

The Day of Pentecost June 5, 2022

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9:30 AM

A Public Affirmation of Baptism

in the 169th year of the Parish

St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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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. 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 Two, Lutheran Book of Worship

**Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

Air in D

JS Bach

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY

*A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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 is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The congregation may kneel.

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, has had mercy upon us and has given his only 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 **God Is Here!**

WOV, "Blue", 719

*THE GREETING

P Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is poured forth upon all the earth!

C **Alleluia!**

*KYRIE



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



A For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



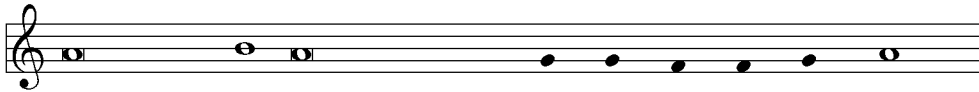
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



B Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



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



A Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **B** A - men

*THIS IS THE FEAST



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



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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



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



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and 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, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. 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. God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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

On Pentecost, we celebrate that we have been given an Advocate to accompany us. Poured out in wind and fire, water, wine, and bread, the Holy Spirit abides in and among us. We give thanks that God speaks to each of us, no matter our origins, language, or life path.

THE FIRST LESSON.....Acts 2:1-21

1When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

“Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

17‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

18Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

19And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

20The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:24-34, 35b

24How manifold are your | works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.

**25Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number,
living things both | small and great.**

26There go the ships | to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.

**27All of them | look to you
to give them their food | in due season.**

28You give it to them; they | gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.

**29When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.**

30You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
and so you renew the face | of the earth.

**31May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in | all your works.**

32 You look at the earth | and it trembles;
 you touch the mountains | and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the LORD as long | as I live;
 I will praise my God while I | have my being.**

34 May these words of | mine please God.
 I will rejoice | in the LORD.

**35b Bless the LORD, | O my soul.
 Hal- | lelujah!**

THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 8:14-17

14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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 GOSPEL.....John 14:8-17**

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

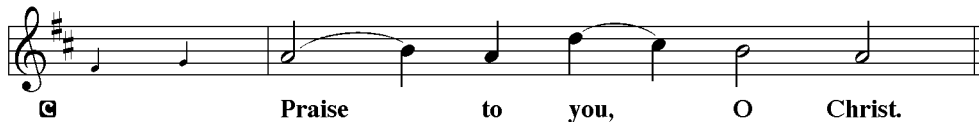
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

8 Philip said to [Jesus,] “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know

me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. 12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

15‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

P The gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

***HYMN Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove LBW, “Green”, 475**

***PUBLIC AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM (Confirmation)**

The confirmands, their families, President of the Church Council join the pastor at the chancel.

President of Council These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

The President reads the names of the confirmands.

Pastor Beloved in Christ: In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, you have learned from God's Word God's loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at our Lord's Table and called to witness to the Gospel of of Jesus Christ. Now, therefore, I ask you to join with as many as here present and profess your faith in Christ Jesus, the faith in which we baptize.

The congregation stands and all say the Apostles' Creed:

**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.**

The congregation is seated. The confirmands remain standing.

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with in Holy Baptism:

to live among God's people,
 to hear God's Word and share at the Lord's Table,
 to proclaim the good news of God in Christ in word and deed,
 to serve all people, following the example of Christ,
 and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands I do, and ask God to help and guide me.

P Let us pray. Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you make us your own. Continue to strengthen these young persons in Christ through the Holy Spirit. Increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, the spirit in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Each confirmand kneels. The pastor and parents lay their hands on the head of each person.

P Father in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*NAME*) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his faith, guide his life, empower him in his serving, give him patience in his suffering, and bring him to everlasting life.

After each confirmation the congregation answers, Amen.

P Let us greet our brothers in Christ!

*THE PRAYERS

After each petition: Lord, in your mercy/Receive our prayer.

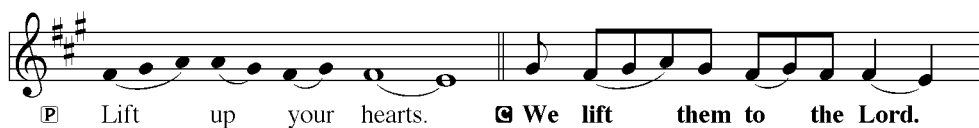
*THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

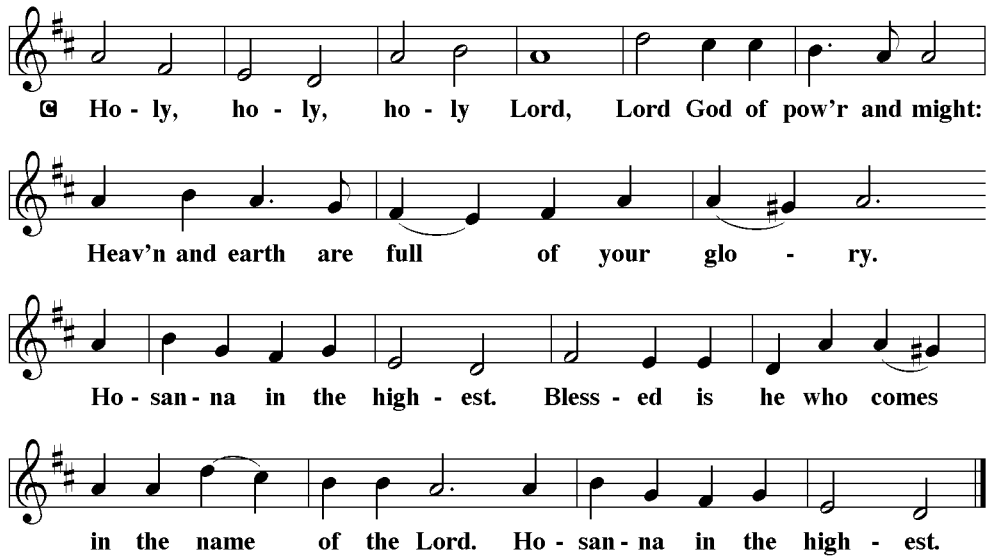
C **And also with you.**

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



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 rose beyond the bounds of death and on this day as he promised, poured out your Spirit of life and power upon all the earth. 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 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.”

Send now we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen.

*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, 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 In the comfort, tranquility, and power of the Holy Spirit, come and dine with and in our risen Lord.

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. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

***BLESSING**

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

C Amen.

***HYMN Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness WOV, “Blue”, 684**

***DISMISSAL**

P Go forth in the strength of the Spirit to tell the good news!

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Quest of the Holy Spirit David Paxton

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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 Haussmann, Jeremy Splain, Ryan Dancho, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, the victims and families of the Robb Elementary School shootings.

WORSHIP LEADERS (6/5/2022) (Summer Schedule 9:30 a.m. only)

Lector	Becky Pryor
Communion Assistants	Walt Doebler and Gary Weber
Organist	Sam Robinson

USHERS: Captain: Mike Jensen, Gary Weber, Sean Jensen, Shelby Weber



CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS TODAY, JUNE 5, 2022.

Today St. Mark's confirms three youth: Levi Gair, Hudson Ott and Nolan Ott. Following worship today, please join us for some refreshments and conversation as we celebrate this milestone in their lives.

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.

STEWARDSHIP

OUR STEWARDSHIP (5/29/2022)

Regular Offering	2,686.00
Plate Offerings	35.00
Miscellaneous	295.00
Global Mission	5.00
Sunday School Offering	33.00
Shepherd of the Street	30.00
Operation Christmas Child	25.00
Disaster Relief	100.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	60.00
Memorials	1,125.00
Synod Benevolence	5.00
July 4 th Celebration	45.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	40.00
Grand Total	4,484.00



ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:

- +In Loving memory 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 on their June anniversaries by Walt and Leah Haussmann



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.

NEWSLETTER REMINDER

This month the deadline for the newsletter is June 20. Joe Baur is grateful for your understanding and submitting your contributions by the deadline. Remember anyone can contribute articles for the newsletter. Please send any corrections on birthdays, anniversaries, updated addresses or updates phone numbers to Joe.



July Fourth Celebration

There are only FOUR Sundays until the big day. How can you help? Check out the June Lion for details. Sign-up sheets for assisting July Fourth will be available in the Narthex next week.

This event relies on donations to host the hundreds of people from the community who attend. Donations from local businesses are minimal or no longer exist. Please consider donating any of the following items or by making a monetary donation.

- Bags of individually wrapped candy (Smarties, Tootsie Rolls, Blow Pops, Suckers.)
- Fruit Snacks
- Bags of popping corn
- Bags of assorted chips and pretzels
- Bottled water in 8 oz. and 16 oz. sizes
- Trinkets / Kiddie prizes

Money to purchase hot dogs, buns, paper products, popcorn oil and other supplies not donated

Donated items can be placed in the tub in the Narthex. Checks can be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line designating July Fourth. Thank you for any help you can give. Speak to a member of the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee for additional information.



Boniface



Seattle

COMMEMORATIONS

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754

Sunday, June 5, 2022

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.

Seattle, chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, died 1866

Tuesday, June 7, 2022

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



Aidan



Bede

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

Thursday, June 9, 2022

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

Saturday, June 11, 2022

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.

