

**The First Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Festival of the Holy Trinity*

**June 12, 2022**

**9:30 A.M.**

*in the 169<sup>th</sup> 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** Introduction - Choral, *Suite Gothique*, Op. 25  
Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCING THE DAY

### \*A BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FOGIVENESS

*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 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 **Holy God, We Praise Your Name**

**LBW, "Green", 535**

### \*THE GREETING

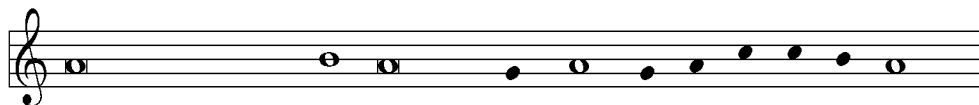
P The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

# \*KYRIE



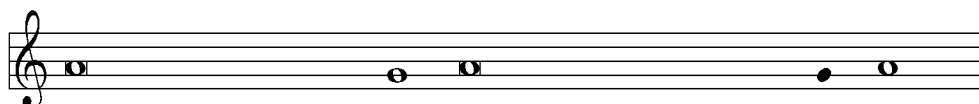
**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



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



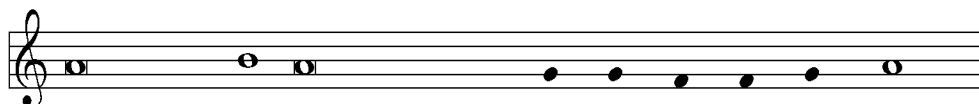
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty 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 wor - ship and praise,



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



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

## \*GLORY TO GOD



☐ Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



☑ 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. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

*“O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God’s love and hope to our neighbors.*

### THE FIRST LESSON.....Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

1Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?  
2On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;  
3beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:  
4“To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.  
22The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.  
23Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.  
24When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.  
25Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—  
26when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.  
27When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,  
28when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,  
29when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
30then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
31rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

The word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 8**

1O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!—  
**2you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of in- | fants  
and children;**  
**you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe | and  
avenger.**  
3When I consider your heavens, the work | of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set | in their courses,  
**4what are mere mortals that you should be mind- | ful of them,  
human beings that you should | care for them?**  
5Yet you have made them little less | than divine;  
with glory and hon- | or you crown them.  
**6You have made them rule over the works | of your hands;  
you have put all things un- | der their feet:**  
7all | flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts | of the field,  
**8the birds of the air, the fish | of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths | of the sea.**  
9O | LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth!

**THE SECOND LESSON.....Romans 5:1-5**

1Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

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 16:12-15

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] 12“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

\*HYMN Holy, Holy, Holy

LBW, “Green”, 165

## RECOGNIZING OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

*The Chairperson of Faith Formation joins the pastor at the chancel rail.*

Faith Formation Chair We are delighted to recognize high school graduates of St. Mark's today.

*As the names of the graduates are read, they are asked to please come forward.*

P Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare to begin new

endeavors, be mindful of your grounding in the 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 things. We give you thanks for the milestones these graduates have attained. As they begin new phases of their lives, may they know your love and experience your peace in all they encounter. Be with and continue to bless all those who have nourished them in their journey. Give strength in your abiding and continuing presence and grant to all the expectations of joyful reunions; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

*A gift is presented to each graduate.*

**P** The Lord be with you as you go to serve God and neighbor.

**C Amen.**

*Congratulations are shared with each graduate as they return to their pew.*

### **\*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 of Grace/Receive our prayer.*

### **\*THE PEACE**

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

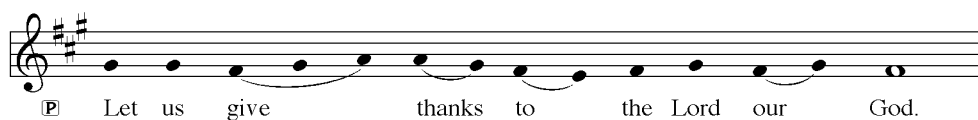
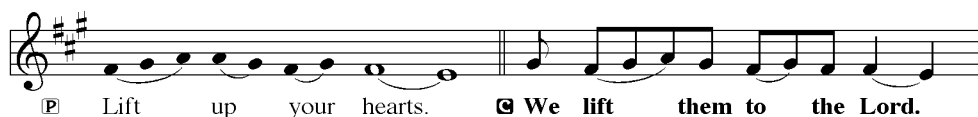
**C** And also with you.

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

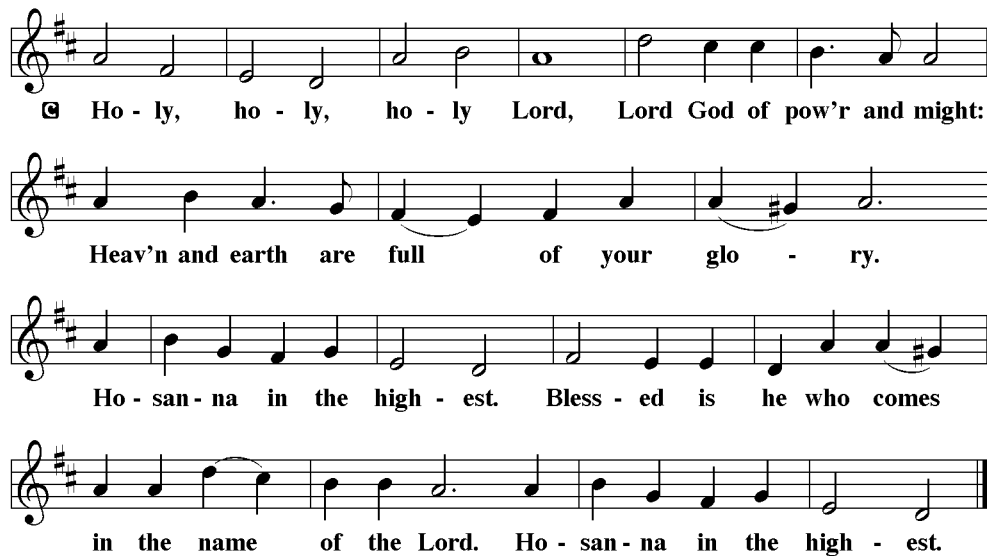
**ANTHEM**      *Here I Am Lord*      D. Schutte

Soloist: Ray Huff

### **\*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, almighty and ever-living God. You have revealed your glory as that of Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Three persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet One Lord, One God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. 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 eternal Godhead, and receive our inheritance with all you 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 Christ's presence there is fullness of joy! Come to the banquet!

C **Thanks be to God!**

**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. Life-giving God,  
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds  
and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,  
both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

P The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

C **Amen.**

**\*HYMN      Creating God, Your Fingers Trace      WOV, "Blue", 757**

**\*DISMISSAL**

P Go forth in the blessing and love of our triune God.

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

**POSTLUDE      Menuet Gothique, Suite Gothique, Op. 25**  
**Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)**

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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 and the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe,

**WORSHIP LEADERS (6/12/2022)**

<b>Lector</b>	Ralph Zeigler
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
<b>Organist</b>	Sam Robinson

**USHERS:** Captain Matt Fortin, Glenn Yapple, Bud Doebler

**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.**



**CONGRATULATIONS  
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!**

Elizabeth Haussmann, Amalie Robertson, Ashton Ott and Jonah Schreckengast Following worship today, please join us for some refreshments and conversation as we celebrate this milestone in their lives.

**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 (6/05/2022)**

Regular Offering	4,545.00
Plate Offering	15.00
World Hunger	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	30.00
Memorials	25.00
Synod Benevolence	90.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4,715.00</b>



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

+In honor of our children, Derek, Paige and Brandon by Matt and Wanda Fortin

+In loving memory of our Mothers, Doris Fortin and Lois Johns by Charlie and Judy Fortin and family

+In honor of our graduates, Elizabeth Haussmann, Amalie Robertson, Ashton Ott and Jonah Schreckengast by Drew and Vicki 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 July 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 updated phone numbers to Joe. I can be reached at [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or at the office.



**JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION**

Only three weeks remain until the return of our annual July Fourth Celebration. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee needs donations of snacks, monetary donations and volunteers to set-up outdoors, help during the event and clean up in time for the fireworks. Please check the June "Lion" for needed items and the poster in the Narthex for working the event.

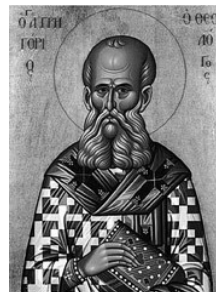
## COMMEMORATIONS



Basil the Great



Gregory of Nyssa



Gregory of Nazianzus



Macrina

**Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379**

*Tuesday, June 14, 2022*

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.

### **Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

*Friday, June 17, 2022*

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

