

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Christ the King  
November 21, 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**

*Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**—*Processional ~ adapted from "Judas Maccabaeus"*  
by G.F. Handel

**Hymn #854**—*Blessing and Honor*

Stand **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables  
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves  
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,  
to welcome those you send,  
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,  
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P God, who makes all things new,  
forgives your sins for + Jesus' sake  
and remembers them no more.

Lift up your heads and your hearts.

Yours is the kingdom of God.

**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 and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of 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: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14**

*To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end.*

*Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.*

<sup>9</sup>As I watched,  
thrones were set in place,  
and an Ancient One took his throne,  
his clothing was white as snow,  
and the hair of his head like pure wool;  
his throne was fiery flames,  
and its wheels were burning fire.

<sup>10</sup>A stream of fire issued  
and flowed out from his presence.  
A thousand thousands served him,  
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending  
him.

The court sat in judgment,  
and the books were opened.

<sup>13</sup>As I watched in the night visions,  
I saw one like a human being  
coming with the clouds of heaven.  
And he came to the Ancient One  
and was presented before him.

<sup>14</sup>To him was given dominion  
and glory and kingship,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion  
that shall not pass away,  
and his kingship is one  
that shall never be destroyed.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

## Psalm: Psalm 93

### READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

<sup>1</sup>The Lord is king, robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength.

The Lord has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**<sup>2</sup>Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;  
you are from everlasting.**

<sup>3</sup>The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice;  
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**<sup>4</sup>Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,  
mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.**

<sup>5</sup>Your testimonies are very sure,  
and holiness befits your house, O Lord, forever and forevermore.

## Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

*The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.*

<sup>4b</sup>Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5a</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6a</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will  
wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God,  
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Blessed is the coming kingdom of our  
ancestor David. Alleluia**

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 18th Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: John 18:33-37**

*In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two  
different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.*

<sup>33</sup>Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus,  
and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus  
answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell  
you about me?” <sup>35</sup>Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your  
own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to  
me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup>Jesus answered, “My kingdom  
is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world,  
my followers would be fighting to keep me from being  
handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not  
from here.” <sup>37</sup>Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus  
answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born,  
and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth.  
Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Stand **Hymn #430** *Rejoice, for Christ is King!*

C **Rejoice, for Christ is king!**

Your Lord and king adore;

rejoice, give thanks, and sing,

and triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior Jesus reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our stains,

he took his seat above:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### 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** God , in your mercy,

**C** **Hear our prayer**

**A** God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**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-contact” 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 Holy God,

C the earth is yours and everything in it,

yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.

Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our 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** A feast of love is offered here  
for you and for all the saints.

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**A** Blessed Jesus,  
at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.  
Now send us forth to extend our tables  
and to share your gifts  
until that day when all feast together  
at your heavenly banquet  
**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## **BLESSING**

**P** God, the beginning and the end,  
who has written your name in the book of life,

+ bless and keep you in grace and peace  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
**C Amen.**

**Hymn # 855** *Crown Him with many Crowns vs 1*

**C Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne;  
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.**

*Sung by Congregation with Mask On!*

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Led on by the saints before us,  
go in peace to serve the Lord.

**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** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,*

*~J. Neander; German*

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**READINGS for November 28, 2021:**

First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm: Psalm 25:1-10

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

Operating Receipts thru September 30: \$189,758

Expenditures thru September 30: \$212,434

Attendance: 11/14/2021 89 (3 services)

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

**Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God.

**ATTENTION:**

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

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

**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.

**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; Sandy Dinger

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

**GREETERS** -

**COMMUNION ASST** -

**WORSHIP ASST** -

**LECTOR** - 10:00 am Emmor Bosler

**FLOWER DELIVERY** - Marian Person

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Stephanie Carl

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

**SEXTON** - Don Young

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.

11/10 – Samantha Romanias

Brent Whitaker

11/14 – Richard Botts

Susan Dillahey

11/16 – Julia Zingone

11/17 – Floyd Sholder

11/18 – Gary Schwartz

11/20 – Sandy Dinger

11/22 – Heidi May

11/23 – Rick Beckley

11/24 – Christine Wnuk

Tracey Swetnam

11/27 – Isaiah Allen (Willis)

11/28 – Ryan Cleaver



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of Central Pennsylvania

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

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.



In coordination with CompassionateFriends.org,  
NCDAF.org, and St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran  
Please join us.....



**Date:** December 12, 2021  
**Time:** 6:00pm  
**Location:** St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran, 4200  
Londonderry Rd. Harrisburg, PA 17109  
**Highlights:** General sharing and fellowship.  
**Bring, Opt.:** Pictures  
**Contact:** Linda Thomas  
**Email:** ljthomas1952@gmail.com  
**Subject line:** WWC, NCDAF

If you would like your Loved One's name read, please  
send the following information....

**Deceased name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**You will, \_\_\_\_\_ . # attending \_\_\_\_\_  
or will not, \_\_\_\_\_ be able to attend.**

**Deadline for submitting names and  
information: November 30th 2021**

The Lutheran Youth Of Faith at St. Mark's Harrisburg Present

## **ITALIAN NIGHT AT ST. MARKS**

From the hills of Tuscany to the shores of Sicily, experience the sights, smells, and tastes of Italian cuisine! Spaghetti at its finest!

**Saturday, December 4th, from 4PM to 7:30PM**

**This year's Italian Night will be Take-Out only.**

### **Ready Made Take-Out - \$12 Each**

A hot, delicious, ready to eat spaghetti dinner with spaghetti, a side salad, bread, & dessert.

### **Meal Kits - \$8 Each**

A meal kit to make a spaghetti dinner later in the week. Perfect for a quick and delicious meal during the work week! Comes with dry pasta ,homemade red sauce, and bread.

You will have the option between marinara and meat sauce and choice of Ranch or Italian dressing. Gluten-Free options available as well.

You can pre-order meals by emailing your name, # of meals, and desired pick-up time to [lyfstmarks@gmail.com](mailto:lyfstmarks@gmail.com)

You can also just walk up and order on the 4th!

**Proceeds benefit St Mark's Youth Ministry, helping them go on Mission Trips, Retreats, and Youth Gatherings!** If you wonder what the youth group does, please feel free to ask any of our wonderful youth!