

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 20, 2021
in the 168th Year of the Parish
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Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!

Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”

***An Order for Holy Communion, 9:30 am (LBW setting two) Synod
Authorized Lay Worship Leader Barbara Horn, presiding.***

****Please stand as you are able.***

PRELUDE *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* Wilbur Held

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

The presiding minister leads the congregation in the invocation, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

Presiding Minister In the name of the Father ✠, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

Presiding Minister Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

Presiding Minister If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Presiding Minister Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Presiding Minister In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

***HYMN Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

**Jesus, Savior, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treach'rous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee.
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

**As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boist'rous waves obey thy will
when thou say'st to them: "Be still."
Wondrous sov'reign of the sea,
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.**

Text: E. Hopper, 1818-1888; Tune: PILOT 77 77 77

*GREETING

Presiding Minister The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

*GLORY TO GOD



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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Presiding Minister The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Presiding Minister 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.

C Amen

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

THE FIRST LESSON.....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

1 Give 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,**

3 gathering 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.**

24 They 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.**

26 They 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.**

28 Then 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.**

30 Then 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.**

32 Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people;

in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah!

THE SECOND LESSON.....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.

C Thanks be to God.

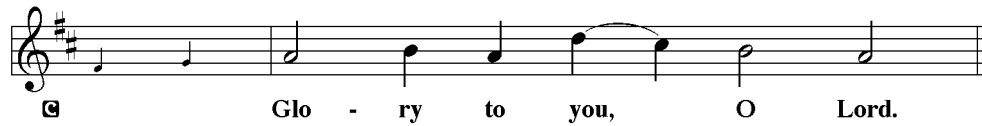
***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

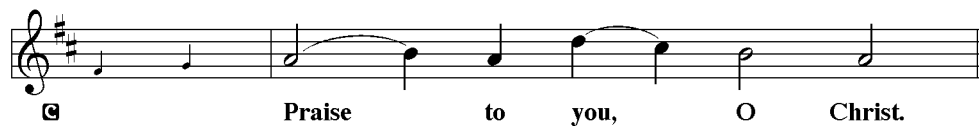
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

Presiding Minister The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth chapter.



Presiding Minister 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

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

Presiding Minister Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith:

**C 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**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:**

After each petition, "Lord, in your mercy/Hear our prayer."

***THE PEACE**

Presiding Minister The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, with masks in place, avoiding physical touch and consciously staying six feet apart from each other.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

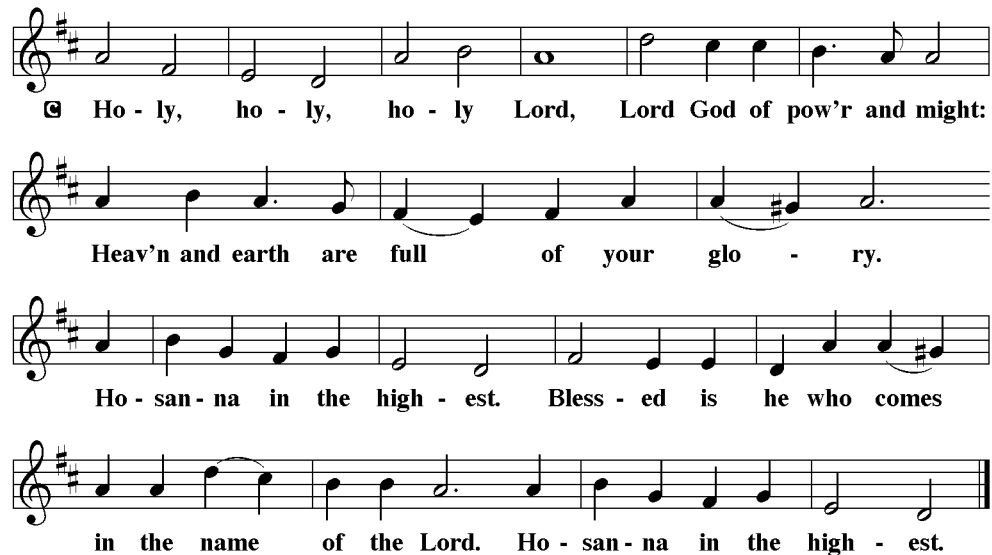
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presiding Minister It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and in 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.

Presiding Minister In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for 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.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Presiding Minister Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C 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

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Presiding Minister Christ has set the table with more than enough for all!
 Come!
 C Thanks be to God!

***LAMB OF GOD**



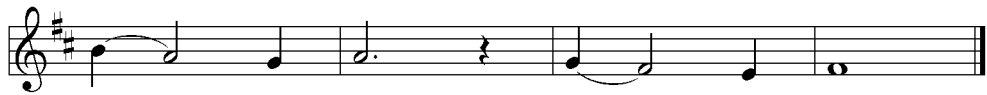
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Presiding Minister Let us pray. 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.

C Amen

***THE BLESSING**

Presiding Minister 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.

C Amen

***HYMN**

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid the storm didst sleep:
oh, hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.**

Text: William Whiting

1825-1878, alt. Tune: MELITA 88 88 88

***DISMISSAL**

Presiding Minister Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

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Prayer List: Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Joann Zeigler, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Gregg, Kay Poliska, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer.

THANK YOU!

Dear St. Mark's Family,

Thank you so very much for celebrating with me my 35th Ordination Anniversary. Your well-wishes, prayers, cards, cake and gifts were very appreciated and added much to our family's and synod celebrations. “St. Mark” is a splendid addition to my office wall and will greet me with the message of the gospel and grace-filled oversight every day. The gift card is most welcome and already has proved helpful to “the Vasey Vacation Fund”. I thank you, my church family and Bishop Collins, as well as my wife, Joanne, and immediate family, for sharing in this very special day.

Grace + Peace, Pastor Brian Vasey

TODAY WE WELCOME CAROL WALTZ AS OUR GUEST

ORGANIST AND BARBARA E. HORN AS OUR PREACHER AND

PRESIDING MINISTER. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR LEADING US IN WORSHIP TODAY.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Preacher/Celebrant Barbara E. Horn

Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leader

Lector Pam Jensen

Cantor/Songleader Deb Buckman

Organist Carol Waltz

CHURCH SECRETARY: Bernadette Jones has resigned as our Church Secretary. Her resignation was accepted by our Church Council with regret. We continue to hold Bernadette and her family in prayer as her chemotherapy treatments continue entrusting her to our Lord's love. Bernadette welcomes your thoughts, well wishes and prayers. Should you wish to send her a card her address is: Bernadette Jones, 665 Fifth Avenue, Williamsport, PA 17701.

USHERS: June 20

Mike Jensen - Captain: Gary Weber, Sean Jensen, Shelby Weber

Please Note: The Center for Disease Control has provided new guidelines stating that some restrictions may now be lifted. Following these guidelines Church Council suggests that if you are fully vaccinated, and feel comfortable in doing so, you may remove your mask. If you are not fully vaccinated, please continue to wear your mask. All other guidelines remain in place at this time: social distancing, singing and speaking in very low tones, washing hands and using hand sanitizer often, and using "celebration cups" for holy communion. Thank you!

COVID CONTACT: Please note that your attendance at worship will be recorded. This serves as a precaution in case contact-tracing due to the

pandemic is warranted. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Read any good books lately? Faith and Fellowship 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!

Pastor's Vacation- June 20-28, 2021

Pastor Vasey will be on vacation June 20-28 and will return to the church office on Tuesday, June 29. Should you need a pastor during this time, please contact the Rev. Ronald Montgomery:

(Email): rgmontgomery527@gmail.com. (phone) 570-584-3490

OUR STEWARDSHIP (6/13/2021-6/16/2021)

Regular Offering	\$3,266.50
Plate Offering	\$ 30.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00
World Hunger	\$ 60.00
Food Pantry	\$ 90.00
Global Mission	\$ 50.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	\$ 150.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 55.00
Grand Total	\$3,751.50

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+ In loving memory of Prudence and William Poff by their son, Herb Poff.

+ In honor of our graduate, Sean Jensen, by the Faith and Fellowship Committee.

+ In loving memory of Megan Lynn Kepner by Lou DeSeau.

COMMEMORATIONS

Onesimos Nesib, translator, evangelist, died 1931

Monday, June 21, 2021

Onesimos was born in Ethiopia. Captured and taken as a slave to Eritrea, he was there freed by Swedish missionaries. He translated the Bible into his

native Oromo and returned to preach there.

John the Baptist

Thursday, June 24, 2021

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

Friday, June 25, 2021

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 was written by Philipp Melanchthon and endorsed by Martin Luther, and consists of a brief summary of points in which the reformers saw their teaching as either agreeing with or differing from that of the Roman Catholic Church of the time.

Philipp Melanchthon, renewer of the church, died 1560

Friday, June 25, 2021

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."