

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 23, 2024**

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

*This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we seek,
"To know Christ and to make Christ known."*



An Order for Holy Communion 9:30 am
(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave. All hymns are printed in back of bulletin.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is also here and when we call on him, he calms the storm, for even the wind and waves listen to him.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

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.

Kneel/stand. Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from our ways.

We turn to our own understanding

rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your love.

Turn us again to you.

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

***HYMN Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (LBW, “Green”, 543)**

***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



Ⓐ 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. O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING.....Job 38:1-11

1The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

2“Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

3Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4“Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

5Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

7when the morning stars sang together

and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8“Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb?—

9when I made the clouds its garment,

and thick darkness its swaddling band,

10and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

11and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,

and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 107:1-3, 23-32

1Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good,

for God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

2**Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim**

that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

3gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

23**Some went down to the | sea in ships,**

plying their trade | in deep waters.

24They beheld the works | of the LORD,
 God’s wonderful works | in the deep.

25**Then God spoke, and a stormy | wind arose,
 which tossed high the waves | of the sea.**

26They mounted up to the heavens and descended | to the depths;
 their souls melted away | in their peril.

27**They staggered and | reeled like drunkards,
 and all their skill was of | no avail.**

28Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD,
 and you delivered them from | their distress.

29**You stilled the storm | to a whisper
 and silenced the waves | of the sea.**

30Then were they glad when | it grew calm,
 when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.

31**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love
 and your wonderful works | for all people.**

32Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;
 in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

THE SECOND READING.....2 Corinthians 6:1-13

1As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. 2For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
 and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! 3We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, 4but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, 5beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; 6by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, 7truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; 8in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; 9as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; 10as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

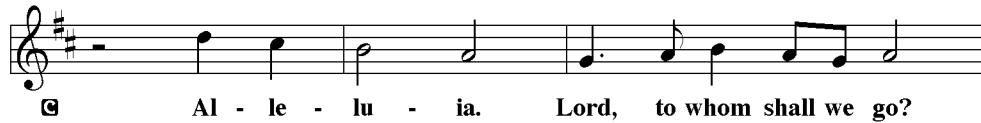
11We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to

you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord

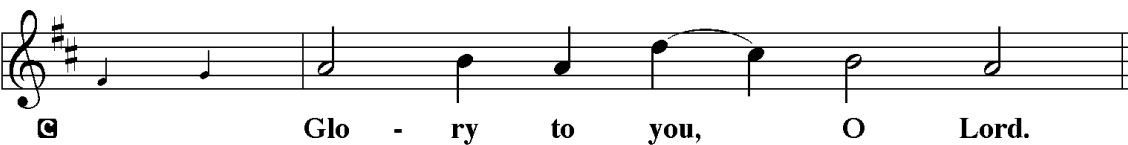
Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



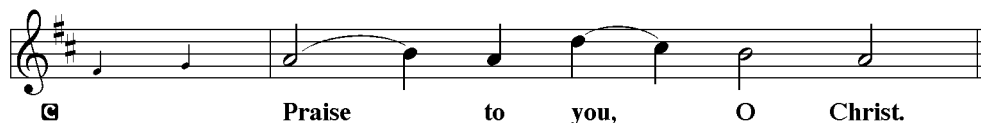
***THE GOSPEL.....Mark 4:35-41**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th chapter



³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Eternal Father, Strong to Save** (LBW, “Green”, 467)

***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

♩ 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, 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:

♪ 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.

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



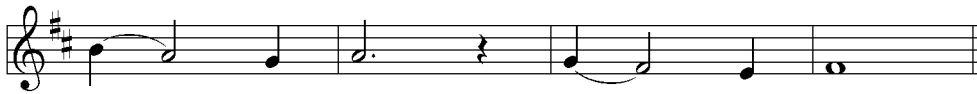
☉ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

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 Precious Lord, Take My Hand (WOV, “Blue”, 731)**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

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.



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OUR STEWARDSHIP June 16, 2024



Regular Offering	\$1,797.00
Plate Offerings	20.00
Miscellaneous	25.00
Operation Christmas Child	75.00
Synod Benevolence	25.00
July 4 th Celebration	55.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$1997.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, June 23, 2024 are given to the glory of God:



- + In Honor of our Saint Mark's Family by the Flower Fund
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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.



WORSHIP LEADERS

June 23, 2024

Lector	9:30AM	Phil Thomas
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Lou Ann and Ralph Zeigler
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	9:30AM	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple, Dick Reitz
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!



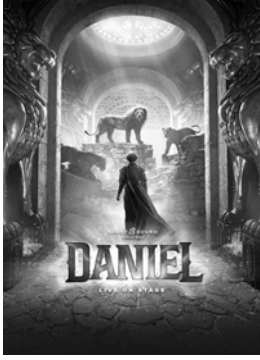
The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark’s, summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.

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!

The Great Grab and Go



On Sunday, June 30, after the service, a few able-bodied folks are need to bring all the July Fourth supplies from the basement to Fellowship Hall. With enough volunteers this task takes 10-15 minutes. If you are able to help, meet in Fellowship Hall after the service. Thank you for any assistance you can give.



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.

Cereal Sunday Success



Our first Cereal Sunday was a success. We collected **40 family size boxes** of cereal and **12 single-serve boxes** for a total of **52 boxes of assorted cereals!** The United Churches Food Pantry was thrilled to receive them. If you missed last Sunday’s collection, no worries. The next collection date is Sunday, July 14, 2024.

FYI: In 2023, we collected a total of 291 boxes of cereal. **Can we get to 300 boxes of cereal this year?**

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 TWO Sundays and a few days until this event, it is not too soon to gather needed items or to make a monetary donation. Check out the June Lion for more details. A tub is in the Narthex for donations.

Volunteers are needed to serve and clean-up after the event. Sign-up sheets are in the Narthex.

Committee Meeting Notice



The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will meet for their monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 2, 2024 at 11:00 AM in Middle Lounge. The main business will be to package treat bags for the July Fourth Party. All are welcome.

RESIGNATION

It is with deep regret that Church Council has received the resignation from Glenn Yapple as a member of Council. Glenn resigned from Council following our June meeting for personal reasons. We thank Glenn for his years of service to St. Mark's and wish him all God's best.

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 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.

P.S.: We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.

Many times, these items are on sale at our local supermarkets.

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Please join us on Sunday, July 21st following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils. **Please**

bring a dish to share as you are able.

If you need a ride or if you have questions, please be in touch with Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263.

We look forward to sharing time with you on July 21st!



Monday, June 24, -
Sunday, June 30, 2024

Monday through Friday Church Office Hours 9:00AM – 1:00PM

Sunday, June 30 **Holy Communion** **9:30AM**

BIRTHDAYS

Robert Helm June 24 George Poliska June 28
Cynthia Todd June 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Christine and Joseph Baur June 26
Vicki and Andrew Haussmann June 28

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 the Baptizer



Monday, June 24, 2024

John said, "[Jesus] must increase, but I must decrease." And so his birth is celebrated half a year before Jesus', just as the daylight in the northern hemisphere begins to wane. Jesus honored John as being the greatest prophet.

Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530



Tuesday, June 25, 2024

On this day in 1530 the German and Latin editions of the Augsburg Confession were presented to the Emperor Charles of the Holy Roman Empire. The Augsburg Confession, written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, is a brief summary of what eventually became known as "The Lutheran Tradition".

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

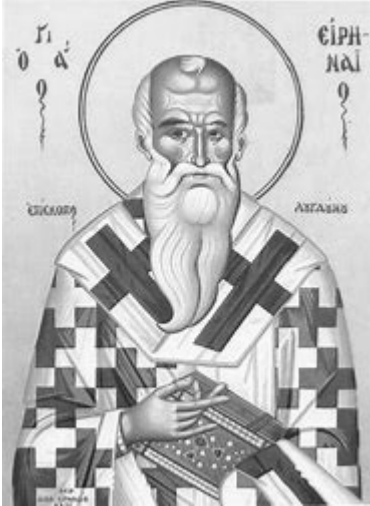


Tuesday, June 25, 2024

Though he died on April 19, Philipp Melanchthon is commemorated today because of his connection with the Augsburg Confession. Colleague and co-reformer with Martin Luther, Melanchthon was a brilliant scholar, known as "the teacher of Germany."

COMMEMORATIONS

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444



Thursday, June 27, 2024

Cyril defended the orthodox teachings about the person of Christ. After a conflict involving all of the major Christian leaders of the time, it was decided that Cyril's interpretation, that Christ's person included both divine and human natures, was correct.

Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, died around 202



Friday, June 28, 2024

This important early church leader tried very hard to hold to the faith handed down by the apostles. An opponent of the movement known as gnosticism, Irenaeus was one of the first to speak of the church as catholic, or linked together.

Peter and Paul, Apostles



Saturday, June 29, 2024

These two strong-willed apostles are the pillars of the church in the first generation after Christ. Peter was one of the Twelve, one who both offered a glorious confession of faith and later denied knowing Jesus. Paul once led the persecution of Christians, then was converted and helped bring the faith to non-Jewish people.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros-per your work and de-fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus-tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good-ness and mer-cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Ernewerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

Eternal Father, Strong to Save



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall



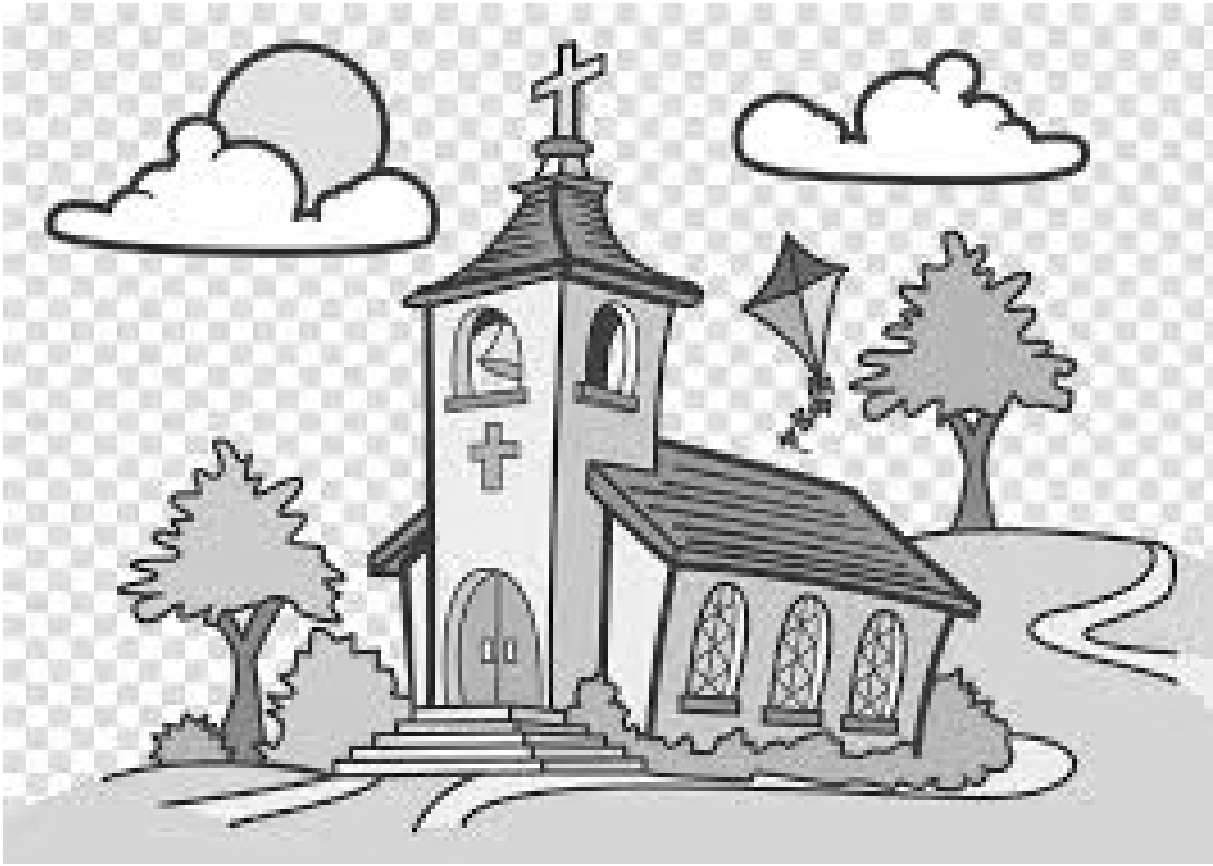
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

Text: William Whiting, 1825–1878, alt.
 Music: MELITA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand (WOV, “Blue”, 731)







A PERFORMANCE BY ORGANIST

Samuel Robinson

Thursday, July 4, 2024

7:30pm

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