

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
February 6, 2022
in the 169th year of the Parish
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Welcome to St. Mark's Lutheran Church!

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

This is Christ's Church. There is a place for you here.
We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.
Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions,
complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life
of the world.

Please note the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided revised guidelines with regard to mask wearing. Following these guidelines, and the specific recommendations of our bishop (Bishop Collins of the Upper Susquehanna Synod), Church Council strongly recommends that masks be worn, social distancing followed and to speak and sing in very low tones when worshipping at St. Mark's. Thank you!

A Guide to Hymnal Use:

LBW refers to our Green Hymnal

WOV refers to our Blue Hymnal

An Order for Holy Eucharist, Setting One, Lutheran Book of Worship
**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE *Prelude in C*

JS Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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 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.**

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 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty LBW, “Green”, 165**

***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.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, 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

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS:

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany continues to highlight unlikely instruments and circumstances appointed to reveal God's glory. "Who will go for us?" God asks. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. More surprising still, perhaps, is that we are also called.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Isaiah 61:1-13

1In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. 2Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. 3And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

4The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

6Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. 7The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” 8Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” 9And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

10Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,
so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,
and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

11Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,
and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

12until the LORD sends everyone far away,

and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

13Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,
like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 138

1I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with | my whole heart;
before the gods I will | sing your praise.

**2I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of
your steadfast | love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word a- | bove all things.

3When I called, you | answered me;
you increased my | strength within me.

**4All the rulers of the earth will praise | you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words | of your mouth.**

5They will sing of the ways | of the LORD,
that great is the glory | of the LORD.

**6The LORD is high, yet cares | for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty | from afar.**

7Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you | keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right | hand
shall save me.

8You will make good your pur- | pose for me;

**O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works | of your hands.**

THE SECOND LESSON.....1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through
which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I
proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4and that he was buried,
and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5and that

he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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. Al - le - lu - ia.

***THE GOSPEL.....Luke 5:1-11**

P The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P 1Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, 2he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. 4When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” 5Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” 6When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. 7So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. 8But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me,

*THE PEACE

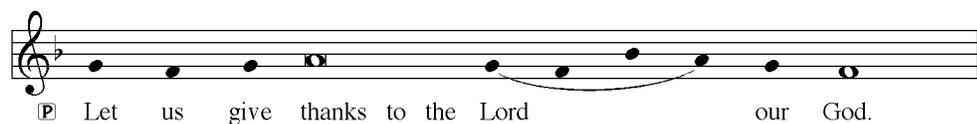
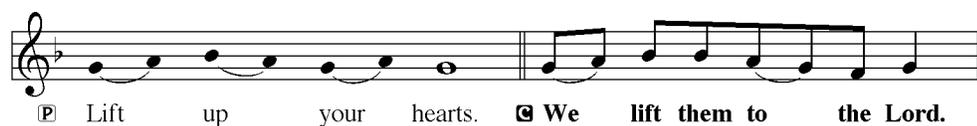
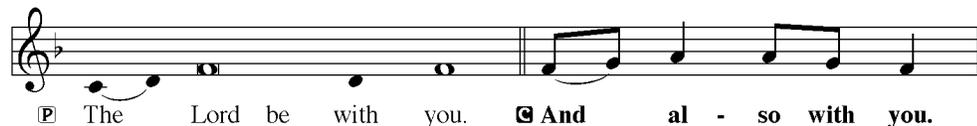
P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another

ANTHEM(10:30 A.M.) *In All These You Welcomed Me* William Bradley Roberts

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P 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. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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 as our Savior Christ has taught 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.

***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.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:

- *Communicants, masked and observing social distancing, are asked to come forward as directed by ushers by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread from Pastor Vasey.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

Please do not kneel at the rail. Kneeling at the rail will return at a time to be determined by pastor and Church Council.

P Come to the feast in the light of Christ!

C **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.

Send us to bring good news
and to proclaim your favor to all,
strengthened with the richness of your grace
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

***BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

***HYMN** **God of Grace and God of Glory** **LBW, “Green”, 415**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Puer Nobis Nascitur* JP Sweelinck

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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, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bernadette Jones, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, Lou DeSeau and Jeremy Splain.

WORSHIP LEADERS (2/06/2022)

Lector 8 a.m. Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Kathy Dancho

Communion Assistants

8 a.m. Drew Haussmann
10:30 a.m. Matt & Wanda Fortin

Organist Sam Robinson

USHERS:

8 a.m. Dick Miller/Herb Poff
10:30 a.m. Tim Maggs, Captain. Carl Hieber and Charlie Fortin.

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.

DO YOU ENJOY QUILTING?

St. Mark's would like to "resurrect" our Quilting Ministry! If you like to sew or quilt or are just interested contact Wanda Fortin at 570-584-6403 or wmariefort@gmail.com.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING: The Bengals? The Rams? What on earth do these names even mean? It means that the football season is drawing to a close and Super Bowl Sunday is quickly approaching.

Whether you are a fanatic football fan or are just in it for the snacks, "Souper Bowl Sunday" gives us a wonderful opportunity to also think about others in our community. "Souper Bowl Sunday" is February 13th this year ~ a week later than in years past.

Which is a good thing as it gives us an extra week to collect those cans of soup to help stock the United Churches Food Pantry. Our "Famous Football Tub" will be in the Narthex ready to accept cans of soup (or other non-perishable food) on Feb. 6th and Feb. 13th. If you prefer, monetary donations may also be made (checks should be earmarked for Souper Bowl of Caring). Monetary donations will be used to support the many ministries of Shepherd of the Streets.

Please pray this simple prayer that started the Souper Bowl of Caring 30+ years ago: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat."

Let's see what we can do together to help fight hunger here in Williamsport. Thank you!

THE AED (Automated External Defibrillator) and first aid kit are located in the hallway outside of the chapel.

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!

WE HAVE HAD AN EPIPHANY! Our signboard announced an Epiphany has happened! Indeed the light of Christ has come and in response to his light Council has approved two changes in the names of two of our Church Committees:

“Outreach” will now be called, “Evangelism and Fellowship”. Why the change? Evangelism and Fellowship more fully explains the rationale of the work of this committee. Every extension of hospitality, good and help we share with others is related to the Good News. Kiwanis, Rotary, Moose, etc., reach out to people in similar ways doing similar things but only the church does what it does as followers of Jesus. The name change keeps before us why this committee “does what it does”.

“Faith and Fellowship” will now be called, “Faith Formation”. Why the change? Faith Formation more fully explains the rationale of the work of this committee. Sunday School, Family Activities, Adult Education, and Confirmation all seek to inform our faith. Christian Education is not limited to one age-level in the church. We are to have a “life-long learning encounter with Christ.” The name change reminds us what scripture proclaims: “In following Jesus we are the students of the Master Teacher.”

Committee Chairpersons, Committee Members, Pastor Vasey and Members of Council are welcoming of these changes. Please keep these committees, and all ministries of the church before the Lord in prayer as we all strive to serve Christ in faith.

OUR STEWARDSHIP (1/30/2022)

Regular Offering	\$ 2,676.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Sunday School Offering	\$ 8.00
Synod Benevolence	\$ 25.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 210.00
World Hunger	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 50.00
Global Mission	\$ 50.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	\$ 100.00
Grand Total	\$ 3,174.00

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:
+ In celebration of our St. Mark's Family.

BULLETIN SPONSOR: Michael Ochs. "In loving memory of my mother,
Helen Grieb Ochs."

COMMEMORATIONS

Cyril, monk, died 869; Methodius, bishop, died 885; missionaries to the Slavs
Monday, February 14, 2022

These two brothers from Thessalonika, Greece, were monks and were sent to bring Christianity to the Slavic people. In the course of their work they created a written language, inventing the Cyrillic alphabet for it, and translated the Bible and the liturgy.