

**The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 10, 2022**

*in the 169<sup>h</sup> Year of the Parish*

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

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*Welcome to Saint 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.*



**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.**

*An Order for Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m., Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two, (LBW, “Green Book”)*

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**PRELUDE**      *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* with Michael Fisher, Violin

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY**

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

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. 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** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given 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 unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the  $\dagger$  Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**\*HYMN Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace LBW, "Green", 419**

**\*THE 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.

**\*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**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. O Lord God, your mercy delights us, and the world longs for your loving care. Hear the cries of everyone in need, and turn our hearts to love our neighbors with the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS**

*To love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind is to reflect God's mercy in responding to one's neighbor. That mercy found its most profound expression in the "gospel that has come to you"—namely the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. That gospel mercy comes to us again today: at the font, at the table, and from the pulpit. It is very near to you.*

**THE FIRST LESSON.....Deuteronomy 30:9-14**

9The LORD your God will make you abundantly prosperous in all your undertakings, in the fruit of your body, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your soil. For the LORD will again take delight in prospering you, just as he delighted in prospering your ancestors, 10when you obey the LORD your God by observing his commandments and decrees that are written in this book of the law, because you turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

11Surely, this commandment that I am commanding you today is not too hard for you, nor is it too far away. 12It is not in heaven, that you should say, "Who will go up to heaven for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 13Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, "Who will cross to the other side of the sea for us, and get it for us so that we may hear it and observe it?" 14No, the word is very near to you; it is in your mouth and in your heart for you to observe.

The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 25:1-10**

1To | you, O LORD,  
I lift | up my soul.

**2My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be | put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph | over me.**

3Let none who look to you be | put to shame;  
rather let those be put to shame | who are treacherous.

**4Show me your | ways, O LORD,  
and teach | me your paths.**

5Lead me in your | truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.

**6Remember, O LORD, your compas- | sion and love,  
for they are from | everlasting.**

7Remember not the sins of my youth and | my transgressions;  
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your good-  
| ness, O LORD.

**8You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;  
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.**

9You lead the low- | ly in justice  
and teach the low- | ly your way.

**10All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness  
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.**

**THE SECOND LESSON.....Colossians 1:1-14**

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

2To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

3In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 4for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, 5because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel 6that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. 7This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, 8and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

9For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, 10so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. 11May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully 12giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. 13He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, 14in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The word of the Lord.

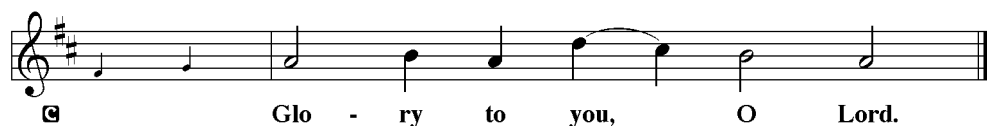
**C Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 10:25-37**

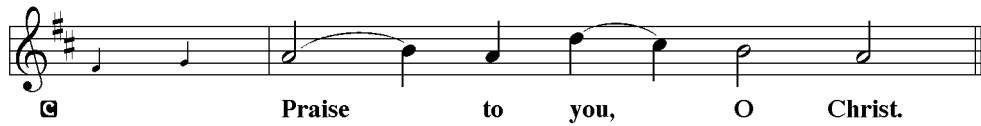
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.



25Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” 26He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” 27He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” 28And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

29But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” 30Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. 31Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. 33But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. 34He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ 36Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell

into the hands of the robbers?” 37He said, “The one who showed him mercy.”  
Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”  
The Gospel of the Lord.



## THE SERMON

**\*HYMN** “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love **WOV, “Blue”, 765**

### **\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** 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, “God of Grace/Hear 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 contact with one another.*

## ANTHEM      **How Great Thou Art** with Michael Fisher, violin


## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.



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



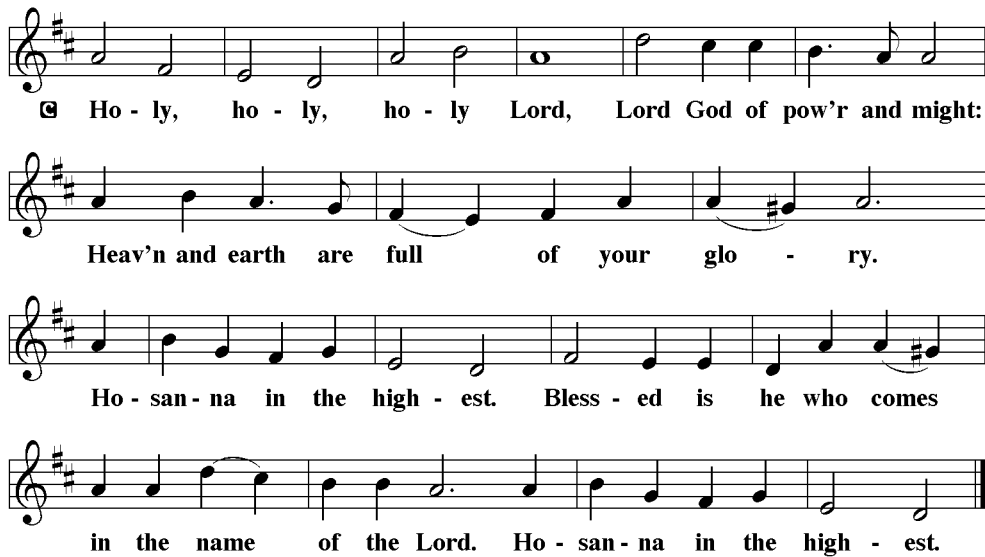
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**C** 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, 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 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 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 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

**\*LAMB OF GOD**



**C** 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:*

- *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** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy! Come to the banquet!

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **THE COMMUNION**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P The body and blood of Lord and Savior 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.**

#### **\*THE BLESSING**

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

C **Amen.**

**\*HYMN “Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service” LBW, “Green”, 423**

#### **\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace, love your neighbor.

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

**POSTLUDE** *Isreal*

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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, Community of Highland Park, Illinois, the family of Doris Brown.

**WORSHIP LEADERS (7/10/22)**

**Lector** Ruth Rees

**Communion Assistants** Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel

**Organist** Sam Robinson

**Guest Organist**

We welcome our guest organist today, Kristen Fisher, and violinist Michael Fisher and thank them for sharing their talents with us.

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



**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!

## OUR STEWARDSHIP 7/3/22)

Regular Offering	6,501.00
Plate Offerings	43.00
Initial Offering	5.00
Miscellaneous	75.00
Operation Christmas Child	30.00
Disaster Relief	45.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	30.00
Synod Benevolence	75.00
July 4 <sup>th</sup> Celebration	85.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	115.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>7,004.00</b>

## FOURTH OF JULY COLLECTION

Food Pantry	142.81
Shepherd of the Street	143.80
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>287.61</b>



**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:  
+In Loving Memory of Bill and Prudy Poff by Herb Poff and Candy Dewar  
+In Loving Memory of Mary Ditchfield by her husband Michael Ditchfield  
+In Loving Memory of Flight 800 and their families by Ray and Cindy Huff



## PASTOR VACATION

Rev. Brian Vasey will be on vacation from July 14 through July 23. The Rev. Ron Montgomery will be on call during this time. His contact information is 570-584-3490 or 570-584-4465. On Sunday, July 17, Ray Huff, Synod Authorized Lay Worship Leader, will preach and preside at St. Mark's.

## BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND



Master Poet. Fearless Warrior. Anointed King. From still waters to shadowed valleys, David's ascent to the throne is filled with towering giants, wild animals, and Philistine soldiers.

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 AM 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. **Deadline for Reservations is July 29. Please contact Cheryl to reserve how many spots are needed. This information is important to finalize the cost per person for the trip.**



## Hannah Haussmann on Camp Mount Luther Staff

Camp Mount Luther is pleased to announce that Hannah Haussmann is part of our summer ministry team this year. We invite members of St. Mark's to keep our ministry in your prayers, especially the work of Hannah. You can send mail to Hannah Haussmann at Camp Mount Luther, 355 Mt. Luther Lane, Mifflinburg, PA 17844 until August 6.

Each year Camp Mount Luther calls about 20 high school and college-aged young adults to serve on our summer staff. They are trained to deliver the camp program. Members of this team need not be Lutheran in faith, but must possess a personal commitment to Jesus Christ, a desire to work in the outdoors and a sound sense of responsibility.

Camp Mount Luther, located five miles west of Mifflinburg, just off Route 45, runs year-round outdoor ministry programming, including an eight-week summer camp. The camp is affiliated with the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The camp serves children, youth and young adults in the Central Pennsylvania area. For more information on any of Camp Mount Luther's programs call the camp at (570) 922-1587 or visit [www.campmountluther.org](http://www.campmountluther.org).

*Thank  
You*

## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who made the return of the July 4<sup>th</sup> picnic such a wonderful success. Without everyone's giving of their time and talents, this event would not be possible.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Community Blood Drive at St. Mark's	Friday, July 8, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lycoming County Fair	July 13-23
Pastor's Vacation	July 14-24
Ray Huff Preaching	Sunday, July 17
Church in the Courtyard and Picnic	Sunday, July 24
Special Congregational Assembly	Sunday, July 24 after service
Koffee Klatch with Pastor Seyenkulo	Wednesday, July 27 at 10:30 a.m.
Blessings of the Backpacks	Sunday, August 21



The next hosting of Family Promise is Sunday, July 10 through Saturday, July 16. At this point St. Mark's is only responsible for providing food for breakfast, lunch and dinners. The evening cooks need to provide meals for four families at this point, 6 adults and 7 children. This of course may change as families leave and enter the program. If you would like to help provide an evening meal, please contact me, Deb Buckman at 570-323-1707 or [dabuckman@gmail.com](mailto:dabuckman@gmail.com). Donations of cash would help offset the cost of providing the food for breakfast and lunches. This cost goes up over the summer since the children are not in school. Make checks payable to St. Mark's with Family Promise food in the memo line. Thanks to all who help with helping strangers who for one reason or the other find themselves homeless.

## COMMEMORATIONS



**Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540**  
*Monday, July 11, 2022*

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit, and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.



**Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931**  
*Tuesday, July 12, 2022*

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles, and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.