

**The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2024**

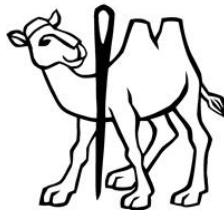
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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**An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am
(Setting Two, *Lutheran Book of Worship*)**

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

HYMNS ARE PRINTED IN THE BACK OF OUR BULLETIN AS WELL AS HYMNALS (LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book)

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. The Gospel according to Mark is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: Sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for forgiveness.

Kneel/stand

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips,

but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.

The cravings at war within us

cause conflicts and disputes.

In our desire to be first

we make distinctions among ourselves.

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in time of need,

and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity

and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of † Jesus Christ,

the source of eternal healing,

your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

***HYMN**

Gather Us In

WOV, "Blue", 718

***THE GREETING**

The grace of the 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. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the

way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING.....Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,
and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor
and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions,
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;
for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil,
that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,
just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good,
and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

12So teach us to num-ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

13Return, O LORD; how long | will you tarry?

Be gracious | to your servants.

14Satisfy us by your steadfast love | in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad | all our days.

15Make us glad as many days as you af- | flicted us
and as many years as we suf- | fered adversity.

16Show your ser- | vants your works,
and your splendor | to their children.

17May the graciousness of the Lord our God | be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; pros- | per our handiwork.

THE SECOND READING.....Hebrews 4:12-16

12Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. 13And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

14Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. 15For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. 16Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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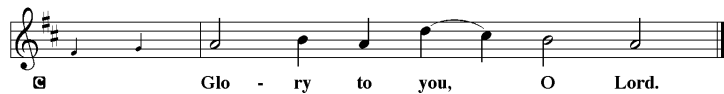
***THE GOSPEL
ACCLAMATION**

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 10:17-31**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter



17As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 18Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. 19You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” 20He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” 21Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” 22When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

23Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” 24And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! 25It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” 26They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” 27Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

28Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” 29Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, 30who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. 31But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Jesus, Priceless Treasure** **LBW, “Green”, 457**

***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, “God of
grace/Hear 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

Ⓐ 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.

The musical notation consists of four staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.' The second staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff begins with a 'P' time signature. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff begins with a '☩' time signature. The lyrics are: '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 our Savior Jesus Christ; who one 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.

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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**

Come, all are welcome to dine with our Lord. **Amen.**

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**

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

***HYMN God Whose Giving Knows No Ending LBW, "Green", 408**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Prayer List

Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, John Tartline, Bob Miller, Carl Hieber, Ann Kuntz, Donna Baker, Gary Weber, Tom Waffenschmidt, Phil and Barb Thomas, Steve Dewar, victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – October 6, 2024



Regular Offering	\$4,656.00
Plate offering	40.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	35.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	90.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,841.00



ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of our parents Phillip K. and Mary Louise Thomas and Donald and Dorothy Robbins by Phil and Barb Thomas.

In loving memory of my daughter Sally Ann Millikan on her birthday by Sally Bjornstad.

WORSHIP LEADERS

October 13, 2024

Lector	8 am	Candy Dewar
	10:30 am	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	8 am	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 am	Ralph and LouAnn Zeigler
Ushers	8 am	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 am	“Fortin Team”
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (OCTOBER)		Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel



CROP Walk is today! The walk begins from St. Mark's at 1 pm. If you cannot walk please sponsor others who will be walking this afternoon. Checks should be made payable to "CWS/CROP".

HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Harvest Home Sunday is October 20. If you haven't already done so, please pick-up a paper bag marked for this event and fill it with non-perishable food items to be shared with the United Churches of Lycoming County Food Pantry. These bags will be displayed in our nave Sunday, October 20.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Stewardship Sunday is All Saints Sunday (Nov. 3). Please take some time and be thinking about your commitment to Christ through the ministry of St. Mark's for 2025. Upcoming projects include: Roof replacement, organ upkeep and maintenance, the replacement of the dorsal, salaries, utilities and "everyday expenses". Your pledge is one way you can say, "Thank you" to God for what our Lord has first given us. Please, for the ministry and welfare of St. Mark's, give generously.

CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

End of year Congregational Reports of all church committees and ministries are due on or before October 31. Please file reports with the Church Office. Thank you!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Thanks to all who helped us meet our goal. Now all of the kits need to be packed up for delivery to the synod unit by Oct. 22. If you can come help that would be great. Packing will be Tues. Oct. 15 at 11 AM and Thurs. Oct. 17 at 2 PM. You can always donate monies to LWR through St. Mark's and mark it LWR in the memo line.

FAMILY PROMISE

Our next hosting will be the week of Thanksgiving. Please mark this on your calendar. We will only be doing Sun. through Wed. at this point. Thanks to all



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

- Sunday, October 13 Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 am
Sunday School, 9:15 am
CROP Walk, 1 pm
- Monday, October 14 Columbus/Indigenous People Day (Church Office, closed)
Finance Committee, 5:30 pm ML
- Tuesday, October 15 LWR kit packing 11:00 AM ML
- Wednesday, October 16 Bible Study (Galatians), 12:10 pm FH
Holy Communion, Williamsport Home, Bldg. "A", 2 pm
- Thursday, October 17 Church Office Hours (9 am-1 pm).
LWR it packing 2:00 PM ML (ring backdoor)
- Friday, October 18 Church Office Closed
- Saturday, October 19 Church Office Closed

BIRTHDAYS

Sean Fenderson 10/17



+ 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) email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or his cell phone (272-788-0161). 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.

To keep members of the church update on new address, phone number, change in marital status or anything else that needs updated, you will see in the weekly bulletin and the “Lion”, updates on the information. If you have any information that needs to be updated, please send an email to jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org or call the church office at 570-323-4619, Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. The office is working on an updated Church directory so please update any information ASAP to insure the directory is up to date.

CONCERT - FREE

Keys and Brass, a diverse program featuring organ, piano, trumpet and brass ensemble, 2 pm, Saturday, October 19 at Covenant Central Presbyterian Church. All are welcome.

COMMEMORATIONS

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.



Luke, Evangelist

Friday, October 18, 2024

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.



Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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Commented [Ma1]:



1 Je - sus, price-less trea - sure, source of pur - est plea - sure,
2 In thine arm I rest me; foes who would mo - lest me
3 Hence, all fears and sad - ness, for the Lord of glad - ness,



tru - est friend to me: ah, how long I've pant - ed, and my heart has
can-not reach me here. Though the earth be shak - ing, ev - 'ry heart be
Je - sus, en - ters in. Those who love the Fa - ther, though the storms may



faint - ed, thirst-ing, Lord, for thee! Thine I am, O spot - less Lamb;
quak-ing, Je - sus calms my fear. Sin and hell in con - flict fell
gath - er, still have peace with - in. Yea, what-e'er I here must bear,



I will suf - fer nought to hide thee, nought I ask be - side thee.
with their bit - ter storms as - sail me, Je - sus will not fail me.
still in thee lies pur - est plea - sure, Je - sus, price-less trea - sure!

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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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