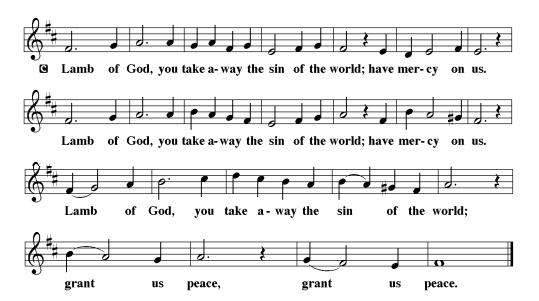
of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, now and forever.

#### 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



### \*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 By Your Hand You Feed Your People No notation available

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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## PRAYER LIST



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John Tartline, Bob Miller, Carl Hieber, Ann Kuntz, Donna Baker, Gary Weber, Tom Waffenschmidt.

# **OUR STEWARDSHIP** August 11, 2024



Regular Offering	\$3,738.00
Plate Offering	20.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Global Mission	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Synod Benevolence	25.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$3,983.00

### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Today (Sunday, August 18, 2024) are given to the glory of God:



+In Loving Memory of Jack and Eleanor Whiting by Herb Poff and Candy Dewar.

+In Loving Memory of Cora and Clement Campbell by their grandchildren.

# WORSHIP LEADERS August 18, 2024

Lector	9:30AM	Linda Kosini
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
Organist	9:30AM	Sam Robinson
Ushers:	9:30AM	Matt Fortin, captain
		Glenn Yaple and Dick Reitz
Altar Guild	AUGUST	Bev Hieber and Audrey Albright

# **Summer Hospitality!**



The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, 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!

# **Lutheran World Relief**



It is that time - Lutheran World Relief kits. Directions for the four different types of kits are in the narthex, please feel free to take them. Kits are due the end of September but the bins will be available beginning

7/21. The goal is 70 school kits, 10 fabric kits (watch for JoAnn's fabrics coupons), 10 personal care kits, and 10 baby kits (yard sales are a great place to find gently used items). The following will be provided - school bags, cloth diapers and diaper pins. These will be available beginning 7/21. If you have questions, please contact me at <a href="mailto:dabuckman65@gmail.com">dabuckman65@gmail.com</a> or 570-323-1707. Thanks for your generosity. These kits can mean the world to a child, mother or family.

# Cereal Sunday: We Hit It Out of the Park!



Our August collection was our best yet with <u>47</u> regular-sized boxes of cereal and <u>74 single-serve boxes</u> of cereal being delivered to the United Churches Food Pantry. Our summer total stands at 248 boxes of assorted cereal. Executive Director, Pastor Tammy Edkin, was thrilled with our donations. The pantry continues to need single-serve boxes of cereal.

Our final Cereal Sunday will be September 8, 2024. Let's Keep Batting A 1,000!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The Pastoral Care Department will be hosting a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant Training at UPMC Williamsport Hospital on September 26, 2024, from 9:30AM – 3:30PM. If you desire to be a spiritual companion for those who are sick at UPMC care facilities in North Central PA (Williamsport, Muncy or Lock Haven), please consider becoming a Volunteer Chaplain Assistant. Contact Sister Gabrielle Nguyen at 570-321-2213 or

nguyens4@upmc.edu by September 5, 2024. We hope you can join our mission of extending God's healing love by providing an extraordinary patient experience throughout North Central PA.



# **Urgent Need!**

# There is No Vacation from Hunger. A Message from Pastor Tammey Edkin

The United Churches of Lycoming County's Food Pantry is seeing an increase in families that are utilizing our services in order to stretch their limited resources. We love being able to feed our neighbors, with your donations, and with the love of Christ! However, our shelves are becoming empty as soon as we fill them. Please consider taking a collection, within your church of our most needed items:

- Canned Meats (Tuna Fish, Chicken, Salmon, Beef, etc.)
- Canned Fruits (Peaches, Mandarin Oranges, Pineapple, Pears, etc.)
- Canned Vegetables (Carrots especially!)
- Pastas (Elbow Macaroni, Wide Egg Noodles, etc.)
- Soups (Cream of Chicken, Cream of Mushroom, Beef Stew, Chunky Soups, Ramen Noodles, etc.)
- Condiments (Mayonnaise, Relish, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Gravy, etc.)
- Snacks (Saltines, Individual Bags of Chips and Pretzels, Jello and Pudding Cups, etc.)
- Tea Bags and Juice Boxes



• Marshmallow Fluff (Yum!)

Please consider donating something from your own pantry or including an item or two on your shopping list. Donations can be placed on the table in the Narthex closet area. Thank you in advance for any help you can give.



# Monday, August 19, -Sunday, August 25, 2024

Monday, August 19 Wednesday, August 21 Church Council

6:00PM ML Holy Communion 2:00PM Williamsport Home Building A

9:30AM

Sunday, August 25

**Holy Communion** 

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Sean Clouser

August 18

Daniel Zeigler

August 23

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

Jane and Paul Zimmerer Carol and David Butters August 24 August 25

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) 272-788-0161 (cell) 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**

# Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, died 1153



### Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Bernard, a Cistercian monk, was a man of great spirituality who wrote mystical works and criticized those whom he thought took an overly intellectual approach to the faith. He became an abbot, and wrote several hymns that are still beloved today.

# Bartholomew, Apostle



### Saturday, August 24, 2024

Mentioned as one of Jesus' disciples in Matthew, Mark, and Luke, Bartholomew's name is replaced in John by Nathanael, leading many to believe that the two are different names for the same person. Little is known about his work, though some

traditions place him later in India or Armenia



Join ELCA Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton for a conversation about God's Love Made Real. This ELCA movement encourages us to create a world experiencing the difference God's grace and love in Christ make for all people and creation.

Tuesday, Aug. 20, 12 p.m. Eastern time

Registration is encouraged, but not required. This event will take place on **Zoom**. (Save this link.)

#### What can I expect?

Bishop Eaton will share why God's Love Made Real is meaningful to her and the future of the church. The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, bishop of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, will host the conversation, and participants will have a chance to ask questions and share stories.

#### Is this event for me?

This webinar is especially for people who care about the ELCA and live in the Northwestern Pennsylvania; Southwestern Pennsylvania; Allegheny; Lower Susquehanna; Upper Susquehanna; Delaware-Maryland; Metropolitan Washington, D.C.; or West Virginia-Western Maryland synods. If you don't live in one of these synods, stay tuned for an upcoming event in your region.

#### Can I watch it later?

A recording may be available at some point in the future, but we encourage you to stream the event live on Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 12 p.m. Eastern time.

#### What else do I need to know?

Learn more about God's Love Made Real at lovemadereal.elca.org.

Dear God:
Enlighten what's dark in me....
Strengthen what's weak in me....
Mend what's broken in me....

Bird what's bruised in me....

Heal what's sick in me....
and lastly,
Revive whatever peace and love

has died in me....

### Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



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### What Feast of Love



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# By Your Hand You Feed Your People



- 1 By your hand you feed your peo ple, food of an gels, heav-en's bread.
- 2 In this meal we taste your sweet-ness, bread for hun ger, wine of peace.
- 3 Send us now with faith and cour age to the hun - gry, lost, be - reaved.



For these gifts we did not la - bor, by your grace have we been fed: word and ho - ly Ho - ly wis-dom sat - is - fy our deep-est needs. dy - ing, we be - come what we re - ceive: In our liv - ing and our



Christ's own bod-y, blessed and bro-ken, cup o'er-flow-ing, life out - poured,



giv-en as a liv-ing to-ken of your world re-deemed, re-stored.

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