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WELCOME

We extend a sincere welcome to all who join us for worship.

February 9, 2025
5th Sunday After Pentecost
Order of Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“I’ve Got the Joy ”

St. Mark’s Handbell Choir

**** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

***Stand*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
our creator,
our protector,
our wellspring of life.

Amen.

Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

God proclaims these words of assurance:

“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.

I have called you by name. You are mine.”

In ✝ Christ, you are forgiven.

In the Spirit, you are made free.

Refreshed by the waters of mercy,

live anew as beloved children of God.

Amen.

**** SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

**** PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 696

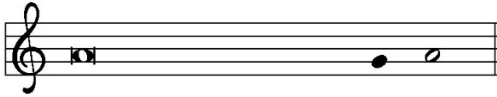
“Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult ”

**** 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.

**** KYRIE**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



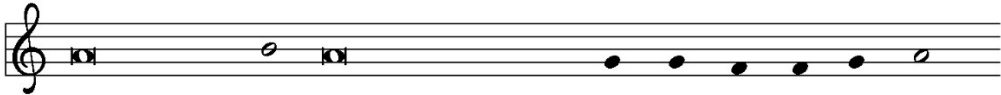
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



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

** CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister



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

All



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**

Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

PSALM: Psalm 138

We will start with the refrain and repeat where indicated.

Refrain: I will bow down toward your holy temple. (Ps. 138:2)

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;**

for you have glorified your name and your word above all things. R

³When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar. R**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;**

O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands. R

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you

hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**** 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.

**** GOSPEL: Luke 5:1-11**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵ Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**** HYMN OF THE DAY**

No. 574

“ Here I Am, Lord ”

**** APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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**

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, farmers, line workers, and construction crews; for our Garrett County Roads Department and Maryland Department of Transportation. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind (*especially*). Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

Amen.

OFFERING

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Joy Medley ”

** OFFERTORY HYMN

No. 692

“ We Are an Offering ”

** OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

** GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

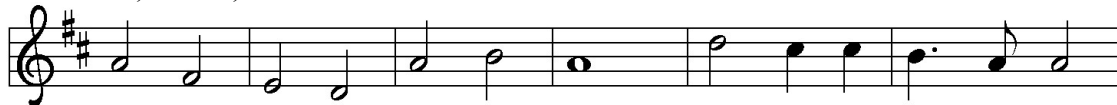
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

** PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
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 all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**** HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



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.

**** THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

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.

**** LORD’S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

**** COMMUNION SONG**



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**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION

Distribution of Communion

All are welcome to receive the wine and bread at our Lord’s table. Grape Juice is in pre-poured glasses and gluten-free wafers are available on the tables as you come forward.

COMMUNION HYMN

No. 798

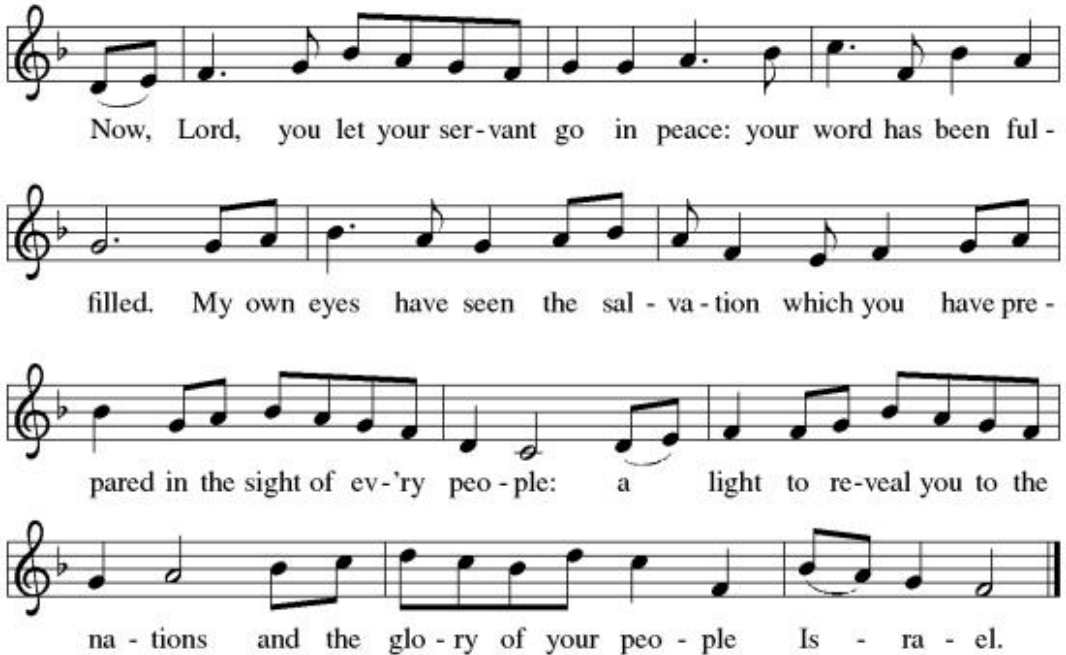
“Will You Come and Follow Me ”

**** TABLE BLESSING**

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

Amen.

**** POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful-
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -
pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the
na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

**** PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

**** BLESSING**

The Spirit of the triune God

✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

Amen.

**** RECESSIONAL HYMN**

No. 677

“ This Little Light of Mine ”

**** DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God. WE WILL!

POSTLUDE

“ Postlude on ‘Stuttgart’ ” by Edward Mead



Prayer Requests

Mourning: Jeanne Neff, Margaret Coddington

Illness: Jeremy Lewis, Anita Scheffel, Cheri Scheffel, John Burk, Philip, Paul Thomas, Jim Bosley, Danny Bosley, Mikel Lewis, Gary Wotherspoon, Debbie, Michelle Michaels, Joe Cook, Scott Rohrbaugh, Jason McClung, Paul Lewis, Bill Roszell, Tom Bosley, Ann Friend

Special Needs: Gary, Chase

Upcoming Events

Today

Soup-Er Bowl Sunday
Prayer Shawl Meeting in sanctuary after worship

Sunday, February 23

Reisinger Food Presentation

Wednesday, March 5

Ash Wednesday

Thursday, May 8

Sight and Sound Bus Trip



Special Offering – Supporting Firefighters in Need

This month, our special offering will support the **California Fire Foundation – Firefighters Benevolent Fund**. This organization provides financial assistance to firefighters and their families facing hardship due to injury, illness, or loss of life in the line of duty. Your generosity will help care for those who dedicate their lives to protecting others.

Sight & Sound St. Mark's Bus Trip

Join us for an unforgettable bus trip on May 8th, 2025, to Lancaster's Sight & Sound Theatre for the spectacular production of Noah! Witness the powerful story of Noah's faith and trust as he embarks on one of the world's most famous voyages. This landmark production, featuring live animals and captivating sets that fill the stage and aisles, returns for one season only to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Sight & Sound Theatre. In addition to the show, we'll enjoy a scenic bus ride through the beautiful countryside and lunch at Hershey Farm Restaurant. The cost of tickets is \$232 per person (includes transportation, premier 1st-floor seating, and lunch). You'll need to secure your spot by signing up soon. Payment for the trip is due by March 1st. Ticket forms are located in the narthex. Please HOLD your spot by returning the purple form in the narthex or by talking to Joyce Anderson, Ellda, or Pastor Carrie for more information.

What Do Cows, Crickets, and Quinoa Have in Common?

We have been exploring how our use of food can impact the environment. First, we tackled food waste. As much as half of the food produced globally is wasted, and this contributes 8-10% of greenhouse gas emissions. People have told us they are thinking more about what to buy, how to plan meals, and what to do with leftovers!

Next, we are turning our attention to a primary concern of people around the world, eating enough protein. Many sources of protein exist, but complex factors ranging from cost to availability influence our choices. In this session, we'll take a look at our options and how the decisions we make affect the environment.

Join us February 23 downstairs after the service for a "lunch and learn" session on protein. Everyone's welcome. No previous attendance required. There *IS* such a thing as a free lunch. We'll provide the food this time.

Mary and Marty Reisinger

St. Mark's Mission Statement

“United in Christ, Sharing his Good News,
we invite all people to grow in God’s love.”

Church Calendar February 9, 2025 – February 16, 2025

- Today**
- Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
 - with Holy Communion
 - Soup-Er Bowl Coffee Hour
 - Prayer Shawl Meeting
- Tuesday**
- Yoga at 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Bell Quartet at 5:30 p.m.
 - Bell Choir at 6:30 p.m.
 - Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.
- Next Sunday**
- Adult Forum at 8:30 a.m.
 - Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.
 - Worship & Music Team Meeting

Serving Today

Acolyte:	Riley Feathers
Lector:	Sarah LeDuc
Organist:	Sean Beachy
Co-Directors of Music:	Sean & Debi Beachy
Recording:	Renate Murray
Safekeeper:	Joyce Anderson
Ushers:	Paul Lewis, Capt.
	Liz Lewis, Dave Hoff, Bob Dempsey

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Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are placed to the glory of God and to begin commemoration of
St. Marks 175th anniversary in 2025 by Karen Myers.



February 9, 2025, Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany Luke 5:1-11

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



Pray: Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

Gracious God, help us to follow Jesus' way of love, which inspires and liberates. Empower us to confront injustices and bring about positive change in our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



Read: Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

¹⁰Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." (Luke 5:10b)



Reflect: Reflect on the scripture summary.

Jesus brings in two impressive hauls: a load of fish and a handful of disciples.



Connect: Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- Jesus used fishing as a metaphor for “catching” people. What metaphor best fits how you witness/evangelize/invite people to know Jesus?
- For the littles: Jesus invites us to follow in his footsteps. Do you think his footsteps are big or little? What might it mean to “follow” Jesus?



May God “catch” you every day. Amen.



Fish for people. Write on slips of paper the names of all the people you haven’t spoken to for a while and put the slips in a jar. Each day this week, pull a name out of the jar and contact them. Let them know you’re thinking about them and ask how they’re doing. Remind them Jesus loves them.



Sunday, Isaiah 6:1-8, (9-13); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11

Monday, Psalm 115; Judges 5:1-11; 1 Corinthians 14:26-40

Tuesday, Psalm 115; 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1b; Timothy 3:1-9

Wednesday, Psalm 115; Isaiah 8:1-15; Luke 5:27-32

Thursday, Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:12-19; Acts 13:26-34

Friday, Psalm 1; Jeremiah 13:20-27; 1 Peter 1:17-2:1

Saturday, Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:1-4; Luke 11:24-28