The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 9, 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."



(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

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection; knit together in the body of Christ and thus are part of Jesus' family.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked it baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the Son, +

and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

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 God of Grace and God of Glory

(LBW, "Green", 415)

*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.

Let us pray. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING......Genesis 3:8-15

8[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.9But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." 11He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" 12The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." 14The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,

cursed are you among all animals

and among all wild creatures;

upon your belly you shall go,

and dust you shall eat

all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman,

and between your offspring and hers;

he will strike your head,

and you will strike his heel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

1Out | of the depths

I cry to | you, O LORD;

2O LORD, | hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my | supplication.

3If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

4Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

5I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits; in your word | is my hope.

6My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch | for the morning,

more than those who keep watch | for the morning.

7O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love; with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

sFor the LORD shall | redeem Israel from | all their sins.

13Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, 14because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. 15Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

16So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. 17For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, 18because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

5:1For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

*THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*THE GOSPEL......Mark 3:20-35

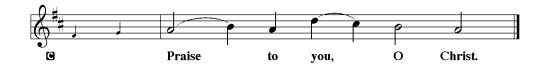
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 3rd chapter



[Jesus went home;] 20and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." 23And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? 24If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. 25And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. 26And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. 27But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; 29but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—30for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." 33And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN

Built on a Rock

(LBW, "Green", 365)

*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".

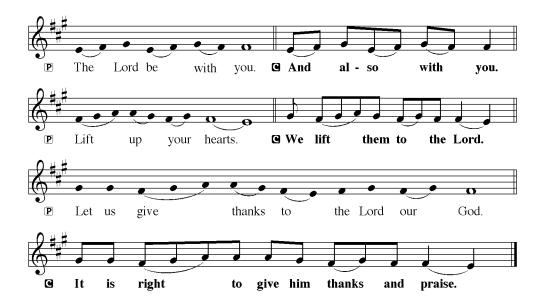
*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

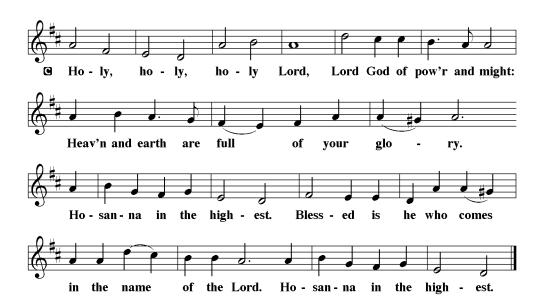
And also with you.

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.

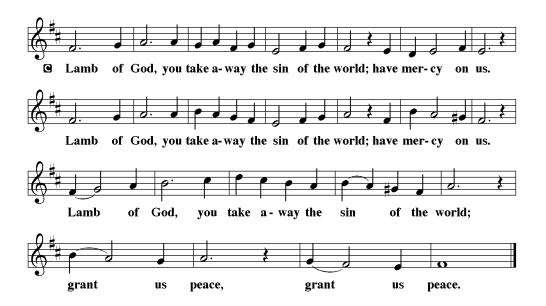
*OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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,

*LAMB OF GOD

forever and ever. Amen.



*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 Go My Children, with My Blessing (WOV, "Blue", 721)

*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, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur,

Glenn Yaple, John Tartline, Bob Miller, Synod Assembly.



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OUR STEWARDSHIP June 2, 2024



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GRAND TOTAL	\$4,847,00

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, June 9, 2024 are given to the glory of God:



- + In Honor of our Children, Derek, Paige and Brandon by Matt and Wanda Fortin.
- + In Loving Memory of our Mothers, Doris Fortin and Lois Johns by Charlie and Judy Fortin and Family.



WORSHIP LEADERS June 9, 2024

Lector	9:30AM	Karen Mariano
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Nikki Jackson and Becky Pryor
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	9:30AM	Tim Maggs, captain
		Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz

Altar Guild JUNE Cindy Huff and Linda Rosini

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.

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 Tuna Creations:** Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star-Kist Chicken Creations: Chicken

<u>Salad</u>. 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.

<u>P.S.</u>: We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer. Many times, these items are on sale at our local supermarkets.

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



Today is our first Cereal Sunday of the summer season. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee is collecting boxes of cereal, any size, any flavor including the double bags at Sam's Club. Donations may be placed on the table in the Narthex. If you missed today's collection, no

worries. The next collection date is today, June 9th, 2024...

FYI: <u>In 2023 we collected a total of 291 boxes of cereal.</u> Can we get to 300 boxes of cereal this year?

Busy Bags for Hospitalized Children



Recently the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee delivered an assortment of requested items to the Church Women United of Lycoming County (CWU) for use in their "Busy Bags." These colorful bags are given to pediatric patients, ages three through twelve, who are recovering from illness or injury while hospitalized. This committee thanks the congregation for

donating 127 items to be used by CWU for this project. We are certain these colorful bags will put a smile on the faces of hospitalized children.

Danville State Hospital Shoe Drive



Again, this year, St. Mark's participated in the annual shoe drive at Danville State Hospital. A total of 13 pairs of shoes were collected. Thank you to all who participated.

July Fourth Celebration



This year we will celebrate God and country on our front lawn on Thursday, July 4, 2024. Sam Robinson will entertain folks in the nave with an assortment of organ arrangements. With only three Sundays and a few days until this event, it is not too soon to gather needed items or to make a monetary donation. Check the June Lion for more

details. A tub is in the Narthex for donations.

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.



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, June 10, -Sunday, June 16, 2024



Monday, June 10 Tuesday, June 11 Wednesday, June 12 Thursday, June 13 Friday, June 14 Saturday, June 15 Sunday, June 16

Faith Formation Synod Assembly Synod Assembly **Holy Communion** ML 10:45AM Susquehanna University Susquehanna University 9:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Robertson Alex Clokey June 10 June 12 Wanda Fortin Adam Clokey June 12 Ruth Sherlinski June 15 June 16

ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the "This Week at Our Church", please email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



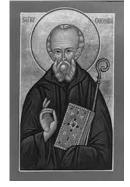
When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (<u>bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org</u>). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any 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

Columba, died 597; Aidan, died 651; Bede, died 735; renewers of the church







Columba

Aiden

Bede

Sunday, June 9, 2024

These three monks from the British Isles helped keep the light of learning alive during the Middle Ages. Columba founded three monasteries off the coast of Scotland. Aidan was a pastor who led people to works of charity. The Venerable Bede was a Bible translator, historian, and hymnwriter.

Barnabas, Apostle



Tuesday, June 11, 2024

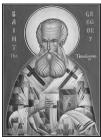
Barnabas was not numbered among the twelve apostles, but the book of Acts gives him that title. After Paul was converted to Christianity, Barnabas welcomed him to Jerusalem, and later the two traveled together on missionary journeys.

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Friday, June 14, 2024









The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern

monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.



Sponsorships are available



NEW OFFICE LOCATION

Changes are coming to our office location. All executive offices will be moving to our social service center. The need for expanded room for families seeking shelter has grown this year and by utilizing empty space in our center we have the opportunity to assist 2 more families. Our hope is to have all offices moved by July 1. Entrance to offices will be 318 Park Avenue right around the corner from our current offices. Parking is available on the street or in our West parking lot. This entrance is also handicap accessible. All mailing address will remain the same.

Our new phone number will be 570-980-9373.

OUR OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED JUNE 7-JUNE 18 FOR VACATION.



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Can you explain that one to me?"



"Wireless communication is nothing new. I've been praying for 75 years!"

Built on a Rock



my peace I

grant-ing his chil-dren the king - dom.

leave with you. A -

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783–1872; tr. Carl Doving, 1867–1937, adapt. Music: KIRKEN DEN ER ET GAMMELT HUS, Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887

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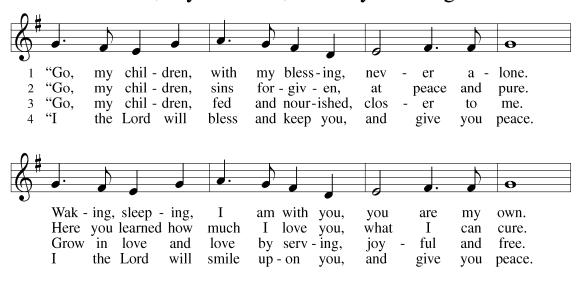
God of Grace and God of Glory



Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Go, My Children, with My Blessing





In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er. Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry. Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com-fort stilled you. I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav-ior, Com - fort-er and Broth-er.



Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919 Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh

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