

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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All Saints Day  
November 7, 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**

*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **PRELUDE**—*In Memoriam for All Saints*

*Jerusalem, My Happy Home* (R. Lau with Haydn concerto)

*Jesus, Still Lead On* (R. Lau with E. Elgar Theme)

*For All the Saints* (P. Bouman Setting)

**Hymn #427** *For All your Saints, O Lord*

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.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the + Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Have mercy on us, O God.

**C 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 God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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: Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

6On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for  
all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged  
wines strained clear.

7And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
8he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all  
faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away  
from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

9It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so  
that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 24**

*READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE*

1The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

2**For the Lord has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**

3Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?

4**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they  
pledge by what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O  
everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this King of glory?**

**The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in  
battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O  
everlasting doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this King of glory?**

**Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.**

## **Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 11th Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has

been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Stand **Hymn #429** *In Our Day of Thanksgiving*

**C In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer  
for the saints who before us received the reward;  
when the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrowed,  
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**Sing praise, then, and thanks that God's love here has  
found them, whose journey is ended, whose perils are  
past; they believed in the light; and its glory is round  
them, where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

### 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 Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A God our protection 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-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 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 #422** *For all the Saints—Verse 1*

**C** For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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** *I know that my Redeemer Lives* ~J. Hatton

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**READINGS for November 14, 2021:**

First Lesson: Daniel 12:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 16

Second Lesson: Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25

Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

Operating Receipts thru September 30: \$189,758

Expenditures thru September 30: \$212,434

Attendance: 10/31/2021 68

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

**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.**

**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.

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

**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** - Kevin Spencer; Dave Featherman

**FLOWER DELIVERY** - Donna Lee

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Stephanie Carl

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

**SEXTON** - Don Young

**Altar Flowers** are given in Celebration of my daughter Samantha Romanias's birthday, November 10th given by her mother Deb Banks.

**Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God by Margaret and John Herigan in thankfulness for the blessings of 61 years of marriage. Given by Margaret & John Herigan.

**ATTENTION:**

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



## 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



## THE SAINTS



Janet Bistline

George "Bob" Davis

Henry Ebert

Terry Fleegal

Mildred Forney

Donald Gutshall

Robert Lehman

Clara Ruta

Connie Schwartz

William "Bill" Shook

Harold Sultzaberger

Willem "Bill" Van Nieuwkuyk



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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

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.