

**The Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 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

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

PRELUDE *On Eagle's Wings*

Douglas E. Wagner

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 Come, You Thankful People, Come LBW, "Green", 407**

***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. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Isaiah 53:4-12

4 Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

5 But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

6 All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

8 By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

9 They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

11 Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

12Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:9-16

9Because you have made the | LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your | habitation,

10**no evil | will befall you,**
nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.

11For God will give the angels charge | over you,
to guard you in | all your ways.

12**Upon their hands they will | bear you up,**
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.

13You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.

14**I will deliver those who | cling to me;**
I will uphold them, because they | know my name.

15They will call me, and I will | answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honor them.

16**With long life will I | satisfy them,**
and show them | my salvation.

THE SECOND READING.....Hebrews 5:1-10

1Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. 2He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to

weakness; 3and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. 4And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

5So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

6as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

7In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. 8Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; 9and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, 10having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

***THE GOSPEL..... Mark 10:35-45**

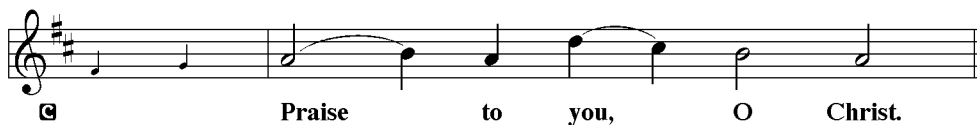
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter

35James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36And he said to

them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (Download Unavailable)

*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.

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 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "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." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the fourth staff.

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 of Grace and God of Glory** **LBW, “Green”, 415**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE *God of Grace* *J. Bert Carlson*

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, the Zeigler family, the Lloyd family.

OUR STEWARDSHIP – October 13, 2024



Regular Offering	\$4,402.00
Miscellaneous	30.00
Memorials	25.00
Synod Benevolence	25.00
Lutheran Disaster Response	600.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,082.00



Altar Flowers ALTAR FLOWERS

In loving memory of Nathan Young by his mother Sarah and his siblings Matt and Jessica.

In loving memory of Ed and Mary Gair by their children and grandchildren

WORSHIP LEADERS

October 20, 2024

Lector	8 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Linda Rosini
Communion Assistants	8 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Shelby and Gary Weber
Ushers	8 am	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30 am	“Albright Team”
Guest Organist		Carol Waltz
Altar Guild (OCTOBER)		Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel

WELCOME CAROL WALTZ

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

OFFICE SUPPORT

Due to the illness of our administrative assistant, Joe Baur, the Executive Committee continues to look for ways to provide administrative support to our staff and congregation while Joe continues to convalesce at home.

Earlier this year, Pastor Karl Runser resigned his call in Lock Haven in order to move with his wife to Ohio. As he has several weeks left before leaving our area, he mentioned to Pastor Vasey his willingness to assist the St. Mark's congregation during that time by providing office support on a contractual basis.

Please continue your prayers for Joe and his family

THANK YOU!

Dear People of St. Mark's,

Thank you so very much for your gifts and thoughts shared with me on Pastor Appreciation Day (Sunday, October 13). I thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. May our Lord continue to bless you as together we strive to “Know Christ and to Make Christ Known”.

Grace + Peace,
Pastor Brian Vasey

LION DEADLINE

The deadline for items for the November Lion is October 23. Please send items to

the church’s email with the title of your announcement in the message line.



YARD SALE – ANNUAL NGA

The annual NGA yard sale will be this Friday, Oct. 18 5-7 PM and Saturday, Oct. 19 8AM-1PM St. John’s – Newberry United Methodist Church, Newberry. Come and find bargains and support this charity that gives new clothes and shoes to many children and adults in Lycoming County. See Becky Pryor, Vicki Haussmann, or Deb Buckman for more information.



HARVEST HOME SUNDAY

Today is Harvest Home Sunday. Thank you to all who filled a paper bag with non-perishable food items. These items will be shared with the United Churches of Lycoming County Food Pantry.

WEAR RED TO CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY. Next Sunday, October 27, is Reformation Sunday. In celebration of this day, please “wear an article of red clothing” to church. Reformation Day is October 31.



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 dossal, 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. Pledge forms are available in the narthex.

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!

YOUTH MYSTERY NIGHT

Do you enjoy church but wish there were more kids your own age? Well then we have good news for you! You are invited to the Upper Susquehanna Synod Youth Group's second gathering on Sunday, October 20, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at St. Matthew's, Shamokin Dam. The theme is mystery night. If you plan to attend please RSVP to:

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All youth confirmation-age and up are invited! This is event is held in partnership with Camp Mount Luther. We hope to see you there!

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF



Woopie – you did it – the goals were met. 72 school kits, 10 sewing kits, 14 personal care kits, 12 baby kits, 16 blankets and 3 quilts – all off to help victims of weather and war



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S:

Sunday, October 20	Holy Communion 8 and 10:30 am		
	Sunday School, 9:15 am		
Monday, October 21	Nominations Committee	ML	5:15 pm
	Council	ML	6 pm

Tuesday, October 22 Church Office Hours (9 am-1 pm)

Wednesday, October 23 Bible Study (Galatians), FH 12:10 pm
 Lion article deadline
 Church Office Hours (9 am-1 pm)

Thursday, October 24 Church Office Hours (9 am-1 pm).

Friday, October 25 Church Office Closed
 Zeigler Viewing 5:30-7:30

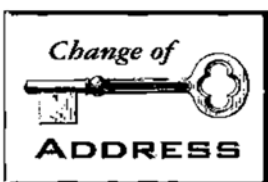
Saturday, October 25 Church Office Closed
 Zeigler Memorial Service Nave 11 am

Happy BIRTHDAYS
 birthday Paige Hanford 10/21



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.

COMMEMORATIONS

James of Jerusalem, martyr, died around 62

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

One of three early-church leaders named James, this man is identified in the New Testament and by a historian of the time as a brother of Jesus. Scholars are uncertain whether this means a “blood brother”. He was a leader of the church in Jerusalem.



Philipp Nicolai, died 1608; Johann Heermann, died 1647; Paul Gerhardt, died 1676; hymnwriters

Saturday, October 26, 2024

These great hymnwriters all worked in seventeenth-century Germany in times of war and plague. Nicolai, a pastor, lost 1,300 parishioners to plague, 170 in one week. He wrote "O Morning Star, how fair and bright" and "Wake, awake, for night is flying." Heermann's hymns, including "Ah, holy Jesus," often express the emotions of faith. Gerhardt, perhaps the greatest Lutheran hymn-writer, was a pastor in Berlin.



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Come, You Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer-cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;



we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,



con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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God of Grace and God of Glory



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of c - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878–1969
 Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932