St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2022

MISSION STATEMENT: Nourished by Word and Sacrament, the mission of the members of St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church is to spread God's Word in Jesus Christ through our thoughts, words, and actions, proclaiming God's good news for all to hear and live.

Please silence all electronic devices.

WELCOME! Please observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE. Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 **PRELUDE**— Built on the Rock ~Ed. Broughton 11:00 **PRELUDE**— "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Mission Bells ~arr. Bill Ingram

Stand8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 18th Chapter C Glory to you O Lord

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15—Sermon

Stand Hymn #514 O Word of God Incarnate

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther's Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God's commandments

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God's commands

C You shall have no other Gods You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy
Honor your father and your mother
You shall not murder
You shall not commit adultery
You shall not steal
You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
You shall not covet your neighbor's house
You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or any
thing that belongs to your neighbor

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Kneel or sit as able

P God of mercy and forgiveness,
C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.
We have harmed your good creation.
We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen

Stand Greeting

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

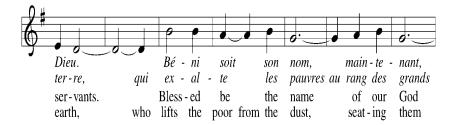
C And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord (next page)*

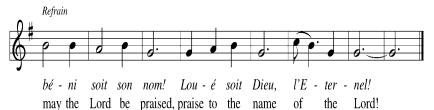
Praise to the Lord Louez l'Eternel



- *Oui* Dieu, est comme no-tre
- Praise to the Lord.
- There is like our God none
- ser vi teurs
 - de la cieux, sur
- dans les all of God's vou. in the heav'ns on or







Text: Ron Klusmeier, b. 1946, based on Psalm 113; French tr. R. Gerald Hobbs, b. 1941

Music: RICHARDSON-BURTON, Ron Klusmeier

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PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. 25When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. 26 Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." 250 he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." 28 Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." 29Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. 30So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." 31The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

A The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 121

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

³The Lord will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

the Lord watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;

•the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

The Lord will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be

proficient, equipped for every good work.

⁴¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

11:00 Stand Alleluia. The word of God is living and active, able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia.

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Gospel Luke 18:1-8

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

11:00 **SERMON**

Stand Hymn #726 Light Dawns on a Weary World

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.

The Prayers

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

MEAL

PEACE

The Peace is the link between the proclamation of the Word and the sharing of the Eucharistic meal. Our unity and mutual forgiveness come from Christ whose Word has just been proclaimed and whose meal we now prepare to share.

We pray for the peace of the Lord for each other.

"Due to the heightened risk of flu or other illness, please practice a "non-contact" sharing of the Peace until further notice.

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of

Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Sit **ORGAN OFFERTORY** You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ~R. Kreutz

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN** #**691** Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring Vs 1 & 2

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

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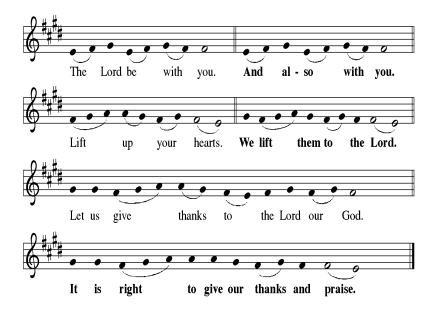
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Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER - Let us Pray

A Gracious God,

C in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. C. Amen.

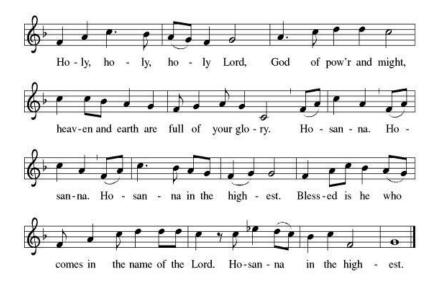
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



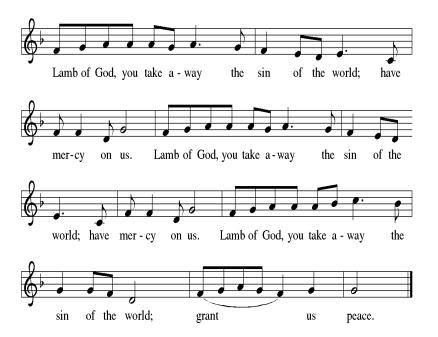
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LORD'S PRAYER

Communion Distribution

We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us, the communion assistant will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice into a cup you may pick up at the front of the aisle. If you are unable to take either the bread or wine, be assured that the sacrament is complete. Those not receiving communion are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing. Parents of young children; please direct the pastor as to whether your child usually receives communion or not.

LAMB OF GOD



Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

Sit COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Stand COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
C Amen.

Hymn #790 Day by Day

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of them in the Narthex in recycling can.

POSTLUDE Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

~Wm. Bradbury

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Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Russell Johns. Given by Shirley, Luann, Matthew and Shelley Johns.

Change of Address:

Mary & Travis Sultzaberger Margaret & John Herigan Sr.

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Harrisburg, PA 17111 Apt. 706

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READING LESSONS for October 23, 2022:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Psalm: Psalm 84:1-7

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Anita Featherman is collecting old used Wooden Sleds any condition also Women's old Ice Skates. Call her at (717)469-0840 and she will pick them up.

St. Mark's Book Club

Date 2022	Book	Author	Facilitator
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grin	nes
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis	<u></u> _

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

LYF Fall Retreat 2022 - November 4th-6th

Our annual Fall Retreat is coming up! Open to 6th-12th graders, our retreats are a chance to get away, get deeper, and get crazy! Retreats are where friendships are created, deepened, and cemented, and it's where you can learn more about yourself and your faith. Come out for a weekend at Camp Nawakwa, where we'll be joined by several other area youth groups for the weekend, both in our lodge and all over camp! Many groups from Confirmation Camp will be meeting us there, including St. Pete's Mechanicsburg, Palm Palmyra, Zion York, Christ Linglestown, Trindle Spring Mechanicsburg, and St. Matt's York! Retreats are one of the most fun, faith formative, fantastic events that we do! If you want to sign up (or you have questions), contact Kellen at lyfstmarks@gmail.com! I hope you are able to make this retreat a priority in a busy fall season!

Family Promise HCR is the only non-emergency shelter in the area that keeps families experiencing homelessness together, thank you for supporting us in those efforts. If you would like to learn more about Family Promise HCR you can visit our website at www.familypromisehcr.org, or contact me and we can chat.

Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for **Saturday October 29**. (Meet at the Skyline Family Restaurant at 8 for breakfast, or at entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) or you may join us for Community Breakfast at St Mark's before joining the group at Oakhurst Road. Anyone planning to help/have questions, please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.)

<u>ATTENTION</u>: If you are here for meetings in the evenings, please be sure to turn off all lights when leaving.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Laurie Womer; Emmor Boslet

WORSHIP ASST - 8:15—Laurie Womer

LECTOR - Faith Smeck; Barb Dudek

FLOWER DELIVERY - Barb Dudek

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Pope 717-652-6700 ext 3

Stewardship Snippet October 16, 2022 - Proper 24

SEXTON - Don Young

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

Psalm 121:1-2 – I lift up my eyes to the hills-- from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

So much of our life energy we spend trying to find security – in employment, finance, emotions, relationships, and on and on. Psalm 121 reminds us that we are secure in God; thus, we are free to live without undue worry and with greater generosity.



<u>Like us on Facebook</u> - St. Mark's is on Facebook - Follow our page and share with your friends. It's a great way to let your friends know about all the good things happening here!

Stewardship Ministries invites you to attend:

Getting Your Financial House In Order

When: November 9, 2022

Where: St Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

Session Topics include: Documents Everyone Should Have, Developing a Financial Plan, Risk Management, Education Planning and Understanding Company Benefits. ALL AGES AND FINANCIAL SITUATIONS WELCOME!

Please call the church office, 717-652-6700 to reserve your seat, so can have a count of the seating ahead of time. Presented by Emmor Boslet, a new member of our congregation and a retired financial advisor



OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	10/16	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Worship Sunday Church School Worship AA Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	10/17		
TUESDAY	10/18	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	10/19	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	10/20	1:00 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	The Craft Artisans Mission Bells Chancel Choir
FRIDAY	10/21	6:45 pm	Girl Scouts
SATURDAY	10/22	5:00 pm	Trunk or Treat
SUNDAY	10/23	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 22, 2022. Call church office, (717)652-6700, if you wish to have your decorated car to give out treats. Starts at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Arlington Avenue side.

Community Breakfast Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 8 am to 10 am.

LYF November 19th, the Youth is having their annual Spaghetti Dinner, It will be drive through again this year. State tuned for further details.

Birthdays for October

10/02 Sawyer Haynos	10/15 Tina Smith
10/03 Margie Stouffer	10/16 Nathan Cleaver
Scott Leedy	Bennett Fleegal
10/04 Hannah Leigh DeFrank	10/17 Amelia Graves
Melissa Dinger	Brooke DiSerio
Holly Evans	10/18 Richard Deppen
Leo Brown	Wayne Smithers
10/05 Emma Mink	David Kolter
10/06 Dorothy Sutch	10/22 Lennox Powell
10/08 – Jackson Klick	Spencer Lindner
Kathryn McClain	10/24 Kristian Beverly
10/09 – Dameion Frey	Alexis Neidig
10/10 – Kendall Beverly	10/26 Jared Fleegal
Everly Banks	10/28 Laura Young
Wayne Metz	John Herigan, Jr.
10/11 – Zara Bennett	10/29 Larry Watkins
Kathy Joe Heym	10/30 Thomas Botts
Reuel Deppen	Brian Dinger
Sara Lawrence	Nolan Dulovich
10/13 Mason Brown	Paul Whipple
10/14 Susan Bennick	10/31 David Featherman

If your birthday is in October and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.



Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 23, 2022

Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Event runs from 1-6pm. At Kirchenwald, enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Registration Fee: \$10 per person covers activities and an evening meal.

Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - October 23, 2022

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Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 6, 2022

Join us for this year's Quilt Auction, November 6, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 3, 2022
Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ.

Registration fee includes lunch.



St. Francis is admired for his deep and genuine respect for all creatures. He is best known for his amazing bond with all animals. On Sunday, October 9, St. Mark's will have a pet blessing ceremony to celebrate the human/pet bond. There is a box in the narthex to collect supplies for the Humane Society of Harrisburg. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the animals and staff.