

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

October 17, 2021

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

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Variations on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

~ Wm Croft, Set. Wilbur Held

Hymn #632 *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Organ Only—No Singing

Stand **Confession and Forgiveness**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,

and whose love is endless.

C Amen

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our comforter:

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

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

Spoken **Kyrie** -

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord

C Lord, have mercy

P For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

P 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.

C Lord, have mercy

P For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Lesson: Isaiah 53:4-12**

This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called “servant songs.” Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant’s healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make
many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the
great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 91:9-16

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my
name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue
and honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called

by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 10th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us

whatever we ask of you.”³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?”³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.”³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?”³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized;⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John.⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #431** *O Christ, What Can It Mean For Us*

**C O Christ, what can it mean for us
to claim you as our king?
What royal face have you revealed
whose praise the church would sing?**

Aspiring not to glory's height,

to power, wealth, and fame,
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,
another's will your aim.

But still, beyond the span of years,
our glad hosannas ring,
for now at God's right hand you reign,
a diff'rent kind of king!

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 Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our

prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C Amen

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-contract” sharing of the Peace until further notice.***

P Blessed be the Peacemakers for they will be called the children of God—Matthew 5:9

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of abundance,

C you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens.

Accept the gifts you have first given us.

Unite them with the offering of our lives

to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts

C We lift them to the Lord

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right. . .

Spoken **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:
beyond the stars; beneath the sea;
within each cell; with every breath.

C We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:
through the water; by night and day;
across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

C We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:
at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer;
beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

C We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to
the end,

we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering; within this meal;
among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through
Christ Jesus,
by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Spoken **LAMB OF GOD**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have
mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the
world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world; grant us peace.**

Invitation to Communion

P All who hunger and thirst, come.
The table is ready.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

SENDING

BLESSING

P People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, + one God,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn #548 *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisien*

**C Rise, O church, like Christ arisen,
from this meal of love and grace;
may we through such love envision
whose we are, and whose, our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia;
God, the wonder of our days.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

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

POSTLUDE *Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisien*

~S. Cherwien and T. Strand

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READINGS for October 24, 2021:

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm: Psalm 126

Second Lesson: Hebrews 7:23-28

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

Operating Receipts thru September 30: \$189,758

Expenditures thru September 30: \$212,434

Attendance: 10/10/2021 91 (3 Services)

We look forward to continued support of our mission through your generous response to God's gifts given to us.

Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Russell Johns as he celebrates his 97th birthday in heaven, by Shirley, Luann, Matthew & Shelley Johns, given by Shirley Johns

From the Fellowship Committee:

As things are opening up inquiries have been made to us about doing another bus trip.

We would love to help sponsor another bus for the Seniors and friends.

We are considering a trip to Sight and Sound to see Queen Esther.

We want to make sure we can fill a bus as much as possible to reduce the cost for everyone.

If are you interested in going to Sight and Sound please let me, Mary or Loraine know so we can keep a count.

Thanks

Deb Banks

COULD EVERYONE PLEASE HAND IN YOUR PAPERS FOR THE TRIP.

ST. MARK'S MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS - Cost \$35.00 per brick (no limit). Order forms are available at both entrances to the sanctuary. Bricks can be purchased anytime throughout the year.

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday don't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laurie Womer; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek

FLOWER DELIVERY - Tracy Ingram

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

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

SEXTON - Don Young

St. Mark's Nursery School has raffle prizes remaining from the 2020 Bunny Breakfast that was cancelled due to Covid 19. They have no expiration date except for the Cabot Cheese package which expires 12/31/21. If you would like to bid on any of these items place your best bid on the form above and return it to the church office. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. The deadline to return your bids is October 31, 2021. There is no limit to the number of items that you can bid on and you can list all your bids on one sheet. The deadline of 10/31/21 is firm and no bids will be accepted after that date. In the event that there are multiple people with the same highest bid, the names will be entered into a drawing for the winner. Forms are available in the

You are invited to Colonial Park United Church of Christ for our Devonshire Holiday Fair on Wed., Nov. 3 and Thurs. Nov. 4 from 9:30am to 7pm. The pandemic forced us to miss our beloved Devonshire Fair in 2020 and this year's fair will have some modifications. Mask wearing indoors will be required and will have only TAKE OUT food for lunch and dinner. Turkey & fixings will be on Wednesday and Roast Beef dinner on Thursday. Must pre-order and pay for your dinners online at <https://cpucc.org/events.html> or by calling 717-545-3782

To our St. Mark's Family:

Doug & Laurie Womer would like to thank everyone for cards, phone calls, prayers and expressions of condolences in the recent passing of Doug's mother Mildred.



Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania

Books for 2021:

- *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* – J. D. Vance
- *Appalachian Reckoning: A Region Responds to Hillbilly Elegy* – Anthony Harkins
- *At Home in the Heart of Appalachia* – John O'Brien
- *What You Are Getting Wrong about Appalachia* – Elizabeth Catts

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 24, 2021

- 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.

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Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 7, 2021

Join us for this year's Quilt Auction, November 7, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities

Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 12 - 14, 2021 \$155

Try new techniques, share your latest creations, work on UFO's, and enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of camp in the fall. Worship led by Rev. Cindy Brommer. All meals provided. Please register by November 1.

Stay over an additional night (Thursday): \$30 no food included

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 4, 2021

- Join us as we guide you in contemplative, hope-filled watching and waiting for the birth of the Christ child. \$15.00 per person includes lunch.

Winter Youth Retreat at Kirchenwald - January 7 - 9, 2022

- Enjoy Kirchenwald in the Winter! Play broom hockey and other games on the frozen pond. Have fun sledding, playing snow soccer and other winter games. Creative Bible studies and worship experiences led by our summer camp counselors are an important part of this retreat. Meet new friends and catch up with your summer camp friends. Other indoor and outdoor activities may be included, as the weather dictates.

Birthdays for October

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| 10/03 – Margie Stouffer | 10/16 – Nathan Cleaver |
| 10/04 – Hannah Leigh DeFrank | Bennett Fleegal |
| Melissa Dinger | 10/17 – Amelia Heym |
| Holly Evans | Brooke DiSerio |
| Leo Brown | 10/21 – Richard Deppen |
| 10/05 – Emma Mink | Wayne Smithers |
| 10/06 – Dorothy Sutch | David Kolter |
| 10/07 – Marsha Nicodemus | 10/22 – Lennox Powell |
| 10/08 – Jackson Klick | 10/24 – Kristian Beverly |
| Kathryn McClain | Alexis Neidig |
| 10/09 – Dameion Frey | 10/26 – Jared Fleegal |
| 10/10 – Kendall Beverly | 10/28 – Laura Young |
| Wayne Metz | John Herigan, Jr |
| 10/11 – Zara Bennett | 10/29 – Larry Watkins |
| Reuel Deppen | 10/30 – Thomas Botts |
| Sara Lawrence | Brian Dinger |
| 10/13 Mason Brown | Nolan Dulovich |
| 10/14 – Susan Bennick | Paul Whipple |
| 10/15 – Tina Smith | 10/31 – Dave Featherman |

The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting on September 19 at 9:45 in the parlor. We will be using a study on Martin Luther called "Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation" by Professor Phillip Cary

He was only one man—a humble monk and Bible professor—yet he sparked a religious rebellion that changed the course of history. Who was Martin Luther? What made his theology so explosive in 16th-century Europe? Was it really his intention to start Protestantism, and with it a new church?

Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation will help you reach your own conclusions. This course explores Luther's theology, the circumstances surrounding his conclusion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.

Professor Cary presents Luther as a multifaceted human being, a man with extraordinary virtues and profound flaws. You will meet an inspiring religious thinker who presented the Christian Gospel as a message of comfort, joy, and freedom; as great good news for sinners and God's loving promise of salvation. And you will encounter a leader whose unswerving certainty about his doctrines led him to launch vicious attacks against those with whom he

Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for Saturday, October 23. (Meet at the entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) Anyone planning to help contact Calvin Smith (717)652-3808.