

**The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 14, 2024**

**St. Mark's Lutheran Church**

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*Welcome to Saint Mark's!*

*This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we seek,  
"To know Christ and to make Christ known."*



**An Order for Holy Communion 9:30 am**  
*(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting Two)*

**Please Note:**

**Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave. All hymns are printed in back of bulletin.**

**Bold print indicates Congregation.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.*

In the name of the Father and of the Son, †  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, we confess our sin.

*Kneel/stand. Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our provider,

**help us.**

**It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from our ways.**

**We turn to our own understanding  
rather than trusting in you.**

**We take offense at your teachings and your love.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Share with us the words of eternal life  
and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, † the bread of life,

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**O Holy Spirit, Enter In**

**(LBW, “Green”, 459)**

**\*THE GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE**



Ⓐ 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

**\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**THE FIRST READING.....Amos 7:7-15**

7 This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. 8 And the LORD said to me, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A plumb line.” Then the Lord said,

“See, I am setting a plumb line  
in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;

9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.”

10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, “Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos has said,

‘Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.’ ”

12 And Amaziah said to Amos, “O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; 13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.”

14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, “I am no prophet, nor a prophet’s son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, 15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 85:8-13**

8 I will listen to what the LORD | God is saying;

for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn  
their | hearts to you.

**9 Truly, your salvation is very near to | those who fear you,  
that your glory may dwell | in our land.**

10 Steadfast love and faithfulness have | met together;  
righteousness and peace have | kissed each other.

**11 Faithfulness shall spring up | from the earth,  
and righteousness shall look | down from heaven.**

12 The LORD will indeed | grant prosperity,  
and our land will | yield its increase.

**13 Righteousness shall go be- | fore the LORD  
and shall prepare for | God a pathway.**

### **THE SECOND READING.....Ephesians 1:3-14**

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. 5 He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely

bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup> that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup> he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup> as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup> In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup> so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup> this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*THE 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.....Mark 6:14-29**

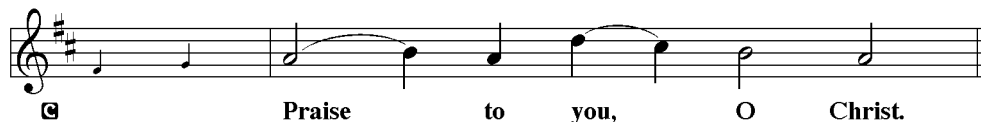
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>14</sup> King Herod heard of [the disciples’ preaching,] for Jesus’ name had become known. Some were saying, “John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him.” <sup>15</sup> But others said, “It is Elijah.” And others said, “It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.” <sup>16</sup> But when Herod heard of it, he said, “John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.”

17 For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. 18 For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." 19 And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, 20 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. 21 But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. 22 When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." 24 She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." 25 Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." 26 The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. 27 Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, 28 brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. 29 When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The gospel of the Lord.



## THE SERMON

**\*HYMN      Let Justice Flow Like Streams      (WOV, "Blue", 763)**

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

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “Lord, in your mercy/Receive our prayer”.*

**\*THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.


**And also with you.**

*All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.*


**\*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.



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In your great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 who on the cross opened his arms to all,  
 and by his resurrection brought eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread,  
 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.”

Remembering, therefore,  
his death, resurrection and ascension  
we await his coming in glory.  
Pour out upon us  
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills  
of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood  
of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom with you  
and the Holy Spirit  
be all honor and glory,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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



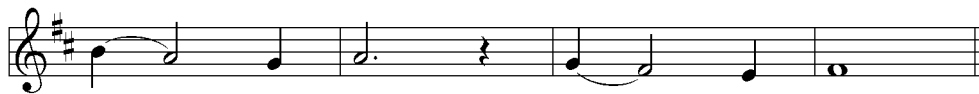
☞ Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all! Come! **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.*

*Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.*

## \*AFTER COMMUNION

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

**Amen.**

## \*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Jesus, Bread of life,  
we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.  
As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.  
In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

The blessing of God, Father, Son, † and Holy Spirit,  
who provides for us, feeds us and journeys with us  
be upon you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN           What God Ordains is Good Indeed**

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**THE POSTLUDE**

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***PRAYER LIST***



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## OUR STEWARDSHIP July 7, 2024



Regular Offering	\$5,001.50
Initial Offering	50.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	190.00
Global Mission	50.00
Shepard of the Street	140.00
Parish Life	50.00
Operation Christmas Child	50.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flower Memorials / Tributes	140.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,241.50</b>

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, July 14, 2024 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 Flight 800 and their families by Ray and Cindy Huff



## WORSHIP LEADERS July 14, 2024

Lector	9:30AM	Vicki Haussmann
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Dan Zeigler and Drew Haussmann
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	9:30AM	Mike Jensen, captain Pam Jensen, Shelby and Gary Weber
Altar Guild	JULY	Connie Shaible, Sally Bjornstad and Sarah Young

## Upcoming Evangelism and Fellowship Events

Monday, July 22, 2024: Prepare and serve a light supper for the children attending VBS at St. John's-Newberry VBS.

Friday, August 2, 2024: Red Cross blood Drive in Fellowship Hall from 11:00 - 3:00 with set-up beginning at 9:30.

Saturday, August 10, 2024: This committee will serve it's third Habitat for Humanity luncheon to volunteers working on the Faith Build on Scott Street in Williamsport.

We could use some help with all of these events. If one or more of them interest you, speak with Becky Miller Pryor.

## Blessing Box Needs



With the hot temperatures of summer, it is difficult to provide our usual meat and cheese sandwiches. The Parish Life and Evangelism and Fellowship Committees are asking for two specific donations. They are **Star-Kist Tuna Creations: Deli**

**Style Tuna Salad** and **Star-Kist Chicken Creations: Chicken Salad**. These items do not need refrigeration and resist spoiling due to extreme temperatures. A container is available in the Narthex for these specific items.

**P.S.: We will be collecting these packets throughout the summer.**

## Cereal Sunday Success



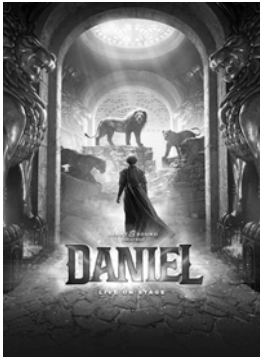
Our next Cereal Sunday is July 14, 2024. **Can we beat June's collection of 52 boxes of cereal?**

## Summer Hospitality!



The summer months are once again upon us and with them come long, lazy days, swimming, camping, smores, suntans, and all sorts of fun, summery things. At St. Mark's, summer also means a single service beginning at 9:30 AM.

We look forward to sharing hospitality with each other after the 9:30 service, and ask that you please consider signing up to share a few treats ~ nothing fancy is required! Perhaps find a friend to help make the load just a bit lighter. Sign-up sheets may be found in the "Hospitality Binder" on the "Hospitality Table" in the Narthex. We look forward to spending a little time together on these Summer Sunday mornings. Thank you for helping!



## The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.



Please join us on Sunday, July 21st following our worship service, for a church picnic held in Fellowship Hall. This is the best of both worlds as picnic food will be coupled with a bug-free, dry, cool environment! Hotdogs, beverages, and chips will be provided ~ as well as all plates and utensils. **Please**

**bring a dish to share as you are able.**

If you need a ride or if you have questions, please be in touch with Vicki Haussmann at (570) 447-3263.

We look forward to sharing time with you on July 21<sup>st</sup>.

## Lutheran World Relief



**LUTHERAN  
WORLD RELIEF**

It is that time - Lutheran World Relief kits. Directions for the four different types of kits are in the narthex, please feel free to take them. Kits are due the end of September but the bins will be

available beginning 7/21. The goal is 70 school kits, 10 fabric kits (watch for JoAnn's fabrics coupons), 10 personal care kits, and 10 baby kits (yard sales are a great place to find gently used items). The following will be provided - school bags, cloth diapers and diaper pins. These will be available beginning 7/21. If you have questions, please contact me at [dabuckman65@gmail.com](mailto:dabuckman65@gmail.com) or 570-323-1707.

Thanks for your generosity. These kits can mean the world to a child, mother or family.



St. Mark's is hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 2 from 10:30-3:00. Please sign up to donate much needed blood by contacting Karen Mariano at 570-971-4037, scanning the code below, or visiting [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).



Scan to schedule  
an appointment.





Monday, July 15, -  
 Sunday, July 21, 2024

Monday, July 15	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Tuesday, July 16	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Wednesday, July 17	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Thursday, July 18	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Friday, July 19	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Saturday, July 20	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Sunday, July 21	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>9:30AM</b>

## BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Hausmann	July 15	Brenda Bower	July 18
	Pamela Jensen	July 21	

## ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the “This Week at Our Church”, please email [jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org)



When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email ([bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org)). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or [stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.

# COMMEMORATIONS

## **Bartolomé de Las Casas, missionary to the Indies, died 1566**



*Wednesday, July 17, 2024*

A native of Spain, Las Casas first came to the Western hemisphere while serving in the military. Upon arriving in the West, Las Casas was granted a large estate with Indigenous enslaved people whom he freed after he was ordained a pastor. He worked in the Caribbean and Central America to

improve the lives of the native peoples.

## O Holy Spirit, Enter In



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in, and in our hearts your  
 2 Left to our - selves, we sure - ly stray; oh, lead us on the  
 3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your good Word in



work be - gin, and make our hearts your dwell - ing. Sun of the soul,  
 nar - row way, with wis - est coun - sel guide us; and give us stead -  
 doubt and strife be in us strong - ly burn - ing, that we be faith -



O Light di - vine, a - round and in us bright - ly shine, your strength  
 fast - ness, that we may fol - low you for - ev - er free, no mat -  
 ful un - to death and live in love and ho - ly faith, from you



in us up - well - ing. In your ra - diance life from heav - en now is  
 ter who de - rides us. Gent - ly heal those hearts now bro - ken; give some  
 true wis - dom learn - ing. Lord, your mer - cy on us show - er; by your



giv - en o - ver - flow - ing, gift of gifts be - yond all know - ing.  
 to - ken you are near us, whom we trust to light and cheer us.  
 pow - er Christ con - fess - ing, we will cher - ish all your bless - ing.

## Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,  
 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.  
 an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.  
 and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

## What God Ordains Is Good Indeed



- 1 What God or - dains is good in - deed, for all life well pro - vid - ing.
- 2 What God or - dains is good in - deed: my light, my life, my Sav - ior!
- 3 What God or - dains is good in - deed. When hope seems like de - lu - sion,
- 4 What God or - dains is good in - deed. My Lord will nev - er fail me



The will of God is best for me, the ground of my con - fid - ing.  
No ill can get the best of me; God's care will nev - er wa - ver.  
I taste the bit - ter cup and plead, "Lord, quench my fear, con - fu - sion."  
on dan - ger's path, in deep - est need, when death in grief shall veil me.



My faith - ful God, on ev - 'ry road you know the way un -  
Through joy and pain I shall at - tain the dawn dis - clos - ing  
God ends the night, re - stores de - light; by faith I face to -  
My God so dear will draw me near, in lov - ing arms will



fold - ing and my hand you are hold - ing.  
clear - ly that God has loved me dear - ly.  
mor - row and yield to God all sor - row.  
hold me, at last in light en - fold me.

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