

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Word and Table
in the 167th Year of the Parish
July 12, 2020. 8:00 & 10:30 am

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Our mission: "To know Christ and to make Christ known."

PRELUDE

Prince of Denmark's March Jeremiah Clarke (1674-1707)

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

(Please stand where there is an asterisk.)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

☐ In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☑ Amen.

☐ 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.

☑ Amen

☐ 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.

☐ Most merciful God,

☑ **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**

☐ Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and

by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☩ Let us pray. Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☩ Amen

***HYMN**

Sing to the Lord of Harvest*..... Tune: *Wie Lieblich Is Der Maien*..... **LBW 412*

- 1. Sing to the Lord of harvest,
Sing songs of love and praise;
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.
By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;
Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.**
- 2. Bring to His sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest,
The souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.**

Introduction: *God's word is like the rain that waters the earth and brings forth vegetation. It is also like the sower who scatters seed indiscriminately. Our lives are like seeds sown in the earth. Even from what appears to be little, dormant, or dead, God promises a harvest. At the Lord's table we are fed with the bread of life, that we may bear fruit in the world.*

THE FIRST LESSON Isaiah 55:10-13

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 65:9-13 *(read responsively)*

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:1-11

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he

who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

***THE HOLY GOSPEL..... Matthew 13:1-9**

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”

☐ The Gospel of our Lord.

☑ **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

THE ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM (8:00 am)

The candidate, sponsors, and parents gather at the font.

☐ In Holy Baptism our gracious heavenly Father liberates us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; in the waters of Baptism we are reborn children of God and inheritors of eternal life. By water and the Holy Spirit we are made members of the Church which is the body of Christ. As we live with him and with his people, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

The sponsor presents the candidate.

Sponsor: *I present Max Layton Tebbs to receive the Sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

The pastor addresses the sponsor and parents.

☐ In Christian love you have presented this child for Holy Baptism. You should, therefore, faithfully bring him to the services of God’s house, and teach him the Lord’s Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments. As he grows in years, you should place in his hands the Holy Scriptures and provide for his instruction in the Christian faith, that, living in the covenant of his Baptism and in communion with the Church, he may

lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ.

P Do you promise to fulfill these obligations?

Sponsor and Parents: I do.

THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: We give you thanks, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and you created heaven and earth. By the gift of water you nourish and sustain us and all living things.

By the waters of the flood you condemned the wicked and saved those whom you had chosen, Noah and his family. You led Israel by the pillar of cloud and fire through the sea, out of slavery into the freedom of the promised land. In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. By the baptism of his own death and resurrection your beloved Son has set us free from the bondage to sin and death, and has opened the way to the joy and freedom of everlasting life. He made water a sign of the kingdom and of cleansing and rebirth. In obedience to his command, we make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, so that he who is here baptized may be given new life. Wash away the sin of him who is cleansed by this water and bring him forth as an inheritor of your glorious kingdom.

To you be given praise and honor and worship through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses the baptismal group and the congregation.

P I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

P Do you renounce all the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

C **I do.**

P Do you believe in God the Father?

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C 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.

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C 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

BAPTISM

The pastor baptizes the candidate.

P Max Layton is baptized in the name of the Father,
The pastor pours water on the candidate's head.

P and of the Son,
The pastor pours water on the candidate's head a second time.

P and of the Holy Spirit. Amen
The pastor pours water on the candidate's head a third time.

P Let us pray. God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we give you thanks for freeing your sons and daughters from the power of sin and for raising them up to a new life through this holy sacrament. Pour your Holy Spirit upon Max: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence.

C Amen

The pastor marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the pastor says:

P Max Layton, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C Amen

A lighted candle is given to the sponsor with these words:

P Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us pray. O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon the father and mother of Max. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for their child. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with their son the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

WELCOME

P Through Baptism God has made our new brother Max a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C **We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the kingdom of God.**

PEACE

P Go forth in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

***THE APOSTLES' CREED (10:30 am)**

Living together in trust and hope we affirm 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

Response: **A** Hear us, O God. **C** **Your mercy is great.**

***THE PEACE** **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

Please remember to share the peace without physical contact.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also 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 our thanks and praise.**

P 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 the hosts of heaven,

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P 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**

☞ Let us pray in the words our Savior gave 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.**

***THE COMMUNION**

☞ Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

☛ **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

☞ God of the welcome table,
☛ **in this meal we have feasted on your goodness
and have been united by your presence among us.
Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.
Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE BLESSING**

☞ Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.
God, the Father, ✠ God, the Son,

and God, the Holy Spirit,
bless you and keep you in eternal love.

☩ Amen

***HYMN**

This Is My Father's World..... Tune: *Terra Patris* **LBW 554**

- 1. This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.**

- 3. This is my Father's world: O let me not forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!**

***DISMISSAL**

☩ Go in peace. Christ is with you.

☩ Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Rondeau from "Sinfonie de Fanfares" Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

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Today in the sacrament of Holy Baptism we welcome into the Family of God

Max Layton Tebbs!



Max is the son of Daniel and Taigen Tebbs, of Nisbet, PA.

His sponsor is Tali Thorne Silverstein. Welcome Max!

Dear people of St. Mark's,

If you have need (illness, crisis of faith, etc.) and wish for Pastor Vasey to be aware, please contact him directly by phone, 570-323-4619 or 570-523-1415, and/or by email, bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please do not assume the pastor will learn of your need by any other means. Thank you.



Healing: Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Ruth Pile, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Paul Young, Bob Shaible, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Gladys Knauss, Randy Knauss, Patricia Alexander, Diane Osbaugh, Joann Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Pr. Frank

Showers, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Esteban Mazer, Susan Garison, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Francis, Cheryl Williams, Ann & Betsy Lewis, Bernadette Jones, David Campbell and Family and Kay Poliska.

Peace and Comfort for: the family and friends of Lawrence Satifka.

We are in need of someone to manage the prayer chain: to receive contact of those in need of prayer and to contact those on the chain.

Please contact the office to let us know of your willingness to serve.

Assisting in Worship Leadership 7/12

ALTAR GUILD	Deb Buckman & Leah Haussmann	
	8:00	10:30
USHERS	Dick Miller & Herb Poff	Tim Maggs. Carl Hieber, Charlie Fortin Side—Ruth Sherlinski
LECTORS	Drew Haussmann	Mell Wentzel
PARISH MUSICIAN	Sam Robinson	

Assisting in Worship Leadership 7/19

ALTAR GUILD	Deb Buckman & Leah Haussmann	
	8:00	10:30
USHERS	Dick Miller & Herb Poff	Mike & Sean Jensen, Gary & Shelby Weber, Side—Pam Jensen
LECTORS	Becky Miller Pryor	Sadie Wentzel
PARISH MUSICIAN	Sam Robinson	

Our flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Bill & Prudy Poff, by Herb Poff & Candy Dewar; in loving memory of Flight 800 and their families, by Ray & Cindy Huff; and in loving memory of Mary Ditchfield, by her husband, Michael Ditchfield.



STEWARDSHIP OF PRESENCE

Sun., July 5, 8:00am—16 10:30am—36

Total: \$7515.50 Distributed as: Regular \$7404.50; Plate \$21; Easter \$15; Bulletin Sponsor \$15; Food Pantry \$20; Capital Fund \$10; Synod Benevolence \$30

Today's bulletins have been sponsored by Becky Miller Pryor

Thank you, Becky!

FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

Family Promise expects to be up and running in July with church rotations. St. Mark's is scheduled to host Aug 9 to Aug 16. At this point there is only one family but it is expected that FP will probably be full by the time our hosting comes around. I am sure we will continue to follow the safety protocols. Calls for helpers will begin the first week in July. If anyone is uncomfortable about participating don't hesitate to say no. This is our last scheduled hosting for the year. Deb looks forward to talking with you.



LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF (LWR) UPDATE

We are starting to collect items for the kits that will be due at the end of September. Bags for the school kits will be available near the Sacristy/Handicap door on Sundays, starting in July.



There is a great need for the fabric kits and personal care kits, as well as the baby kits and, of course, the school kits. The fabric kits are used as a teaching tool to help provide income in some places.

Please review the directions sheet for the kits.

We will not be collecting bulk soaps as LWR no longer accepts them. Please donate any extra soaps you have to Shepherd of the Streets.

Now is a great time to start collecting items: each time you go to the store pick up something for one of the kits. For those of you who do not want to do any kits, monetary donations are appreciated as it takes \$2.25 to ship a quilt, \$1.40 for a school kit, \$1.30 for the baby care kit, \$1.00 for a fabric kit, and \$2.65 for a personal care kit (this includes the purchase of toothpaste).

Checks should be made out to St. Marks with the specification for LWR Quilt and Kit shipping fund. Last year we donated 51 school kits, 6 baby kits, 9 personal care kits, and 4 sewing kits. Let's do more to help our fellow man.



Sun: Donna Boston
Mon: John & Brenda Bower, Tyler
Tues: Jonathan & Tanya Bower; Breanna, Audrey, John
Wed: Doris Brown
Thur: Debra Buckman
Fri: Nicholas Buckman & Claire Brassard
Sat: Sean Buckman & Megan Tice; Ezra, Gillian, Asher

*In our prayers
this week is our
Sister Parish,
Grace
Lutheran Church,
Sunbury, PA*

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF KITS

<p style="text-align: center;">Fabric Kit</p> <p>2 pieces of cotton or cotton blend fabric (NO knits or 100% polyester) Each piece should match one of the sizes below. Fabrics do not need to match in size, color or pattern.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2 ½ yards of 58"-63" wide OR 3 yards of 42"-45" wide OR 4 yards of 24"-37" wide</p> <p>2 spools of matching or neutral colored general purpose thread, 250-300 yards long</p> <p>Fold the thread and one of the pieces of fabric inside the other pieces of fabric and tie with string or yarn.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">School Kit</p> <p>Place the following in the drawstring backpack. Remove all excess packaging.</p> <p>4 notebooks – 70-80 sheet each, wide or college ruled NO Loose-leaf paper please</p> <p>1 ruler – 30 centimeters or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other – plastic, wood, or metal</p> <p>1 pencil sharpener</p> <p>1 pair blunt scissors – safety scissors with embedded steel blade</p> <p>5 Unsharpened #2 pencils secured together with a rubber band</p> <p>5 black or blue ballpoint pens secured together with a rubber band (no gel pens please)</p> <p>1 box 16 or 24 crayons</p> <p>1 eraser 2 ½ inch</p> <p>Secure by drawing the strings</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Personal Care Kit</p> <p>1 light weight bath towel 20" x 40" to 52" x 27" Dark color (fast drying if possible)</p> <p>2 bath size bars of soap in original wrapping NO mini or hotel size please</p> <p>1 adult toothbrush in original package – if you buy a multipack of brushes, place one in a business size envelope and seal</p> <p>1 sturdy comb – remove packaging NO picks or fine-toothed combs</p> <p>1 metal nail clipper (ones with attached file are OK) – remove packaging</p> <p>Wrap all items in the towel and secure with string or yarn or ribbon.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Baby Care Kit (sizes newborn to 24 months can be included) used items in good condition can be used</p> <p>2 lightweight cotton T-shirts NO Onesies</p> <p>2 long or short sleeved gowns or sleepers (NO feet) – pajama sets of top and pants can also be used</p> <p>2 blankets – medium weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn – 36" to 52" square</p> <p>4 cloth diapers. Flat fold preferred</p> <p>1 jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with hood or include a baby cap</p> <p>2 pairs of cotton socks</p> <p>1 hand towel, dark color</p> <p>2 bath size bars of gentle soap in original wrapping NO mini or hotel size please</p> <p>2 diaper pins or large safety pins Secure everything inside one of the blankets and secure with the diaper pins</p>
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