

The Holy Trinity
The First Sunday after Pentecost
May 26, 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 8 am and 10:30 am

(Setting One, *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.

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

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba (an everyday, intimate parental address), the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus has with the one who sent him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***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,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection. Kneel/Stand

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,

you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

***HYMN**

All Glory Be to God on High

LBW, "Green", 166



*KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ① Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ② Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ③ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ④ For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

**²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

**4The voice of the LORD is a pow- | erful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a | voice of splendor.**

5The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;

**6the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.**

7The voice | of the LORD
bursts forth in | lightning flashes.

**8The voice of the LORD | shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilder- | ness of Kadesh.**

9The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the | forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are | crying, “Glory!”

**10The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.**

11O LORD, give strength | to your people;
give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace.

THE SECOND READING.....Romans 8:12-17

12Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—13for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL.....John 3:1-17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter



1Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. 2He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” 3Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” 4Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” 5Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. 6What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ 8The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” 9Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” 10Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not unde14rstand these things?

11“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. 12If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? 13No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

17“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. 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**

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, almighty and ever-living God. You have revealed your glory as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three persons equal in majesty and splendor, yet one God ever to be adored in glory. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.

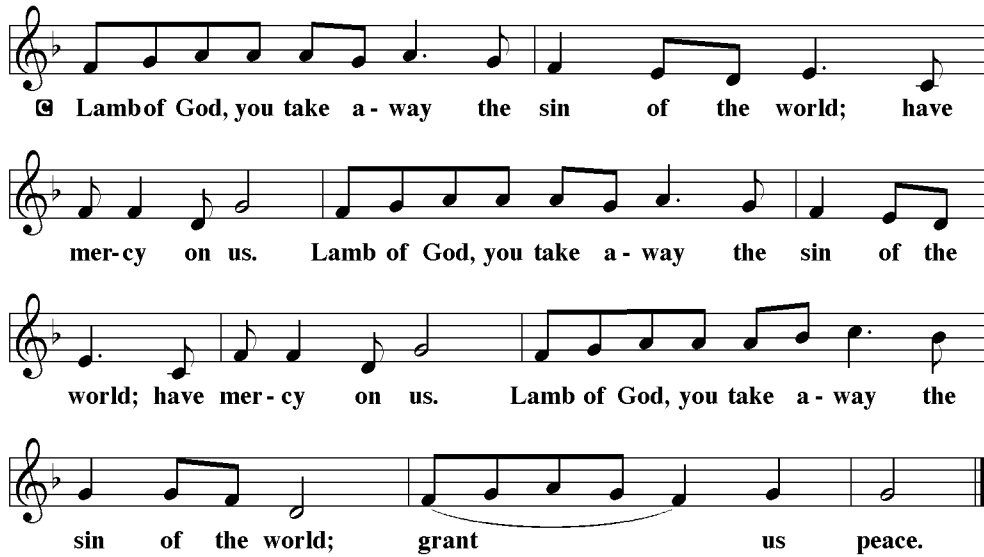
Amen.

***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.

*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 Holy, Holy, Holy**

LBW, “Green”, 165

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE



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, Mike Ford, Walt
Hausmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry
Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, Glenn
Yaple, John Tartline.



This week's Bulletin is
sponsored by
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OUR STEWARDSHIP May 19, 2024



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| Regular Offering | \$1,781.00 |
| Plate Offering | 10.00 |
| Bulletin Sponsor | 10.00 |
| World Hunger | 50.00 |
| Food Pantry | 75.00 |
| Global Mission | 50.00 |
| Flower Memorials / Tributes | 100.00 |
| Pastor's Discretionary Fund | 50.00 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$2,126.00 |



WORSHIP LEADERS May 26, 2024

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| Lector | 8:00AM | Becky Pryor |
| | 10:30AM | Audrey Albright |
| Communion Assistants | 8:00AM | Becky Pryor |
| | 10:30AM | Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel |
| Organist | | Sam Robinson |
| Ushers: | 8:00AM | Richard Miller and Herb Poff |
| | 10:30AM | Matt Fortin, captain |
| | | Glenn Yaple and Dick Reitz |
| Altar Guild | MAY | Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel |

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, May 26, 2024 are given to the glory of God:

- + In Honor of our St. Mark's Family
- + In Honor of Harper Jones's 8th Birthday by Sally Bjornstad



READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?



Faith Formation has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!

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!

Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark’s need donations for our annual Fall Sale. We will need many more donations than we currently have if we are to have a sale in 2024.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don’t want it, we probably can sell it. Not certain we can use it, speak to Becky Miller Pryor before bringing it.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift and place them in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the stage is fine.



Senior Voice Recital: Alanna Ramos

Sunday, May 26 at 2pm

St. Mark’s Lutheran Church

All Are Welcome

Busy Bags for Hospitalized Children

Church Women United of Lycoming County (CWU) are requesting items for Busy Bags. These colorful bags are given to pediatric patients, ages three through twelve, who are recovering from illness or injury while hospitalized. Please help by donating one or more of the following items.

- Coloring books, crayons, colored pencils, finger puppets, fidget toys, socks, Slinkys, Nerf balls, sticker books, Play-Doh and small puzzles.

Items will be collected now through June 2. A tub for your donations is in the Narthex.

Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive



Again, this year, Danville State Hospital is sponsoring a shoe drive for its residents. They are collecting new and gently used sneakers and shoes for both men and women in adult sizes. Please note they cannot accept high heels or other “fancy” shoes.

Donations will be accepted through June 2 and may be placed in the tub in the Narthex.

Blessing Box Needs

With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. In addition to the many peanut butter and jelly sandwiches we will provide during the summer months, the Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are **Star-Kist Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star-Kist Chicken Salad**. Both come in a foil packet and are ready to eat. These items do not need refrigeration and resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items. We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.

P.S. Many times these items are on sale at our local super markets.



Desserts for Redeemer's Community Dinner

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the members of St. Mark's have been given a summer vacation from providing desserts for Redeemer's dinners.

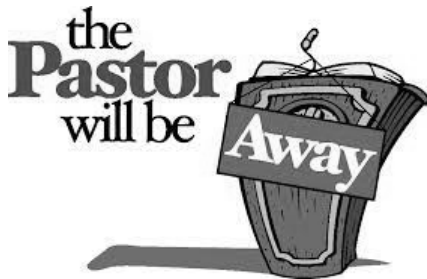
Jim and Susan Newcomer have generously offered to provide all needed desserts for June, July and August! Thank you, Jim and Susan, for this most generous gift. So, at this time the need for boxes of TastyKakes has been postponed until September. Be looking for information on donating TastyKakes in the August Lion.



Cereal Sunday Returns



There is no vacation from hunger. Molly Eisley, Food Pantry Coordinator, stated she received 45 new clients/families during April. All donations of nonperishable food are greatly appreciated at this time of great need. In addition to our usual food collections, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will be collecting boxes of cereal on the second Sunday of June, July, August and September. More information will be available in the June Lion.



Pastor Vasey continues to be on vacation until May 27. If pastoral care is needed during this time please contact Pastor Carol Johnson 570-772-6674. Thank You!



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.



Preaching and presiding today is Ray Huff. Thank you Ray!



The new list of lectors and communion assistants is being updated. If you would like to be a lector or communion assistant please contact Linda Rosini (lr101522yahoo .com)

Monday, May 27, -
 Sunday, June 2, 2024



Monday, May 27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed
 Tuesday, May 28
 Wednesday, May 29
 Thursday, May 30
 Friday, May 31
 Saturday, June 1
 Sunday, June 2

Holy Communion 8:00AM
Holy Communion 10:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Audrey Albright May 27 Walter Haussmann May 27
 Owen Gair May 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Pamela and Michael Jensen May 30

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

John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564



Monday, May 27, 2024

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the father of the “Reformed Churches”.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637



Wednesday, May 29, 2024

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth



Friday, May 31, 2024

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John the Baptist. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat (Luke 1:39-57).

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165



Saturday, June 1, 2024

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.