

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 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 combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE—Ode to Joy**

*~Robert Lau*

*(Incorporating "Rondeau" by Mouret)*

**Hymn #854 Blessing and Honor**

**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 have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

*Sit* **First Lesson: Genesis 2:18-24**

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

<sup>18</sup>The Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the Lord God caused a deep sleep

to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm: Psalm 8**

*READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE*

<sup>1</sup>O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out  
of the mouths of infants and children; you have  
set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence  
the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your  
fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in  
‘their courses,

<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful  
of them, human beings that you should care for  
them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,

**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

O Lord our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## **Second Lesson: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12**

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God's right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as

the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup>Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup>But someone has testified somewhere,

"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

<sup>7</sup>You have made them for a little while lower than the  
angels;

you have crowned them with glory and honor,

<sup>8</sup>subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup>but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory

and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup>It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup>For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup>saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. If we love one another, God lives in us and God’s love is perfected in us. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 10th Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: Mark 10:2-16**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God’s surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

<sup>2</sup>Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” <sup>3</sup>He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup>They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” <sup>5</sup>But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup>But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ <sup>7</sup>For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup>and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one

flesh. <sup>9</sup>Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

<sup>10</sup>Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup>He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup>and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

<sup>13</sup>People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup>But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup>Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” <sup>16</sup>And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Stand **Hymn #603** *God, When Human Bonds Are  
Broken*

**C God, when human bonds are broken  
and we lack the love or skill  
to restore the hope of healing,  
give us grace and make us still.**

**Send us, God of new beginnings,  
humbly hopeful into life.  
Use us as a means of blessing:**



make us stronger, give us 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 Lord in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.**

**A Lord of life,  
in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of  
our faith into a feast of salvation.  
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,  
bearing witness to the abundance of your love  
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
C Amen.**

## SENDING

Stand **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 #836** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* vs. 3

**C** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!

## 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** *Joyful, Joyful, we Adore Thee* ~L. von Beethoven

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**READINGS for October 10, 2021:**

First Lesson: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalm: Psalm Psalm 90:12-17

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

Operating Receipts thru August 31: \$170,080

Expenditures thru August 31: \$188,973

Attendance: 09/26/2021 85

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

**Altar Flowers** are In Celebration of our 50th Anniversary, given by Ed and Barb Dudek.

**Don Young's son, Doug thanked everyone for egg cartons. He doesn't need anymore until further notice.**

**Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary**

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 disagreed most infamously and malevolently—the Jews.



**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** - Jay Snyder; Dave Featherman

**FLOWER DELIVERY** - Lucy Weaver

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Stephanie Carl

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

**SEXTON** - Don Young

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.

**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 Narthex.**

**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**



## Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

The weekend also includes crafts, games, campfires, free-time, and community-building that allows youth and their adult counterparts time to deepen existing friendships, and create new ones. Congregational advisors can also count on the option of receiving some intentional continuing education. Plus, inspiring outdoor worship often highlights our last morning together at Nawakwa's famous Upper Temple!

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 3, 2021  
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.

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - October 5 - 7, 2021 \$150

All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Lodging in Zinn-Tozer Lodge.

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 Catte

[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.

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[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

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 – David Featherman

## 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.