

Bulletin -September 6, 2026

CONSIDER THIS

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

Prelude *Lord of All Nations, Grant me Grace*
Joseph (arr. Mahnke)

Offertory *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*
Hughes (arr. Berry)

Postlude *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*
Welch Hymn (arr. Wente)

Entrance Hymn #557 *Awake, My Soul, and with*
the Sun

Hymn of the day #615 *In All Our Grief*

Communion Hymns

603 *God, When Human Bonds Are Broken*

639 *When We Are Living*

Sending Hymn 864 *Praise, My Soul, the God of*
Heaven

PRAYER OF THE DAY...Let us pray.

A O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Lesson: Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

A reading from Ezekiel

⁷ So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ⁸ If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. ⁹ But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

¹⁰ Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel: Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” ¹¹ Say to them: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 119:33-40

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

³³ Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.

³⁴ **Give me understanding, and I shall keep your**

teaching; I shall keep it with all my heart.

³⁵ Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.

³⁶ **Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

³⁷ Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.

³⁸ **Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

³⁹ Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.

⁴⁰ **Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

A reading from Romans

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is

nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 18th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it

will be done for you by my Father in heaven.²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

Nicene Creed

**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

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE – Sue Bennick; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier,

Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST Carla Whitaker; Zara Bennett

WORSHIP ASSISTANT—

CANTOR

LECTOR - Jenny Sustak; Dave Featherman

FLOWER DELIVERY - Susan Shultz

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Dave Stanton

NURSERY SCHL DIR. Jessica Broome 717-827--8104

SEXTON - Don Young

Imagine the good feeling a child has going to school wearing a brand-new backpack with new pencils and a box of colorful pointy crayons inside. Thanks to the generous donations of our Saint Mark's family and a VISA card from Thrivent, backpacks, lunch boxes, and numerous school supplies were delivered to the Child Advocacy Center this past week. The staff at CAC is extremely grateful for your help in providing these needed items for the children they serve. What seem like small gifts can have a large impact on a child and family.

A huge "Thank You" goes out to all who have donated school supplies and health care items over the past months. We will continue to collect care items and will have more to announce for the holidays.

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MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Want to give back to your community and help seniors that are in need of meals. The Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteers. Meal delivery is one day a month and only takes about 1 ½ hours. All homes are in the Colonial Park area. If you are interested,

please call Rich Krampe at 717-307-1060. Help give seniors in our community a nutritious meal.

Tell Rich you are a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church

Abraham's Table:

As everyone knows, prices have increased and it is the same for Abraham's Table. There are a lot of supplies needed to keep our coffee hour going. We need more volunteers to supply the treats that everyone seems to enjoy. Snacks can be made or bought and put in the parlor refrigerator anytime and marked for Sunday. We have several events that put their leftover treats in the refrigerator on a regular basis. If everyone who participated donated money and treats it would help out a great deal.

Also, we could use a few volunteers to clean up after the 11:00 service. It's basically putting the leftover food in the refrigerator and rinsing the coffee pots out.

A big thank you to those participants who regularly support Abraham's Table!

Project Day:

The ladies of the church have always set aside the first Tuesday of the month as Project Day. Many of those projects are no longer done. We do still make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, Nawakwa's Quilt Auction, Vickie's Angel Foundation and the Homeless Project. You see the quilts on the pews in October. Unfortunately, we have very few participants these days. We really need more volunteers. You do not need any skills other than being able to poke a pin or needle through some material. We all started with little knowledge and learned as we went. We have lots of quilt tops that need to be put together. Anyone is welcome. Please prayerfully consider this mission.

Altar Flowers are in celebration of Pastor Jim & Marian's 48th wedding anniversary.
Given by Loraine Mariner.



Dear St. Marks Family,

Don and I want to thank all of you for your cards, prayers, telephone calls and encouraging words for healing from my knee surgery.

Surgery went well and healing is progressing, your love and concern are very important to Don and I and I value everyone's caring gestures.

God is so good to all of us. Let us not forget to thank Him every day for all "His Blessings"

Hope to see you very soon

Love you,

Jeanne

Original card is posted on bulletin board at Abraham's table

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	09/06	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Intergenerational
			Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous
MONDAY	09/07		Labor Day
TUESDAY	09/08	2:00 pm	Esther/Eve Circle
		2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
		5:00 pm	Nursery Board Meeting
WEDNESDAY	09/09	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	09/10	1:00 pm	Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/11		
SATURDAY	09/12	8:00 am	Community
			Breakfast
SUNDAY	09/13	10:30 am	Outdoor Worship & Picnic
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous