

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

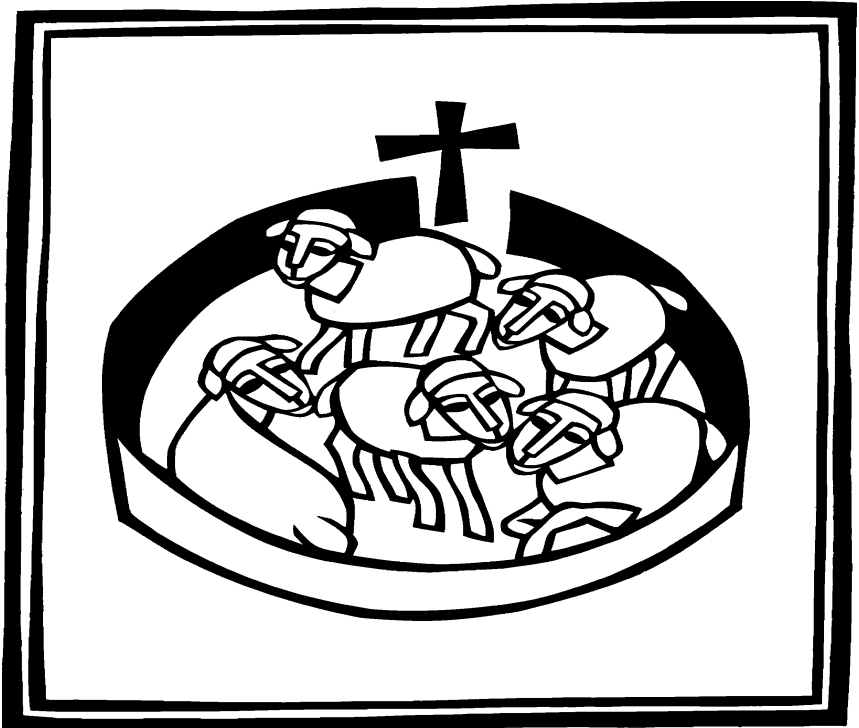
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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Silence for Preparation for Worship*

Stand **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,

for these waters where you make us new,

leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the
grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

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 O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Reading: Acts 4:5-12**

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

5The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, 6with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. 7When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" 8Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, 9if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, 10let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. 11This Jesus is 'the stone that was

rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’
12There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name
under heaven given among mortals by which we must be
saved.”

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 23

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name’s
sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of
death, I shall fear no evil;**

**for you are with me; your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running
over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life,**

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

*Jesus’ death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine
love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through
our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love
we fulfill God’s commandments.*

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken **Alleluia. Jesus says, I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.**

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 10th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] 11“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

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 In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you

MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A God of love,

C you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

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.

Invitation to Communion

P The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,
you have brought us this far along the way.
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,
but guided us into the path of love and light.
In every age you sent prophets
to make known your loving will for all humanity.
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.

In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant
to preach good news to the afflicted,
to break bread with the outcast and despised,
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.

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 all people for the
forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the
earth from the bonds of slavery and death.
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

SENDING

Stand **BLESSING**

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news.

We will. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of them in the Narthex in recycling can.

Operating Receipts thru March 31: \$60,121

Expenditures thru March 31: \$69,176

Attendance: 04/18/2021 54

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

READINGS for May 2, 2021:

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Psalm: Psalm 22:25-31

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

Gospel: John 15:1-8

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.

SIMPLY GIVING – A Simple Choice: A Generous Response & Save Paper. Simply Giving is the program St. Mark's uses to enable electronic transfer for church donations. Most people use similar methods to make recurring payments for utilities, mortgages, etc. Why not save paper and make it easier for yourself, and the Counters here at St Mark's. Sign up and support our programs with regular donations that are safe, reliable, and conserve paper resources.

If you are already enrolled consider increasing the amount at this time. Forms are available in the narthex and on bulletin boards, or ask at the office.

ONLINE GIVING - is also available on our website, stmarksharrisburg.org. Click the GIVE tab and follow the instructions. ON LINE GIVING IS SEPARATE FROM SIMPLY GIVING. If you use both you will be giving twice. Changes to SIMPLY GIVING must, for the time being, be made by paper form only. Thanks for your generous stewardship.

Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Terry Fleegal,
given by the Fleegal Family

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk
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Why Apply?

- IMPACT LIVES
- SHARE YOUR FAITH
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- EXPERIENCE NEW PLACES
- SPEND THE SUMMER OUTDOORS

*Ministry sites of
The Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania*

Upcoming Events



Men's Retreat at Kirchenwald - April 30 - May 1, 2021

April 30-May1 - 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 and bike riding, and join in fellowship and Bible study in a faith-based environment. The retreat runs from 7pm on Friday until 4pm on Saturday. Participants must be at least 18 years old, or 15 if accompanied by an adult. (It's a great way to spend time with your grandson/nephew, etc!) \$85 per person. RSVP to 717-677-8211 or LutheranCamping.org by April 23.

Margie Stouffer is now allowed to have 2 hour visits in her room. The website to sign up is: Messiahlifeways.org/visit
Greenwood to sign up
Her Room #3012 Greenwood

Birthdays for April

04/01 – Stella Baker	04/20 – Patty Ernest
04/02 – Fred Shultz	Keri Miller
Owen Smith	Danielle DiSerio
Madeline Varga	04/21- Christopher Bair
04/03 Jane Shetrone	4/22- Caleb Varga
Charles Walak	04/23 – Kristy Shoaff
04/04 – Caden Bryan	04/25 – Kimberly Klick
Casianne Frey	Lauryn Edwards
Valerie Martello	(McClenahan)
04/05 - Michelle Haynos	04/26 - Denise Harr
04/12 - Linda Dullen	Melva Neifert
04/13 - Donald Herbster	Karin Senft
Christian McClain	04/27 - Zachary Lee
04/15—Susan Simpler	James Long
04/16 - Anthony Weldon	Calvin Smith
04/17 – Lauren Briner	04/29 - April Trout
04/18 – Carol Watkins	Jackson Lee



HARVEST
Golf Tournament

Monday, May 24, 2021
Rain or Shine

8:00 AM Shotgun Start
Scramble Format

Sunset Golf Course
2601 Sunset Dr. Middletown, PA 17057
Phone: 717-944-9262

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A **BIG THANK YOU** to all the faithful flower delivery people. Your service is greatly appreciated & brings a ray of hope to those that are hospitalized and to the shut-ins.

In Christian Love,

Gitta May

P.S. Thank you for making my job easier.