

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost August 11, 2024

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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

Jesus says that the bread he gives for the life of the world is his flesh, and whoever eats this bread has eternal life now and will be raised on the last day. In Ephesians Paul tells us what this life Jesus gives us looks like, this life we live as those marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit in baptism. We live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. The whole purpose of life is giving yourself for the other.

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 we begin..

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 As We Gather at Your Table ELW (Green) 522**

***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**



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



B 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

O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING..... 1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

Thanks Be God.

PSALM Psalm 34:1-8

¹I will bless the LORD ¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

²**I will glory ¹ in the LORD;**
let the lowly hear ¹ and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness ¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's ¹ name together.

⁴**I sought the LORD, who ¹ answered me**
and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD ¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces ¹ be ashamed.

⁶**I called in my affliction, and ¹ the LORD heard me**
and saved me from ¹ all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who ¹ fear the LORD
and de- ¹ livers them.

⁸**Taste and see that the ¹ LORD is good;**
happy are they who take ref- ¹ uge in God!

THE SECOND READING..... Ephesians 4:25—5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Thanks Be 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.

*THE GOSPEL..... John 6:35, 41-51

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN O Living Bread from Heaven LBW (Green) 197**

***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, “Lord, in your mercy/Receive our prayer”.*

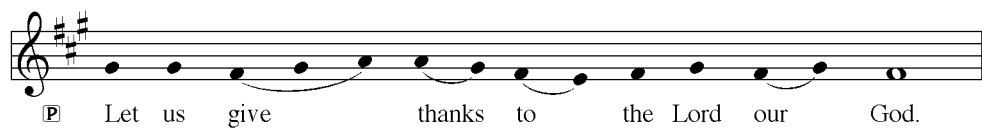
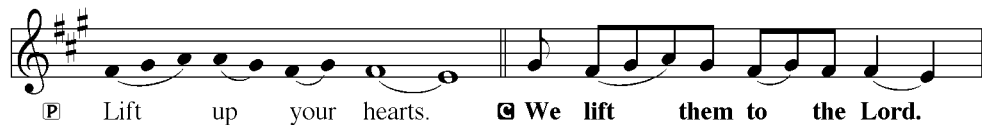
***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

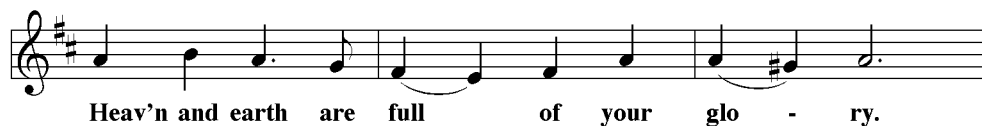
And also with you.

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,
 forever and ever. Amen.**

***LAMB OF GOD**



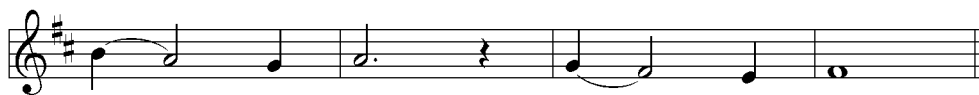
☩ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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 Awake, O Sleeper WOV (Green) 745**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE Credo WA Mozart

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PRAYER LIST



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

OUR STEWARDSHIP August 4, 2024



Regular Offering	\$4,365.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Miscellaneous	1,100.00
Organ Fund	10.00
Synod Benevolence	35.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$5,520.00



ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, August 11, 2024 are given to the glory of God:
+ In Honor of Ruth Ann Bigelow by Matt and Wanda Fortin
+ In Loving Memory of my Parents, Shuman and Delores Miller by Becky Miller Pryor
+ In Honor of our grandchildren Dallas, Finley and Alba by Matt and Wanda Fortin
+ In Honor of my grandchildren Ezra, Gillian, Asher and my great-granddaughter Ren by Deb Buckman

Thank You
To Our Sponsors

Today's Bulletin is sponsored by
Constance Shaible
Thank You

WORSHIP LEADERS August 11, 2024

Lector	9:30AM	Nikki Jackson
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
Pianist	9:30AM	Bethany Fisher
Ushers:	9:30AM	Mike Jensen, captain Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber
Altar Guild	AUGUST	Bev Hieber and Audrey Albright

Upcoming Evangelism and Fellowship Events

Saturday, August 10, 2024: This committee will serve its third Habitat for Humanity luncheon to volunteers working on the Faith Build on Scott Street in Williamsport.

We could use some help with all of these events. If one or more of them interest you, speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

Card Ministry: *Thank you, Glenn Yaple for your assistance in sending cards during July. Leah Haussmann is our volunteer for August.*



Blessing Box Needs



With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. 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. 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.

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!

Lutheran World Relief



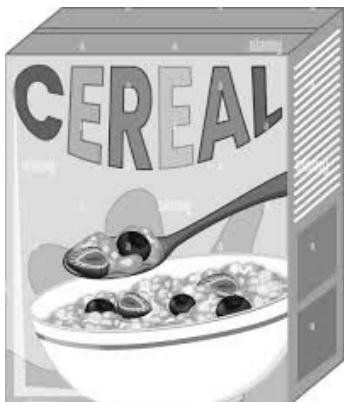
**LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF**

It is that time - Lutheran World Relief kits. Directions for the four different types of kits are in the narthex, please feel free to take them. Kits are due the end of September but the bins will be available beginning

7/21. The goal is 70 school kits, 10 fabric kits (watch for JoAnn's fabrics coupons), 10 personal care kits, and 10 baby kits (yard sales are a great place to find gently used items). The following will be provided - school bags, cloth diapers and diaper pins. These will be available beginning 7/21. If you have questions, please contact me at dabuckman65@gmail.com or 570-323-1707. Thanks for your generosity. These kits can mean the world to a child, mother or family.

This Month's Cereal Sunday is a Success!!!

Cereal Sunday Continues



Our July collection was a great success with **72 boxes of cereal** being collected, which beat June's collection by 20 boxes! Can we top this amount in August?

The staff at the United Churches Food Pantry is very grateful for our support. In speaking recently with the staff, they are in particular need of single-serving containers of cereal.

Our next Cereal Sunday is August 11, 2024.



Monday, August 19, -
 Sunday, August 25, 2024

Monday, August 12	Music Committee Meeting	1:00PM
Tuesday, August 13	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Wednesday, August 14	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Thursday, August 15	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Friday, August 16	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Saturday, August 17	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Sunday, August 18	Holy Communion	9:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Ann Bigelow	August 14	Ray Huff	August 14
Carl Albright	August 15	Beverly Hieber	August 15
Richard Bates, Jr.	August 16	Stacie Bieber	August 18
Elizabeth Lewis	August 18		

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathy & Neil Eshelman	August 14	Brenda & Edward Gair	August 14
Karen & Stephen Mariano	August 14	Beverly & Carl Hieber	August 18

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

Clare, Abbess of San Damiano, died 1253

Sunday, August 11



A contemporary of Francis of Assisi, Clare and a growing number of companions established a women's Franciscan community, called the Order of Poor Ladies, or Poor Clares. She inspired other women to pursue spiritual goals.

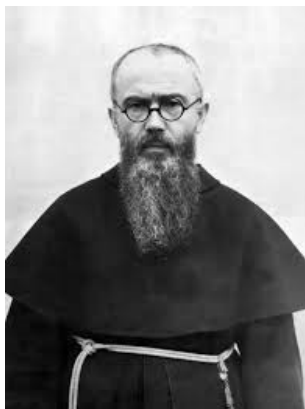
**Florence Nightingale, died 1910; Clara Maass, died 1901;
renewers of society**

Tuesday, August 13



Nightingale was born in England, and horrified her wealthy family by deciding to become a nurse. She led a group of nurses in ministering in the midst of the Crimean War, and worked for hospital reform. Maass, a native of New Jersey, was also a war nurse, and volunteered as a subject for research on yellow fever. She died of the disease.

Maximilian Kolbe, died 1941; Kaj Munk, died 1944; martyrs
Wednesday, August 14



Father Kolbe was a Franciscan priest arrested by the Nazis and confined in Auschwitz. Kolbe gave generously of his meager resources, and finally volunteered to be starved to death in place of another man. A Danish Lutheran pastor and playwright, Munk strongly denounced the Nazis who occupied Denmark in the Second World War. His sermons and

articles helped to show the anti-Christian nature of the movement.

Mary, Mother of Our Lord Thursday, August 15



The church (including Martin Luther) honored Mary with the title theotokos, meaning "God-bearer," for her role in giving birth to the Son of God. Her song, the Magnificat, speaks eloquently of God's lifting the lowly and feeding the hungry.

As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,

teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Cantata en Nieuwe Hofkantse Boerendities en Contradantse*, 1710; arr. Julius Röntgen, 1855-1932

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O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
2 My Lord, you here have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest,
and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy,
my course on earth is length - ened, to serve with ho - ly fear.

Oh, won - drous food of bless - ing, oh, cup that heals our woes!
for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
And when you call my spir - it to leave this world be - low,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, with prais - es o - ver - flows!
the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
I en - ter, through your mer - it, where joys un - min - gled flow.

Text: Johann Rist, 1606–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878, alt.
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death

1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895–1984

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gliser, 1784–1829

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