

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 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

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE— *Consider and Hear Me*

~C. Pfueger

Stand 8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 17th Chapter
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made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15—Sermon

Stand **Hymn #864** *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven*

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*

Praise to the Lord *Louez l'Eternel*



1	Lou - ez	l'E - ter - nel,	ser - vi - teurs	de
2	Qui est	comme no - tre Dieu,	dans les	cieux, sur la
1	Praise	to the Lord,	all of you,	God's
2	There is	none like our God	in the	heav'ns or on



Dieu.	Bé - ni	soit son	nom,	main - te - nant,
ter - re,	qui	ex - al - te	les	pauvres au rang des grands
ser - vants.	Bless - ed	be the	name	of our God
earth,	who	lifts the	poor from the	dust, seat - ing them



à ja - mais.	Du le - ver	du so - leil,
de son peu - ple,	qui ma - ni - feste	mi - sé - ri - corde?
now and ev - er.	From the ris - ing	of the sun,
with the might-y,	who stoops to	raise the weak and low:

Refrain



bé - ni	soit son	nom!	Lou - é	soit Dieu,	l'E - ter - nel!
may the	Lord be	praised,	praise to the	name	of the Lord!

Text: Ron Klusmeier, b. 1946, based on Psalm 113; French tr. R. Gerald Hobbs, b. 1941

Music: RICHARDSON-BURTON, Ron Klusmeier

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PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

8:15—**Chancel Choir** “*Come, Sing Unto the Lord*” ~J. Martin

WORD

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

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman’s wife. ³She said to her mistress, “If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy.” ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, “Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me.”

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, “Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel.” ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance

of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."
A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 111

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O Lord,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,

remembering forever your covenant.

**⁶You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

**⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded
your covenant forever;

holy and awesome is your name.

**¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.**

God's praise endures forever.

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but

only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

11:00 **Stand Alleluia. Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for 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 #456** *Baptized in Water*

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** *My Delight is in the Lord ~R. Powell*

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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Music: BARBARA ALLEN, English folk tune
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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

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

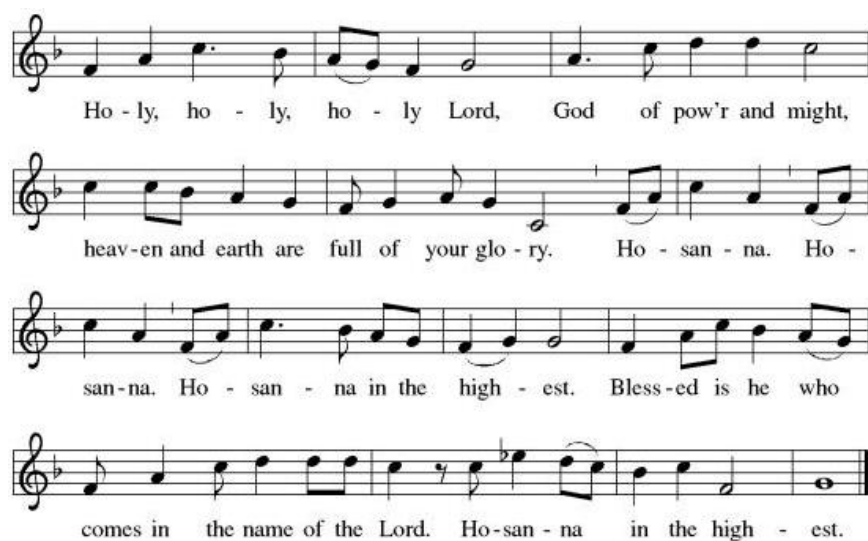
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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 #454 *Remember and Rejoice*

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 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

~Paris Antiphoner

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Altar Flowers are given in Celebration of my
granddaughter, Everly's 1st Birthday. Given by Deb Banks.

READING LESSONS for October 16, 2022:

First Lesson: Genesis 32:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 121

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

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.

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 at lyfstmarks@gmail.com! I hope you are able to make this retreat a priority in a busy fall season!

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

it's **BBQ** Time!



BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinners

Saturday: **October 15, 2022** – 10:00 am until **SOLD OUT**

Chicken Dinner - \$10.00 – ½ chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Rib Dinner - \$15.00 – ½ 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.

ATTENTION: 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 - Barb Heym; Marian Person/Donna Woodrow

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

COMMUNION ASST - Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek

WORSHIP ASST - 11:00—Linda Walker

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Sandy Sherwood

FLOWER DELIVERY - Tracy Ingram

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 9, 2022 – Proper 23

Luke 17:17-19 -- Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten lepers made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Gratitude is a gift, an attitude of life that unlocks happiness and generosity. The one leper who comes back to thank Jesus for healing is blessed for it. What can you thank Jesus for today?

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.



**Like us on
Facebook**

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!

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	10/09	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	10/10	7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
		3:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry
		6:30 pm	Lioness Meeting
TUESDAY	10/11	10:00 am	Esther Circle
		6:30 am	Eve Circle
		6:30 pm	Nursery Board Meeting
		6:30 pm	Property Ministry
WEDNESDAY	10/12	10:00 am	Bible Study
		6:30 pm	Getting Your Financial House in Order
THURSDAY	10/13	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
		6:30 pm	Mission Bells
		7:30 pm	Chancel Choir
FRIDAY	10/14		
SATURDAY	10/15	10:00 pm	Rib/Chicken BBQ
SUNDAY	10/16	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous



Nursery School selling R&K Subs & Pretzel Sandwiches; Call church office, (717)652-6700, if you want to order, the price is \$6.00 each. The due date is: October 14th, delivery date is: October 26th from 5 to 7 pm.



**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.

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.

Trunk or Treat Saturday, October 22, 2022. Call church office, (717)652-6700, if you wish to have your decorated car to give out treats. Starts at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Arlington Avenue side.

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. State tuned for further details.

Birthdays for October

10/03 – Margie Stouffer Scott Leedy	10/17 – Amelia Heym Brooke DiSerio
10/04 – Hannah Leigh DeFrank Melissa Dinger Holly Evans Leo Brown	10/18 – Richard Deppen Wayne Smithers David Kolter
10/05 – Emma Mink	10/22 – Lennox Powell Spencer Lindner
10/06 – Dorothy Sutch	10/24 - Kristian Beverly
10/08 – Jackson Klick Kathryn McClain	Alexis Neidig 10/26 - Jared Fleegal
10/09 – Dameion Frey	10/28 - Laura Young
10/10 – Kendall Beverly Wayne Metz	John Herigan, Jr. 10/29 -Larry Watkins
10/11 – Zara Bennett Reuel Deppen Sara Lawrence	10/30 –Thomas Botts Brian Dinger 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.



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

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

WISH LIST



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.)

www.humanesocietyhbg.org

HSOA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that is not funded by the government or national organizations. We rely on the support of the communities in Dauphin, Cumberland and Perry counties to fulfill our mission.

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.