

**The Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 22, 2022**  
*in the 169<sup>th</sup> year of the Parish*  
**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**  
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**Rev. Brian D. Vasey, Pastor**



*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. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.*

**Our COVID-19 Guidelines:**

- **Hand sanitizer is available for your use.**
- **Face masks are optional.**
- **Offerings may be received by way of baskets as you enter or leave.**
- **Please continue to observe social distancing and our directives as to where to sit.**

**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 B-flat Major*      JS Bach

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

**P**      Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C**      Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

**P** In the waters of baptism,  
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,  
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water is poured into the font as the pastor continues.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life,  
flowing freely from your throne:  
through the earth,  
through the city,  
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;  
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.  
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,  
and our sin is drowned forever.  
You open the gate of righteousness  
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.  
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.  
You call us forth and send us out.  
In lush and barren places, you are with us.  
You have become our salvation.  
Now breathe upon this water  
and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.  
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.  
To you, our Beginning and our End,  
our Shepherd and Lamb,  
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,  
now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*HYMN** *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

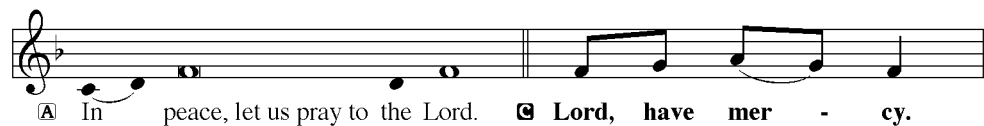
**WOV, "Blue", 671**

## \*THE GREETING

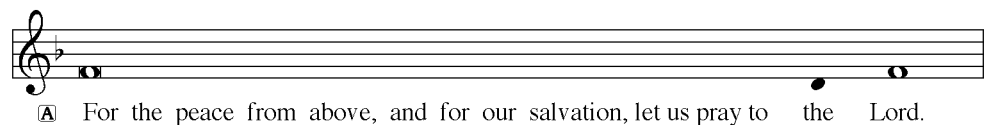
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## \*KYRIE



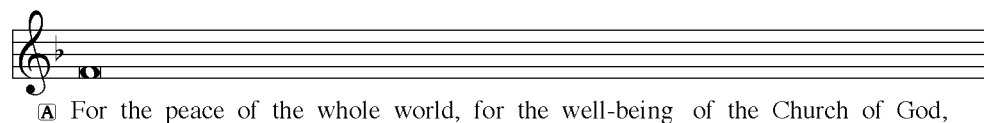
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



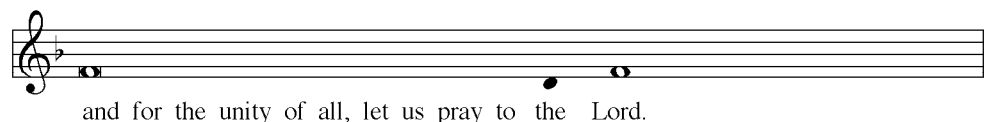
**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



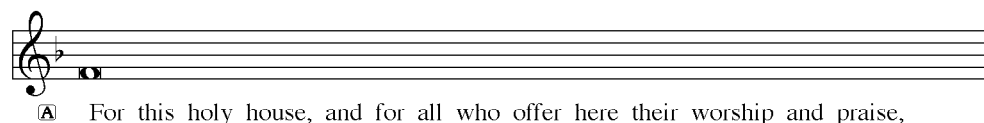
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



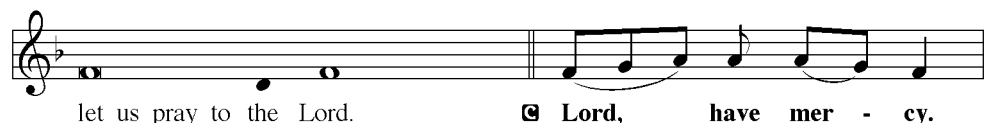
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



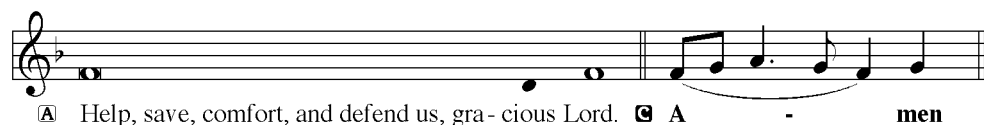
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

# \*THIS IS THE FEAST

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS**

*Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter. Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.*

**THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 16:9-15**

9During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." 10When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

11We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, 12and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. 13On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. 14A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. 15When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us. The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 67**

1May God be merciful to | us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.

2**Let your way be known | upon earth,**  
**your saving health a- | mong all nations.**

3Let the peoples praise | you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**4Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the na- | tions on  
earth.**

5Let the peoples | praise you, O God;  
let all the | peoples praise you.

**6The earth has brought | forth its increase;  
God, our own | God, has blessed us.**

7May God | give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

**THE SECOND LESSON.....Revelation 21:10, 22-27;22:4-5**

10And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

22I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. 23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. 24The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. 25Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. 26People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. 27But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

22:1Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; 4they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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.....John 14:23-29

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

23Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. 24Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

25“I have said these things to you while I am still with you. 26But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. 27Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. 28You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. 29And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

\*HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

WOV, “Blue”, 649

**\*THE NICENE CREED**

**P** Living together in trust and hope, let us affirm our faith.

**C** We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.



**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**\*THE PRAYERS**

*After each petition: God in your mercy/Receive 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, limiting physical touch and physical contact.*


**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



Ⓟ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.



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



Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



☩ 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, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels, and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san- na. Ho - san- na.  
 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 Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations and made for yourself a chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life. 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 which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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."

For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Join our prayers with those of your saints of every time and place, and unite them with ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

☞ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the  
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -  
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

**\*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:*

- *Observing social distancing communicants 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 at this time. Thank You!*

**P** The risen Christ dwells with us here.

All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

**C** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **COMMUNION**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God,  
for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth

where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,  
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

**C** **Amen.**

## **\*BLESSING**

**P** Almighty God, the God of resurrection and new life; Father, Son † and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**\*HYMN**            *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*            **WOV, “Blue”, 781**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P    Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C    **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
P    Go in peace. Tell what God has done.  
C    **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**        *Fugue in B-Flat Major*            JS Bach

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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, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Hausmann, Jeremy Splain, Kevin Rosini, Ryan Dancho, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, family of Marion Waldeisen, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe.

**WORSHIP LEADERS (5/22/2022)**

**Lector**            8 a.m.        Becky Pryor  
                         10:30 a.m. Karen Mariano

**Communion Assistants**

8 a.m.        Becky Pryor  
10:30 a.m. Carl and Audrey Albright

**Organist** Sam Robinson

**USHERS:**

8 a.m. Dick Miller/Herb Poff

10:30 a.m. Captain: Carl Albright, Brenda, Owen and Levi Gair

**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 Kathy Dancho at 570-435-2716 or dancho2@verizon.net.

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

**CRISIS IN UKRAINE.** Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companion churches in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. Your gifts will support Ukrainians and others. Rest assured that gifts to Eastern Europe Crisis Response will be used in full (100%) to assist those affected by the crisis in Ukraine and neighboring countries. Should you wish to contribute please make checks payable to St. Mark's and note, "Ukraine" on the memo line. Thank you for your gifts and prayers for the people of Ukraine.

**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!

**FAMILY PROMISE.** Family Promise is up and running again with families staying at the Center. St. Mark's is scheduled for July 10-16, Oct. 16-22 and Dec. 11-17. Our commitment at this point would be providing evening meals. I will be getting in touch with our "cooks" later this month. Thank you! Deb Buckman.

**OUR STEWARDSHIP (5/15/2022)**

**Grand Total** \$3008.00



**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:

+In Honor of Joyce of Hershberger's birthday, by Mike, Pam and Sean Jensen

+In Honor of Harper Owen Jones' 6<sup>th</sup> Birthday, by Sally Bjornstad



## **DEADLINE**

The deadline for the June "Lion" is May 24. Please have any items wishing to be included in the newsletter to Joe Baur by May 24. You can e-mail them to me at [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or drop them off at my office. Thanks.

## **BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND**

A bus trip to see the show **David** at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, September 14, the 11:00 a.m. show. While the bus will be pulling out around 6:00 AM, the early start will certainly be well worth it! Bus fare, show ticket, and dinner are all included in the price (roughly \$130-\$150 depending on number attending). If interested, please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.

## **ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Vicar Mindelle Bartholomew, Vicar of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Shamokin Dam and Chaplain-elect of Lycoming Chapter, DAR will be preaching and leading worship at the Annual Memorial Service at Old Immanuel Lutheran Church, Lime Bluff Road, Muncy, on Sunday, June 26, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. Brian Hess, organist and choir director at Messiah Lutheran Church, Clarkstown, will accompany the service.



## **BULLETIN SPONSOR**

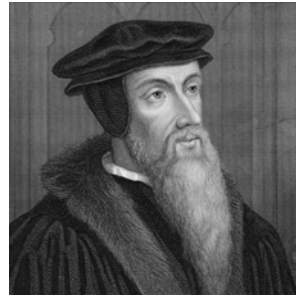
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## COMMEMORATIONS



Nicolaus Copernicus

Leonhard Euler



John Calvin

### **Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783; scientists**

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God's universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

### **John Calvin, renewer of the church, died 1564**

Gifted both as a systematic theologian and as an interpreter of scriptures, Calvin embraced the Reformation, and as a preacher in Geneva, Switzerland, brought a theocratic government to it. He is regarded as the “Father of the Reformed Churches” (Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, and some Baptist judicatories).

