

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2021

in the 168th Year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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

An Order for Holy Communion, 9:30 am (LBW setting two).

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prelude on New Britain*

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY

RECOGNIZING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

P At this time I would ask our high school graduate, Sean Jensen, together with his parents to join me in the chancel.

We are delighted to recognize Sean as a high school graduate of St. Mark's today. It is our privilege to affirm him as a member of our congregation who has completed one phase of his life and moves with great expectations onto another. Sean, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in faith, and of your vocation to serve God in all your life's work and accomplishments. Let us pray. Gracious God, you bless your servants with many achievements. We give thanks especially for the milestone that Sean has attained. As he begins a new phase of his life, may he also know your love and experience your peace in all he encounters. Also bless his parents, and all members of his family. Give them strength in your continuing presence, and give them many joyful reunions with Sean; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

P Sean, go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast to what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve our God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen**

Pastor and congregation share congratulations with Sean and family. Sean and family return to their pews as the congregation is led in in the order for Confession and forgiveness.

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

As the pastor leads the congregation in the invocation, the sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their baptism.

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

C **Amen**

P 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**

P 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.

P Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We ave 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

P 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.

C Amen

***HYMN Built on a Rock**

**Built on a rock the church shall stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling--
calling the young and old to rest,
calling the souls of those distressed,
longing for life everlasting.**

**We are God's house of living stones,
built for his own habitation;
he fills our hearts, his humble thrones,
granting us life and salvation.
Were two or three to seek his face,
he in their midst would show his grace,
blessings upon them bestowing.**

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***GREETING**

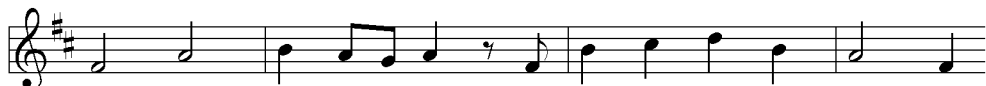
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.



C 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

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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

C **Amen**

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

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

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

 "Because you have done this,
 cursed are you among all animals
 and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
 and dust you shall eat
 all the days of your life.

15I will put enmity between you and the woman,
 and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
 and you will strike his heel."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 130

1Out | of the depths

 I cry to | you, O LORD;

2O LORD, | hear my voice!

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

3If you were to keep watch | over sins,

O LORD, | who could stand?

4Yet with you | is forgiveness,

in order that you | may be feared.

5I wait for you, O LORD; | my soul waits;

in your word | is my hope.

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

7O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is | steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plen- | teous redemption.

8For the LORD shall | redeem Israel

from | all their sins.

THE SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

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

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

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

The word of the Lord.

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 3:20-35

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the third chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

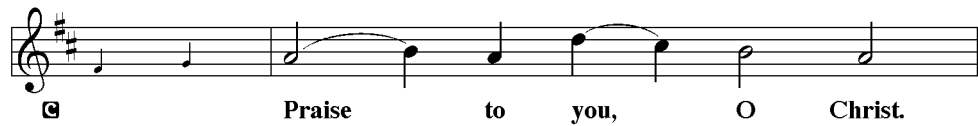
[Jesus went home;] 20and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. 21When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” 22And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by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

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

31Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. 32A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” 33And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” 34And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my

brothers! 35Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P 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

P 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 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 him 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, 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.

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**

P 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

P 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

P 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THE BLESSING**

P 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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.**

**God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.**

The kingdom's ours forever!

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Tune: EIN FESTE BURG

***DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ

C Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

“Prospect” from Southern Harmony

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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, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Gregg, Kay Poliska, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Linda DeSeau, Mike Ford.

LEADING US IN WORSHIP

Lector Ralph Zeigler

Cantor/Songleader Ray Huff

Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS: June 6

Carl Albright - Captain: Brenda, Owen, Levi Gair, Sally Bjornstad (side door)

Please Note: The Center for Disease Control has provided new guidelines stating that some restrictions may now be lifted. If you are fully vaccinated but still feel comfortable wearing your mask, please continue to do so. Church Council will address this issue at our meeting

on June 14. Until that time pastor will continue his practice of masking and encourage you to consider the health of others in your masking practices. As a congregation we will continue to social distance, sing and speak in very low tones, washing hands and using hand sanitizer often, and use “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!

High School Graduation!

Congratulations to our 2021 Loyalsock Area High School graduate, Sean Jensen! Sean is the son of Mike and Pam Jensen and the grandson of Harold and Joyce Hershberger. Sean plans on attending the University of Pittsburgh in the Fall. Best wishes and God’s blessings as you begin this next step on your journey.

Please join us on Sunday, June 13, at 9:30 am for worship, and celebration of Pastor Vasey’s 35th anniversary of his ordination. Our Bishop, Barbara Collins, will be preaching and presiding. There will be a basket available for congratulatory cards/and best wishes, as well as a couple of surprises to add to the festivities!

Juneteenth Celebration, Saturday, June 19, 2021. The festivities begin at 9 am at Freedom Rd. Cemetery, prayer at 9:15 am and a one mile walk to Brandon Park. Mayor Slaughter will speak at 11 am. All are welcome! For more information call 570-360-9250 or go to: lycomingtricountynaacp@gmail.com.

Juneteenth commemorates the end of slavery and is a day of joy, celebration and recommitment to the values of freedom and building good community for all.

Pastor's Vacation- June 20-28, 2021

Pastor Vasey will be on vacation June 20-28. Should you need a pastor during this time, please contact the Rev. Ronald Montgomery:

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OUR STEWARDSHIP (5/30/21-6/01/21)

Regular Offering \$3,667.50

Sunday School Offering \$ 29.00

Grand Total \$3,696.50

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+ In loving member of Shirley and Bob Campbell by their children.

+ In loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson and Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Hershberger Sr., by Joyce and Harold Hershberger and Family.

+ In loving memory of Anne G. Miller, loving wife, by Robert Miller.

+ In honor of Dr. Andrew and Mrs. Vicki Haussmann and Dr. Mark and Mrs.

Emily Haussmann on their June anniversaries by Walt and Leah Haussmann.

COMEMMORATIONS

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866

Monday, June 7, 2021

Noah Seattle led a coalition of tribes, and convinced them to live peacefully with encroaching white settlers. When he became a Roman Catholic, he held morning and evening prayer with his tribe. The city of Seattle is named for him.

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

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

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

Barnabas, Apostle

Friday, June 11, 2021

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