

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Second Sunday of Easter

April 24, 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

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*He's Risen, He's Risen!*

~K. T. Kosche

Stand **Hymn #384** *That Easter Day With Joy was Bright*

11:00 am Baptism—Page 227 in hymnal

Liam Thomas Graham

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

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

P In the name of God,
who makes a way in the wilderness,
walks with us,
and guides us in our pilgrimage.

Amen.

Kneel or sit as able

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,
we confess that we have wandered far from you:
we have not trusted your promises,
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.
Have mercy on us!
Forgive us and turn us again to you.

P Beloved in Christ,
the Word draws near to you,
and all who call out to God shall be saved.
In Jesus, God comes to you again and again
and gathers you under wings of love.
In + Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.
God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.
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 *This is the Feast* (Front of hymnal Page
149, Setting 4)

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with
the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's
breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to
be the body of your Son, 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: Acts 5:27-32**

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.”

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,**

and declare the works of the Lord.

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord;

here the righteous may enter.”

**²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

**²³By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵Hosanna! O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless you from the house of the Lord.

²⁷The Lord is God and has given us light.

**Form a procession with branches up to the corners of
the altar.**

²⁸You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

**²⁹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.**

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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, ⁵and 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, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! 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.

“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 Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 20th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of

any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #635** *We Walk by Faith*

8:15 am 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

P God, in your mercy

C Hear our prayer.

P In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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.

ORGAN OFFERTORY *This Joyful Eastertide* ~P.D. Weber

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #184** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Living God,

C you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign,

and you welcome us all at your table.

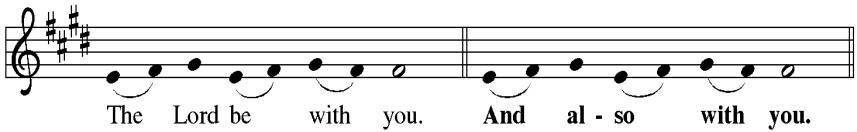
Reach out to us through this meal,

and show us your wounded and risen body,

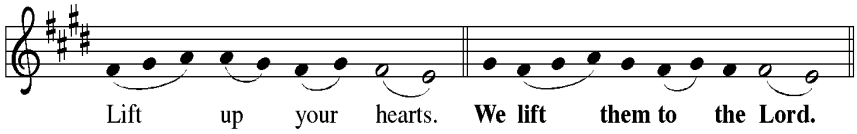
that we may be nourished and believe

in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

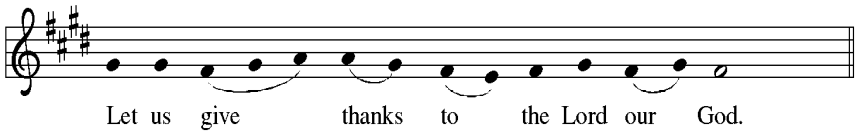
C Amen.



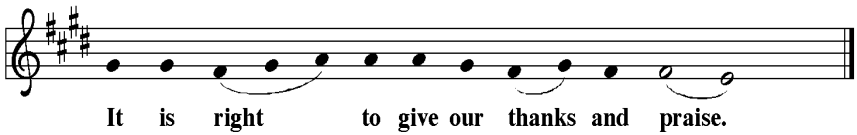
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

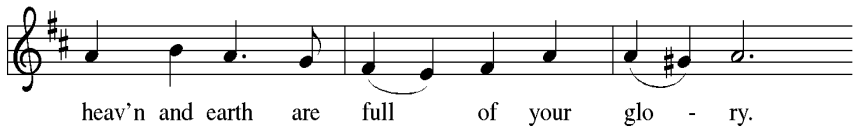
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



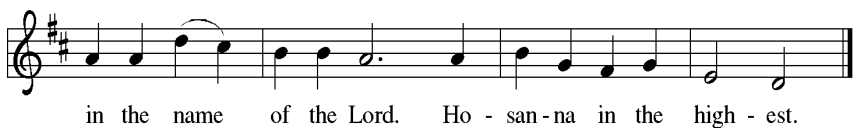
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**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, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ dwells with us here.
All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A We give you thanks, generous God,
for in this bread and cup

we have tasted the new heaven and earth
where hunger and thirst are no more.

Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection,
that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

P God, the Author of life,
Christ, the living Cornerstone,
and the life-giving Spirit of adoption,
+ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

Hymn #376 *Thine is the Glory*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

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 *Awake My Heart with Gladness* ~ J. Criiger

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READING LESSONS for May 1, 2022:

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

Psalm: Psalm 30

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-14

Altar Flowers are in given Honor of Zachary & Jackson Lee's birthdays. Given by Grandma & Grandpa.

Stewardship Snippet

April 24, 2022 (Second Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Psalm 150:1 –Praise the LORD!

You get the impression from Psalm 150 that praising God is not something you do, but rather something that steward disciples embody every minute of every day, every activity and every thought. How do you praise God? How can you do better?

Operating Receipts thru March 31: \$57,295

Expenditures thru March 31: \$70,200

Attendance: 04/17/2022 135

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

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

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

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 doesn't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

**REMINDER: 2022 Church Envelopes are in the Hall.
Check for friends or shut-ins near you if you don't mind taking them to them.**

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Sue Bennick; Sandy Dinger

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Jeanne Flickinger; Judy Horton

FLOWER DELIVERY - Sue Smithers

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

NURSERY SCHL DIR. -

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young



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OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

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| SUNDAY | 04/24 | 8:15 am Worship |
| | | 11:00 am Worship |
| | | 7:00 pm AA |
| MONDAY | 04/25 | 6:30 pm Altar Guild |
| TUESDAY | 04/26 | 6:30 pm Eve's Circle |
| WEDNESDAY | 04/27 | |
| THURSDAY | 04/28 | 10:00 am Book Club |
| | | 1:00 pm The Craft Artistians |
| FRIDAY | 04/29 | |
| SATURDAY | 04/30 | |
| SUNDAY | 05/01 | 8:15 am Worship |
| | | 9:45 am Sunday Church School |
| | | 11:00 am Worship |
| | | 5:00 pm LYF Meeting |
| | | 7:00 pm AA |

ATTENTION: If you are here for meetings in the evenings, please be sure to turn off all lights when leaving.

Birthdays for April

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 04/01 – Stella Baker | 04/18 – Carol Watkins |
| 04/02 – Fred Shultz | 04/20 – Patty Ernest |
| Owen Smith | Keri Miller |
| Madeline Varga | Danielle DiSerio |
| 04/03 Jane Shetrone | 04/21- Christopher Bair |
| Charles Walak | 04/23 – Kristy Shoaff |
| 04/04 – Caden Bryan | 04/25 – Kimberly Klick |
| Casianne Frey | Lauryn Edwards |
| (McClenahan) | |
| Valerie Martellaro | 04/26 - Denise Harr |
| 04/05 - Michelle Haynos | Melva Neifert |
| 04/06 – Dave Ringley | Karin Senft |
| 04/13 – Donald Herbster | 04/27 - Zachary Lee |
| Christian McClain | James Long |
| 04/15 - Susan Simpler | Calvin Smith |
| 04/16 – Anthony Weldon | 04/28 – Charlie James |
| 04/17 – Lauren Briner | 04/29 - April Trout |
| | Jackson Lee |

If your birthday is in April and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

Birthdays beginning of May

05/01 – Morgan Adams
 Mia Brown

05/02 – Dennis DeFrank
 Lucy Nusz

05/05 Christopher Smith

05/07 – Nathan Banic

05/08 - Connor Ellestad

05/10 – Dwayne Geiger

05/12—Stephanie Carl

05/14—Mary Sultzaberger

Seekers Sunday School, Sunday, May 1, 2022

How Lutherans Interpret the Bible

By Jessicah Krey Duckworth

“With care” is how we might describe Mark Allen Powell’s approach to seven important questions about Lutherans and the Bible. He does not prescribe “the Lutheran way” to read the Bible. Nor does he dismiss the way you may have come to understand the Bible. Instead, Powell presents a range of options for interpreting the Bible in particularly Lutheran ways. You will find some of these ways helpful. You may find some of these ways not as helpful.

LECTORS NEEDED!!

Interested in reading lessons any Sunday at early or late services? if so, please contact Zara Bennett at 732-5005 or zara1950@gmail.com

Announcement.

Let’s Give

If you are feeling like you wish you could do something to help the situation in Ukraine, consider this:

Last week Rabbi Marc Gellman addressed giving in his Sunday newspaper column. He discussed efficient and honest charitable organizations. He mentioned top rated Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org) and Church World Service for actively responding to the needs of refugees in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Consider these or other organizations highly rated by Charity Watch or Charity Navigator in your giving response.



NOW ENROLLING



2022-2023

2, 3, and 4 year olds

St. Mark's Nursery School



Following the Lamb

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Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Earth Day Celebration at Kirchenwald - April 24, 2022 2-6pm

April 24 - Enjoy an afternoon of environmental activities, games, and crafts at one of your favorites places within God's creation: CAMP! An evening meal is included in the \$15 fee. All ages welcome.

Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 29 - 30, 2022

Need a weekend with the guys? Come on out to Kirchenwald for a retreat that's sure to put hair on your chest. Get your hands dirty with on-site service projects, break a sweat with some athletic competition, test your mind through a team engineering challenge, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. Participants must be 18 years old or 15 if accompanied by an adult. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Registration is \$85. Please register by April 22.

Nawakwa Work Day at Nawakwa - April 30, 2022 9:00am

April 30 - Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. RSVP by April 22 so enough food can be provided.

Kirchenwald Work Day at Kirchenwald - May 7, 2022 9:00am

May 7- Volunteers needed to do general housekeeping, gardening, painting, carpentry, and other tasks. A noon meal will be provided. RSVP by April 22 so enough food can be provided.

Lutheran Camping Night at Harrisburg Senators at FNB Park - May 13, 2022 7:00pm

The Lutheran Camping Corporation and the Harrisburg Senators Baseball Team invite your church family to a night of fun and fellowship at FNB Field for our annual Lutheran Camping Night! Postgame fireworks!

Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic at Kirchenwald - May 15, 2022 3:30pm

May 15 - Join friends, volunteers, and staff of The Lutheran Camping Corporation to celebrate the the opening of the 2022 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food.

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 2, 2022

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 4 - 6, 2022

A Book Study Retreat on the book: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis – J. D. Vance. Suggested supplemental books can be found on the website. 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. Please register by September 24. Registration fee: \$150. Register by September 24.

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.