

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

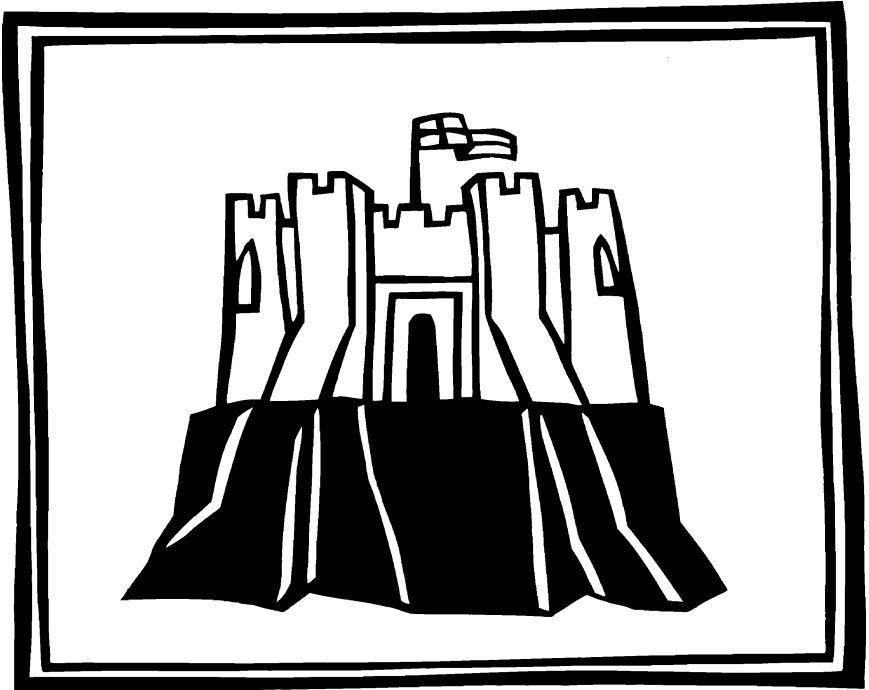
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Reformation Day,  
October 31, 2021

**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**

*Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**—*A Reformation Medley*

*Built on a Rock ~ My Hope is Built on Nothing Less ~  
A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

**Hymn #654** *The Church's One Foundation*

**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 Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

*Sit* **First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

*The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.*

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days,

says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

A The Word of the Lord

## C Thanks be to God

### Psalm: Psalm 46

*READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE*

<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

<sup>3</sup>though its waters rage and foam,  
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

<sup>4</sup>**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.**

<sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken; God shall help it at the break of day.

<sup>6</sup>**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

<sup>7</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>8</sup>**Come now, regard the works of the Lord, what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

<sup>9</sup>behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;

who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>10</sup>**“Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**

<sup>11</sup>The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## **Second Lesson: Romans 3:19-28**

*Paul’s words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ’s death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.*

<sup>19</sup>Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup>For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

<sup>21</sup>But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup>the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup>since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup>they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup>whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup>it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has

faith in Jesus.

<sup>27</sup>Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup>For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 8th Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: John 8:31-36**

*Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.*

<sup>31</sup>Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup>and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." <sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

<sup>34</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

## SERMON

Stand **Hymn #590** *Salvation Unto Us Has Come*

**C** **Salvation unto us has come**  
by God's free grace and favor;  
good works cannot avert our doom,  
they help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
who did for all the world atone,  
our only mediator.

Since Christ has full atonement made  
and brought to us salvation,  
we will rejoice, we will be glad  
and build on this foundation.

Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;  
baptized into your death, I'm freed;  
your life is mine forever.

## 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

Stand **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

## 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 #504** *A Mighty Fortress is Our God—vs 1*  
*Sung by Congregation with Mask On!*

**C** **A mighty fortress is our God,**  
**a sword and shield victorious;**  
**he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod**  
**and wins salvation glorious.**  
**The old satanic foe**  
**has sworn to work us woe!**  
**With craft and dreadful might**  
**he arms himself to fight.**  
**On earth he has no equal.**

**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** *All Are Welcome* ~ *Marty Haugen*

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**READINGS for November 7, 2021:**

First Lesson: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 24

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a

Gospel: John 11:32-44

Operating Receipts thru September 30: \$189,758

Expenditures thru September 30: \$212,434

Attendance: 10/24/2021 61

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 Loving Memory of Jim Carl given by Stephanie Carl.

**ATTENTION:**

Effective December 5, 2021, the flowers on the altar will be \$23.00 a vase.

**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 MEDITATION GARDEN BRICKS -  
THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

**MINISTER OF MUSIC -** Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

**MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

- Bennett Williams

**YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER -** Kellen Michalowski

**ALTAR CARE -** Barb Heym; Marian Person and

Donna Woodrow

**USHERS -** Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,  
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

**GREETERS -**

**COMMUNION ASST -**

**WORSHIP ASST -**

**LECTOR -** Bob Gill; Zara Bennett

**FLOWER DELIVERY -** Zara Bennett

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT -** Stephanie Carl

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

**SEXTON -** Don Young

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

**Fellowship is selling Butter Braids. We are going to split the profits with the Nursery school since they are not able to conduct their fundraisers this year.**

**See Deb Banks or Loraine Mariner or call the office to place your order.**

**Orders along with the money will be taken up until November 14th, and delivery will be Monday, November 22nd.**

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

**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**



## 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  |

## Beginning Birthdays for November

- 11/03 – Maryann Gelehrter  
Elliott Walak  
James Person
- 11/04 – Hailey Neidig  
Susan Schultz
- 11/07 – George Kaufman
- 11/08 – Thomas Stohler
- 11/09 – Vaughn Heym Jr



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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

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

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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.