St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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20th Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 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

Genuine repentance and pretentious piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Keep the faith. God's people shall be accounted righteous for Jesus' sake. Our God is merciful to sinners. For this we worship and glorify God forever.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15 **PRELUDE**— "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Mission Bells ~arr. Bill Ingram 11:00 **PRELUDE**—Rise, O Sun of Righteousness ~ Hugo Gehrke

Stand 8:15 Sermon Lesson – Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The coming reign of God will involve unexpected reversals of fortune with judgment rooted in mercy. Jesus tells a parable in which the one who humbles himself is exalted and the one who exalts his own righteousness is humbled.

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 #657 Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

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 Lou - ez ľE ter - nel. ser - vi de 1 teurs _ -2 Oui Dieu. dans les cieux. la est comme no - tre sur 1 Praise to the Lord. all of God's you, 2 There is none like our God in the heav'ns on or Ø Dieu. Bé - ni soit main - te - nant, nom, son ter-re, ex - al pauvres au rang des te les grands qui -Bless - ed be of our God ser-vants. the name who lifts the poor from the earth, dust, seat - ing them à ja - mais. Du le - ver du so - leil. qui ma - ni - feste de son peu - ple, mi - sé - ri - corde? now and ev - er. From the ris - ing of the sun, with the might-y, who stoops to the weak and raise low: Refrain Lou - é soit Dieu, bé - ni soit son nom! l'E - ter - nel!may the Lord be praised, praise to the name the Lord! of

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PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray...

A Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Special Music

11:00—"O God"

~Ervin Drake and James Shirl Jenny Sustak, pianist

WORD

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

In a time of drought, the people pray for mercy, repenting of their sins and the sins of their ancestors. They appeal to God to remember the covenant, to show forth God's power, and to heal their land by sending life-giving rain.

"A reading from Jeremiah"

⁷Although our iniquities testify against us,

act, O Lord, for your name's sake;

our apostasies indeed are many,

and we have sinned against you.

⁸O hope of Israel,

its savior in time of trouble,

why should you be like a stranger in the land,

like a traveler turning aside for the night? •Why should you be like someone confused,

like a mighty warrior who cannot give help?

Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us,

and we are called by your name;

do not forsake us!

¹⁰Thus says the Lord concerning this people:

Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. ²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. ²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. ²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this. A The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 84 1-7 *READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE* ¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! ²My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. ³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young by the side of your altars,

O Lord of hosts, my king and

my God.

⁴Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place

of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools

of water.

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

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

The conclusion of this letter to a young minister offers a final perspective on life from one who faced death. Though others let him down, Paul was sure of his faith in the Lord, who stood by him and lent him strength.

"A Reading from 2 Timothy"

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁶From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

11:00 Stand Alleluia. All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted. Alleluia.

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Gospel Luke 18:9-14

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Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

11:00 SERMON

Stand Hymn #599 Lord Jesus, Think On Me

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.

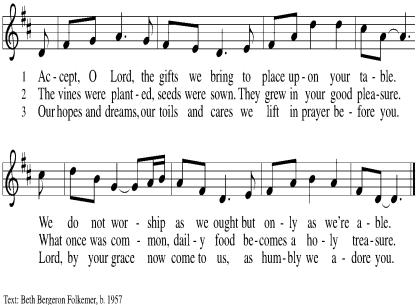
P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of

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** There's a Wideness In God's Mercy ~No. American Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #691** Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring Vs 1 & 2 (Next page)

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



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Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER - Let us Pray

A Gracious God,

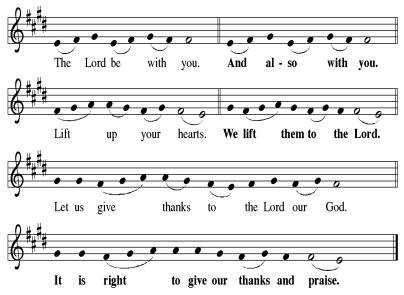
C in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jassa Christ subs acts a table for all

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

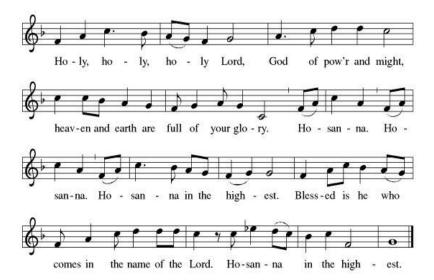
C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



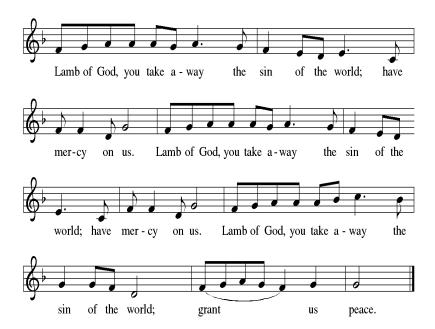
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 #801 Change My Heart, O God

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 Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

~F. Atkinson

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Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Helen J. Dugan. Given by Donna and Ed Lee.

Altar Flowers are given in Memory of Kaitlyn Dale Banks', birthday, would have been October 22nd. Given by her mother, Deb Banks.

READING LESSONS for October 30, 2022:

First Lesson:	Jeremiah 31:31-34		
Psalm: Psalm	Psalm 46		
Second Lesson:	Romans 3:19-28		
Gospel:	John 8:31-36		

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	Book	Author	Facilitator			
2022						
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grimes				
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis				

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

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



Like us on Facebook - 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!

<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; Marian Person/Donna Woodrow USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman COMMUNION ASST - Carla Whitaker; Shelley Lindner WORSHIP ASST - 8:15—Faith Smeck LECTOR - Bruce Senft; Susan Shultz FLOWER DELIVERY - Sue Smithers COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Pope 717-652-6700 ext 3 SEXTON - Don Young

Stewardship Snippet October 23, 2022 - Proper 25

Luke 18:12 -- The Pharisee prayed, "I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." Christians still uphold tithing – donating a tenth of one's income – as a faithful benchmark for giving, but the Pharisee reminds us that giving is not an end in itself. Giving is a means to developing a heart of compassion and generosity.

Change of Address:

Mary & Travis Sultzaberger 1116 Amber Lane Harrisburg, PA 17111 Margaret & John Herigan Sr. 1020 North Union Street Apt. 706 Middletown, PA 17057

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	10/23	8:15 am	Worship		
		9:45 am	-		
		11:00 am			
		7:00 pm	AA		
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous		
MONDAY	10/24	_			
TUESDAY	10/25	6:30 pm	Eve Circle		
WEDNESDAY	10/26	10:00 am	Bible Study		
		7:30 pm	ACA (Parlor)		
PICK-UP SUBS & SANDWICHES 12 NOON-4 pm					
THURSDAY	10/27	10:00 am	Book Club		
		10:00 am	NS Halloween Parade		
		1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans		
		6:30 pm	Mission Bells		
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir		
FRIDAY	10/28				
SATURDAY	10/29	8:00 am	Community Breakfast		
SUNDAY	10/30	8:15 am	Worship		
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School		
	11:00 am Worship				
7:00 pm AA					
7:00 pm Gambler's Anonymou					

Subs & Sandwiches can be picked up Wednesday, October 26th from 12 noon to 4 pm.

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. Stay tuned for further details.

Birthdays for October

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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
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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.

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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.

Women's Craft Retreat at Nawakwa - November 11-13

Projects are provided AND you may bring your own to work on! Meals, lodging and most supplies provided. Please reg ister by November 1. Register early, this retreat will fill up! Registration fee: \$160 (*Arrive a day early for an additional* \$35, no additional meals included.)

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.

Support the LCC

Make a gift today to support the ministries of the Lutheran Camping Corporation.

GIVE TODAY

NAWAKWA TO BE RECOGNIZED as a Significant Lutheran Historical Site

October 23 (as part of Fall Foliage Day Worship)

On October 23, 2022, at Nawakwa's annual Fall Foliage Day, the Lutheran Historical Society of the Mid Atlantic will recognize the impact of Nawakwa's rich 93-year history of faith formation through summer camp and retreat ministry, and for developing leaders who serve in south central Pennsylvania and around the world. Following an afternoon of fun fall activities, beginning at 1:00pm, the Reverend Paul Tomkiel will lead a worship service beginning at 4:00pm, during which the Lutheran Historical Society will recognize Nawakwa. Please consider joining us on October 23rd as we celebrate the rich and diverse ministry Nawakwa continues to be!

More Information -

https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/fall-foliage-day-atnawakwa-2022/

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS IN THE BARN at The Wittel Farm December 18

Join us at the farm for our annual Advent/Christmas night. This year, we'll gather around the outdoor fire and have cookies and cocoa in the barn. Lights and decorations!

More Information -

https://www.lutherancamping.org/event/christmas-in-the-barn-2022/

LOOKING TO 2023

Gather your family and plan to attend Family Camp in 2023! Family Camp-K-tion at Kirchenwald - August 6-12 Family Camp I at Nawakwa - July 16-22 Family Camp II at Nawakwa - August 6-12 More Information - https://www.lutherancamping.org/summercamp/family-camp/

Humane Society OF HARRISBURG AREA Building a Better Community for Pets and People

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

TOP NEEDS:

- Canned food cat/kitten/dog/puppy (any brand)
- Purina Kitten Chow dry food
- Cat litter
- Cat toys
- Kongs (XL and XXL size)
- Nylabones
- Durable dog toys
- Small animal wooden chew toys and treats
- Timothy hay
- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent
- Bleach (unscented)

GIFT CARDS:

- Gasoline (animal transport, cruelty investigation)
- Pet/Ag stores (special food & special needs)
- Local discount retailers (Wal-Mart, Weis, Giant, Home Depot, Lowes - for emergency supplies & building repairs)
- Office supply stores (paper, ink, cartridges, etc.)

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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.