

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
June 27, 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

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 Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;**

**strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

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Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11 10 11 10 and refrain

***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. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Lamentations 3:22-33

22The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

23they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

24“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”

25The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

26It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.

27It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,

28to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,

29to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),

30to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.

31For the Lord will not
reject forever.

32Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

33for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 30

1I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.

**2O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**

3You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.

**4Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
??give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance.**

5God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

**6While I felt se- | cure, I said,
"I shall never | be disturbed.**

7You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

**8I cried to | you, O LORD;
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,**

9"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

**10Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;
O LORD, | be my helper."**

11You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

**12Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever.**

THE SECOND LESSON.....2 Corinthians 8:7-15

7Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

8I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. 9For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. 10And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—11now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. 12For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. 13I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between 14your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. 15As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

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 5:21-**

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

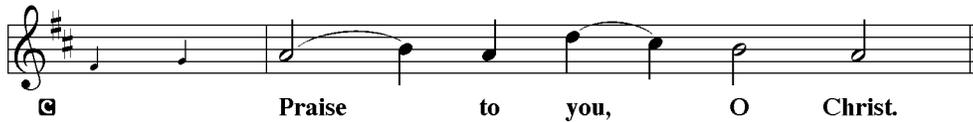
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Presiding Minister 21When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. 22Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet 23and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” 24So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. 25Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. 26She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. 27She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, 28for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” 29Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. 30Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” 31And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” 32He looked all around to see who had done it. 33But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. 34He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

35While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” 36But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” 37He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. 38When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. 39When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” 40And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. 41He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” 42And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. 43He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her

something to eat.



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.

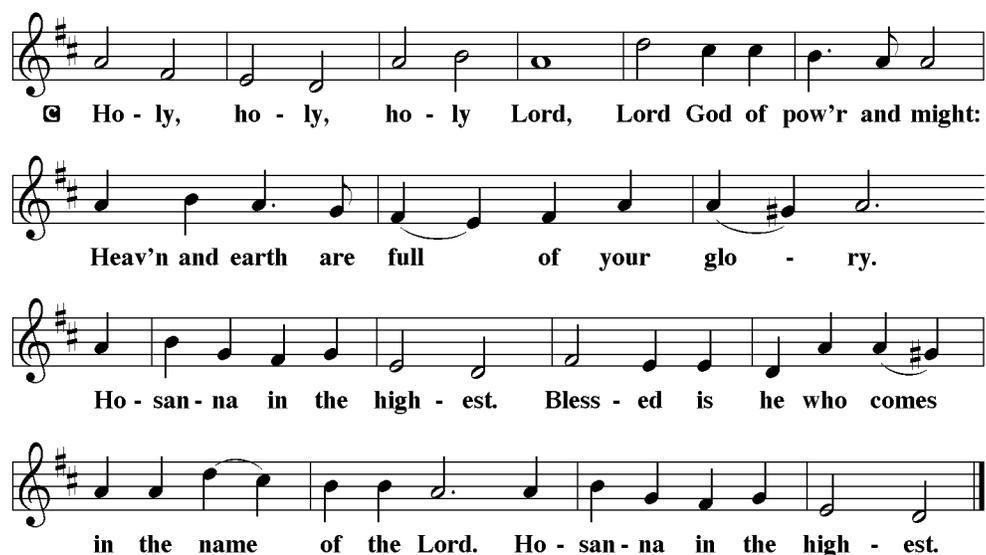
C And also with you.

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 musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: **P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you. **P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord. **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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**



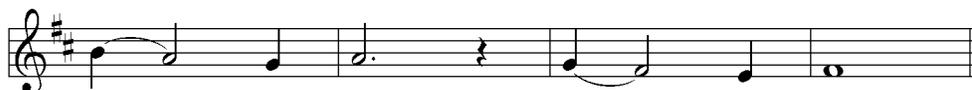
☐ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

**** The following is FYI and will not be printed in the final draft. I usually give some instruction and we commune as a group; something like, "Please be seated. Take you cup from the bag and peel back the first layer. If you have difficulty raise your hand so an usher may assist you." Once all have the wafer in hand, "The body of Christ given for you and for me (eat). Now please peel back the second layer. Again if**

you difficulty raise your hand so an usher may assist you.” One all have the cup, “The blood of Christ shed for you and for me (drink).”

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**

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain

**There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
there is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.**

**Sometimes I feel discouraged
and think my work's in vain,
but then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. *Refrain***

**Don't ever be discouraged,
for Jesus is your friend;
and if you lack for knowledge**

he'll ne'er refuse to lend. Refrain

Text: African American spiritual
Tune: BALM IN GILEAD irregular

***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 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 Becky Pryor

Cantor/Songleader Karen Mariano

Organist Sam Robinson

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 27

Matt Fortin - Captain: Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler

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

The Stewardship Report from 6/20/21 is not available at this time. It will be shared next Sunday, July 4, 2021.

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

+ In honor of the ninth wedding anniversary of Sarah and Elliot Jones by Sally Bjornstad

+ In honor of our Stephen Ministers by Kathy Eshelman

COMMEMORATIONS

Cyril, Bishop of Alexandria, died 444

Sunday, June 27, 2021

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

Monday, June 28, 2021

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

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

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.

Catherine Winkworth, died 1878; John Mason Neale, died 1866; hymn translators

Thursday, July 1, 2021

Neale was an English priest who specialized in the translation of Latin and Greek hymns into English. Winkworth lived in Manchester, England, and devoted herself to translating German hymns. Almost all English-speaking hymnals include many of their translations.

Thomas, Apostle

Saturday, July 3, 2021

Though frequently remembered as "doubting Thomas," this apostle also demonstrated a willingness to suffer and die with Jesus (John 11:16), and finally claimed the risen Christ as "my Lord and my God!" By tradition, he later worked as a missionary in India. Long commemorated on December 21, Thomas' celebration is moved to July 3 in agreement with ecumenical calendars.