St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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17th Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 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

A little faith goes a long way is Jesus' point in the gospel. A mustard seed's-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—"Olivet" - My Faith Looks Up to Thee ~L. Mason, J. Southbridge

8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.

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planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15**—Sermon**

Stand Hymn #759 My Faith Looks Up To Thee

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. 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 Praise to the Lord Louez l'Eternel









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PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise.

4So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

²⁴I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;

make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;

it will surely come, it will not delay.

4Look at the proud!

Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;

do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²For they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.

³Put your trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴Take delight in the Lord, who shall give you your heart's desire.

⁵Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord, and see what God will do.

•The Lord will make your vindication as clear as the light and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off, but those who hope in the Lord shall possess the land.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.

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¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

*Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, *who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, *but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. *For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, *2 and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted

to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

11:00 Stand Alleluia. The word of the Lord endures forever. That word is the good news that was announced to you. Alleluia.

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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 #635 We Walk By Faith

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 God of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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 The Abundant Life ~G. Parker

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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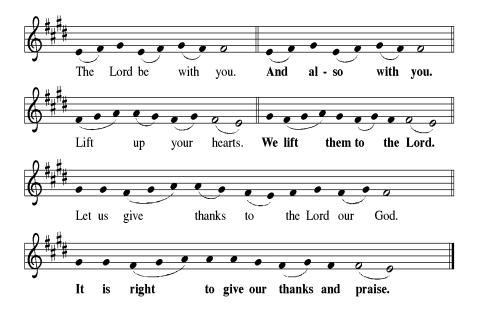
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Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER - Let us Pray

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.

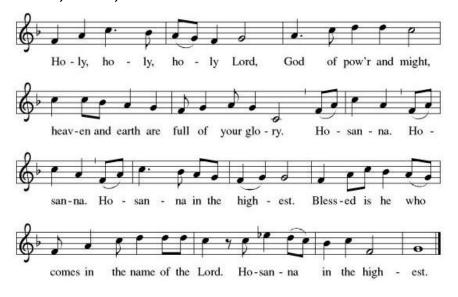
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



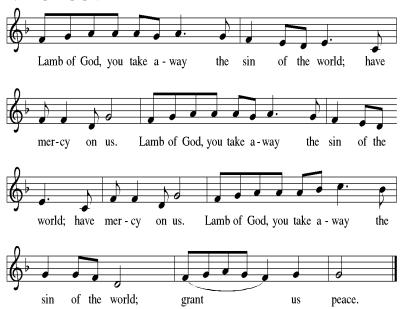
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 #818 O Master, Let Me Walk With You

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.

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Altar Flowers are given in Celebration of my granddaughters, Brooke & Sawyer birthdays. Given by Mary Sultzaberger.

SOCIAL SERVICES MINISTRY WILL MEET TUESDAY, October 4, 2022, 7:00 PM. All are welcome to attend and share ideas about St. Mark's Community and World-Wide Outreach.

I would like to share with everyone "Stewardship Ministries Getting Your Financial House In Order," Emmor Boslet, facilitator, I wasn't sure if this was something I wanted to be involved in. I have been attending these classes since they started and I have learned so much that I never knew. Emmor is very knowledgeable and helpful. I would recommend if you haven't attended one of her classes that you would do so, it is an hour well spent.

Loraine Mariner

READING LESSONS for October 9, 2022:

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Psalm: Psalm 111

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15 **Gospel:** Luke 17:11-19

St. Mark's Book Club

Date 2022	Book	Author	Facilitator
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grin	nes
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis	;

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor



BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinners

Saturday: October 15, 2022 – 10:00 am until SOLD OUT Chicken Dinner - $$10.00 - \frac{1}{2}$ chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Rib Dinner - $$15.00 - \frac{1}{2}$ rack of ribs, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Pre-orders are recommended. Call church office Monday thru Thursday, (Office Closed Fridays) to reserve your dinner, (717)652-6700.

<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 - Sue Bennick; Sandy Dinger
USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman
COMMUNION ASST - Jay Snyder; Spencer Lindner
WORSHIP ASST LECTOR - Kevin Spencer; Dave Featherman
FLOWER DELIVERY - Peggy Davis
COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood
NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Pope 717-652-6700 ext 3
SEXTON - Don Young

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.) Anyone planning to help/have questions, please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.)

Stewardship Snippet October 2, 2022 – Proper 22

Luke 17:5-6-- The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith! "The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Jesus and Paul remind us that only through God do we have power, real riches and absolute joy. Like the apostles, we ask Jesus to increase our faith, and renew in us a right

Stewardship Ministries invites you to attend:

Getting Your Financial House In Order

When: October 12, 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.



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OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	10/02	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	10/03	2:30 pm	WM&A Ministry
		3:00 pm	Evangelism Ministry
TUESDAY	10/04	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
		9:00 am	Projects Day
		7:00 pm	Social Services Ministry
WEDNESDAY	10/05	10:00 am	Bible Study
		1:00 pm	Christian Ed Ministry
THURSDAY	10/06	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
		6:30 pm	LYF—Flex Meeting
		6:30 pm	Mission Bells
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
FRIDAY	10/07	6:45 pm	Girl Scouts
SATURDAY	10/08		
SUNDAY	10/09	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:30 pm	LYF Mt Gretna Hike
		5:00 pm	LYF Youth Group Mtg.
			@ Palm, Palmyra
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous



2022-2023 2, 3, and 4 year olds

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Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 2, 2022

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

<u>Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald</u> 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.

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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.

Birthdays for October

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10/03 – Margie Stouffer	10/17 — Amelia Heym
Scott Leedy	Brooke DiSerio
10/04 – Hannah Leigh DeFrank	10/18 — Richard Deppen
Melissa Dinger	Wayne Smithers
Holly Evans	David Kolter
Leo Brown	10/22—Lennox Powell
10/05 – Emma Mink	Spencer Lindner
10/06 – Dorothy Sutch	10/24 - Kristian Beverly
10/08 – Jackson Klick	Alexis Neidig
Kathryn McClain	10/26 - Jared Fleegal
10/09 – Dameion Frey	10/28 - Laura Young
10/10 – Kendall Beverly	John Herigan, Jr.
Wayne Metz	10/29 -Larry Watkins
10/11 – Zara Bennett	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
10/15 – Tina Smith	
10/16 – Nathan Cleaver	
Bennett Fleegal	

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

Evangelism Ministry is inviting anyone to attend our monthly meetings, Monday, October 3, 2022, 3:00 pm. Bring your ideas to move St. Mark's forward.



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.