

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024

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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

In the Gospel according to Mark the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, is great upon Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

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 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,

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PSALM 23

1 The LORD | is my shepherd;
I shall not | be in want.

2 **The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures
and leads me be- | side still waters.**

3 You restore my | soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no
evil;**

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

6 **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.**

THE SECOND READING.....Ephesians 2:11-22

11 Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—12 remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. 15 He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, 16 and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. 17 So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; 18 for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, 20 built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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 6:30-34, 53-56

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

30 The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. 31 He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. 32 And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. 33 Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. 34 As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

53 When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. 54 When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, 55 and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. 56 And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

***HYMN I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

***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”.*

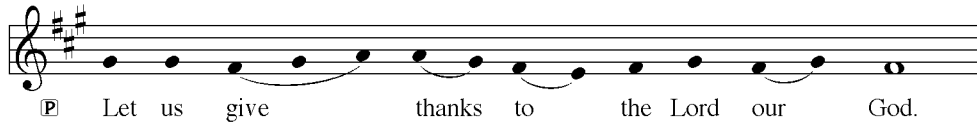
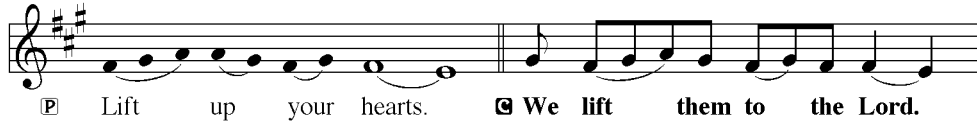
***THE PEACE**

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



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:



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 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (LBW, “Green”, 245)**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

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PRAYER LIST



Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Yvonne and Gerry Myers, Ariel, John Bower, Joseph Baur, John Tartline, Bob Miller, Carl Hieber, Ann Kuntz, Donna Baker, Gary Weber, Sam Robinson.



WELCOME BETHANY FISHER. Today we welcome Bethany Fisher as our guest pianist and thank her for playing as Sam recuperates from his illness.



CHURCH PICNIC. All are invited to join us following worship in Fellowship Hall as we share in our Church Picnic!

OUR STEWARDSHIP July 14, 2024



Regular Offering	\$2,549.00
Plate Offerings	20.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	50.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,619.00

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today Sunday, July 21, 2024 are given to the glory of God:



- +In Honor of my Son, Robb Millikan, on his birthday by Sally Bjornstad.
- +In Loving Memory of our Father, Eugene Jacobs on his 107th birthday and of our Mother, Reba Jacobs on her 102nd birthday by Linda Rosini and John and Holly Carlson.
- +In Honor of Pam Jenson on her birthday, which is today by Susan Newcomer
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WORSHIP LEADERS

July 21, 2024



Lector	9:30AM	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	9:30AM	Matt and Wanda Fortin
Guest Organist	9:30AM	Bethany Fisher
Ushers:	9:30AM	Matt Fortin, captain Glenn Yaple, Dick Reitz
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 its 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.

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.



Friends and Members of St. Marks:

I cannot send or receive email messages at this time (I believe I am having a problem with my server). Until I am able to correct this problem, please direct all email through our Administrative Assistant Joe Baur and the church email address stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org If you need to contact me with a concise message, please text me at my cell (272-788-0161). I hope to correct this problem soon. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Pastor Brian Vasey

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 or 570-323-1707.

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

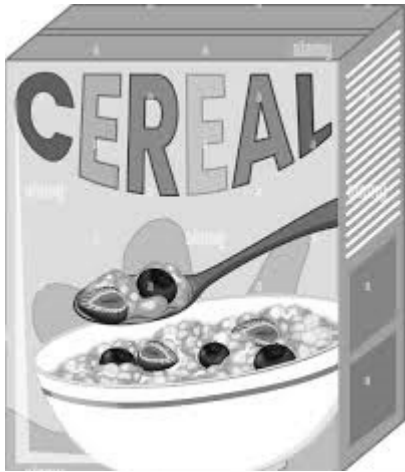


St. Mark's is hosting a blood drive on Friday, August 2 from 10:30-3:00. Please sign up to donate much needed blood by contacting Karen Mariano at 570-971-4037, scanning the code below, or visiting www.redcrossblood.org.



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

This Month's Cereal Sunday is a Success!!!



Members of the congregation did not disappoint. **We collected 72 boxes of cereal.** This was 20 boxes more than was collected in June!! The United Churches Food Pantry is thankful for all that we have donated. But at this time, they are in special need of single serving containers of cereal.



Dear Members and Friends of St. Mark's:

For the next two weeks (July 21 and 28) the video stream of our morning worship will be unavailable. We apologize for any inconvenience and hope to be back on line August 4. Thank you for your patience and understanding.



Wishing Sam Robinson a speedy recovery.

His address is:

1016 Elizabeth Street

Williamsport, PA 17701



Monday, July 22, -
 Sunday, July 28, 2024

Monday, July 22	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Tuesday, July 23	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Wednesday, July 24	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Thursday, July 25	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Friday, July 26	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Saturday, July 27	Church Office Hours	9:00AM – 1:00PM
Sunday, July 28	Holy Communion	9:30AM

BIRTHDAYS

Constance Shaible	July 22	Evan Barone	July 23
Edward Gair	July 24	Shirley Hill	July 25
Gail Genninger	July 26	Ann Kuntz	July 27
John Bower	July 28		

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



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). 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. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.

COMMEMORATIONS

Mary Magdalene, Apostle



Monday, July 22, 2024

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373



Tuesday, July 23, 2024

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor, and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. Her work is continued today by the Society of St. Birgitta.

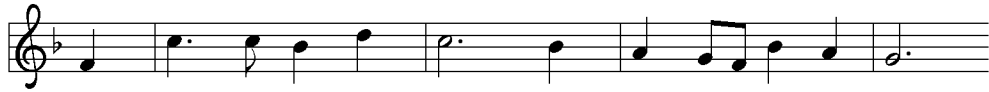
James, Apostle



Thursday, July 25, 2024

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).

Oh, Praise the Gracious Power



- 1 Oh, praise the gra - cious pow'r that tum - bles walls of fear
 2 Oh, praise per - sis - tent truth that o - pens fist - ed minds
 3 Oh, praise in - clu - sive love, en - cir - cling ev - 'ry race,
 4 Oh, praise the word of faith that claims us as God's own,
 5 Oh, praise the tide of grace that laps at ev - 'ry shore



and gath - ers in one house of faith all strang - ers far and near:
 and eas - es from their anx - ious clutch the prej - u - dice that blinds:
 ob - liv - i - ous to gen - der, wealth, to so - cial rank or place:
 a liv - ing tem - ple built on Christ, our rock and cor - ner - stone:
 with vi - sions of a world at peace, no lon - ger bled by war:

Refrain



We praise you, Christ! Your cross has made us one!

- 6 Oh, praise the pow'r, the truth,
 the love, the word, the tide.
 Yet more than these, oh, praise their source,
 praise Christ the crucified: *Refrain*
- 7 Oh, praise the living Christ
 with faith's bright songful voice!
 Announce the gospel to the world
 and with these words rejoice: *Refrain*

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



- 1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell



1 All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the
 2 Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our
 3 Oh, en - ter then his gates with praise; ap - proach with
 4 For why? The Lord our God is good: his mer - cy
 5 To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom



Lord with cheer - ful voice; him serve with mirth, his
 aid he did us make. We are his folk, he
 joy his courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his
 is for - ev - er sure; his truth at all times
 heav'n and earth a - dore, from us and from the



praise forth tell; come ye be - fore him and re - joice.
 doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.
 name al - ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.
 firm - ly stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.
 an - gel host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

Text: William Kethe, d. c. 1594
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561