

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

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.

CONSIDER THIS

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE— *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*
(Bennett & Goldschmidt; arr. Isaacson)

Stand **8:15 Sermon Lesson— Gospel: John 14:15-21**

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The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 14th Chapter
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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15—Sermon

Stand **Hymn #631** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.
C Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.

Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.
Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

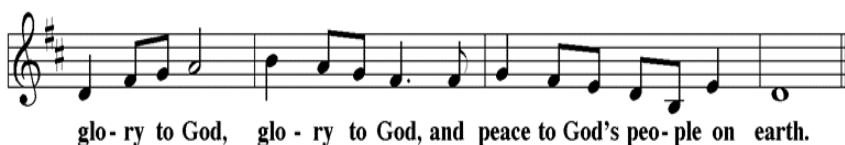
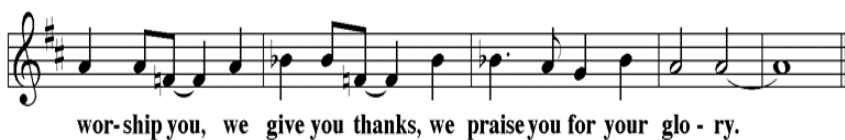
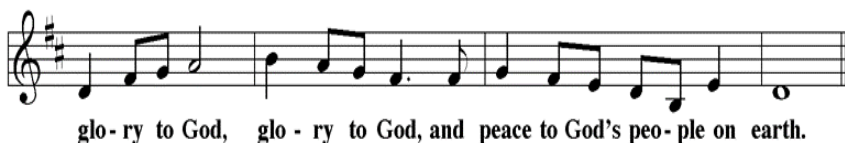
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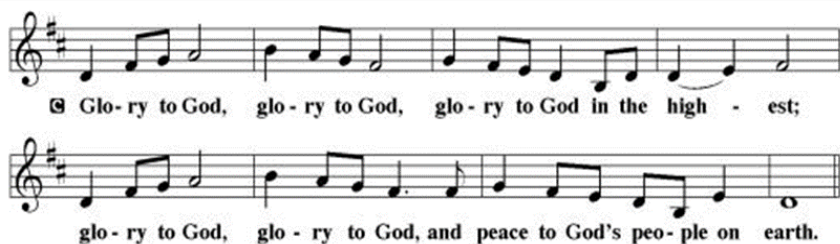
Stand **Greeting**

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





Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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: Acts 17:22-31**

In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the “unknown god” whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

A reading from Acts

²²Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him — though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we too are his offspring.’

²⁹Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked

the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 66:8-20

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

⁸Bless our God, you peoples;

let the sound of praise be heard.

⁹**Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.**

¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

¹¹**You brought us into the net;**

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

¹²You let people ride over our heads; we went through fire
and water,

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

¹³**I will enter your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows—**

¹⁴those that I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

¹⁵**I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with
the smoke of rams;**

I will give you oxen and goats.

¹⁶Come and listen, all you who believe,

and I will tell you what God has done for me.

¹⁷**I called out to God with my mouth,**

and praised the Lord with my tongue.

¹⁸If I had cherished evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
¹⁹**but in truth God has heard me**
and has attended to the sound of my prayer.
²⁰Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld unfailing love from me.

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 3:13-22

The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

A reading from 1 Peter

¹³Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of

the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand 11:00 Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia.

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON/YOUTH MESSAGE**

11:00 SERMON

Stand **Hymn #662** *Christ Is the King*

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 Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen 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 **INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY**

Mother, I Love You / I Often Go Walking

(Wheelright, Lawler, Lowder)

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #679 For the Fruit of All Creation -**

Vs. 3

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~Jan Bender

For the Fruit of All Creation



- 1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
- 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional

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Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER—** Let us Pray

A Generous God,

C **In this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.**

C **Amen.**

Spoken **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.**

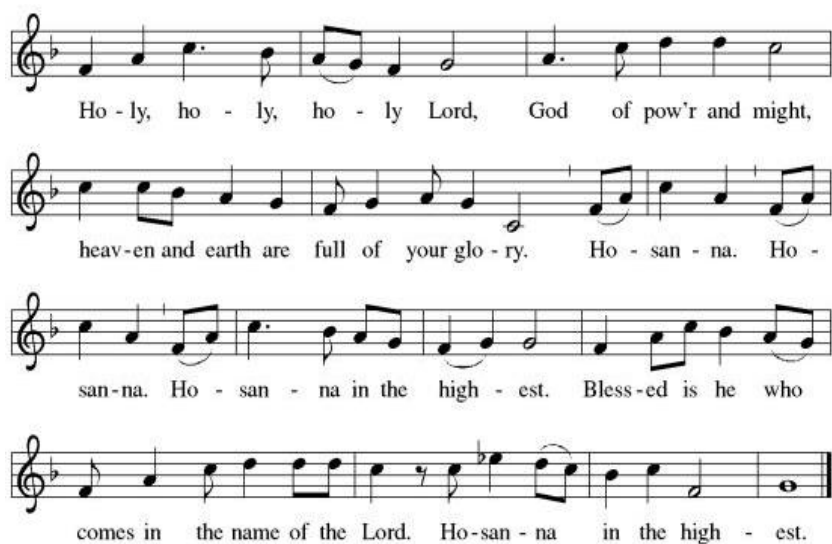
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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

Invitation to Communion

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

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.

Sit **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.

Communion Hymns

#474 *Bread of Life from Heaven*

#742 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Gracious God,
in you we live and move and have our being.
With your word and this meal of grace,
you have nourished our life together.
Strengthen us to show your love
and serve the world in Jesus' name.

C Amen

BLESSING

P The God of all,
who raised + Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

C Amen.

Hymn #840 *Now Thank We All Our God*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE ~ Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
(arr. Zisi)

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READING LESSONS for May 28, 2023:

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21
Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
Gospel: John 20:19-23

Altar Flowers are in Honor of my mother, Margie Stouffer for Mothers Day and all of Moms out there Happy Mother's Day. Given by Mary Sultzaberger.

Altar Flowers are in Celebration of Marian Person's birthday. Given by Loraine Mariner.

St. Mark's Book Club

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator
2023			
May 25	Run Rose Run	James Patterson/ Dolly Parton	_____
June 22	The Lost Wife	Alyson Richman	_____

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

Stewardship Snippet— May 14, 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A) John 14:15 - "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." Jesus connects love to action in today's gospel. Loving Jesus means loving God and neighbor and following the way of Christ. And as we do, the Spirit of truth guides us and helps us be better stewards of God's abundance.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	05/14	8:15 pm	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
			Mother's Day
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	05/15		
TUESDAY	05/16	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	05/17	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	05/18	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	05/19		
SATURDAY	05/20	10:00 am	Debbie Golden GSA
SUNDAY	05/21	9:30 am	LYF Breakfast/Church
			Service Fellowship Hall
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous



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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!

**May 21, 2023, One service at 9:30 Youth Sunday
Breakfast/Church Service in Fellowship Hall
Breakfast casseroles are needed, if you can
help us out see Deb Banks/Loraine Mariner.**

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers again for the Bird Sanctuary

Birthdays in May

05/01	Mia Brown Brent Leedy Emma Heym	05/19	Marian Person Christie Senft
05/02	Dennis DeFrank Lucy Nusz	05/21	Suezan King
05/05	Christopher Smith	05/24	Joshua Heym
05/07	Nathan Banic	05/28	Shirley Johns
05/08	Connor Ellestad	05/29	Stanley Simpler
05/10	Dwayne Geiger	05/30	Landon Brown
05/12	Stephanie Carl	05/31	Alice Hoover William Kroah, Jr. Ethan Appleby
05/14	Mary Sultzaberger		
05/16	John Herigan, Sr.		
05/18	Vaugh Heym III		

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



ST. MARK'S
COMMUNITY
BREAKFAST

**JOIN US
FOR GOOD
FOOD AND
FELLOWSHIP!**

**SECOND
SATURDAY
EVERY
MONTH
8AM-10AM**

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THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak (substitute)

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Sue Bennick; Marian Person/Donna Woodrow

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Laurie Womer; Zara Bennett

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Fred Mast

FLOWER DELIVERY - Marian Person

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Jay Snyder

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Broome 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

MEMBERS and VISITORS please sign the **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER** located in the hymnal holder. Please indicate if you received communion. Be sure to greet those worshipping with you today.

We would like to thank our St. Mark's family and friends for their cards, prayers, and support during Resta's health challenges and at her passing. Special thanks to Pastor Jim for being part of her memorial service at Stone Valley Church and to Zara Bennett for flower delivery. We are grateful to everyone.

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023- 2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



« « **Monday, January 30, 2023** » »

Registration open for CURRENT Students and Families
& Members of St. Mark's Church

« « **Monday, February 13, 2023** » »

Registration open to the public.

« « **2023-2024 Classes & Monthly Tuition** » »

4/ 5 Year Old Class: MWF 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM- \$ 175.00

3 Year Old Class: TR 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM- \$140.00

2 Year Old Class: TR 9:15 AM- 11:15 AM- \$140.00

\$40 Non-Refundable Registration Fee Due with Application

Registration fee increased to \$50 after June 1, 2023



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\$ 10

RIB DINNER

\$ 15

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DID  VBS IS COMING SOON?

WE NEED YOUR HELP!



JUNE 12TH- 14TH

6-8 PM

DINNER AT 5 PM

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!**

REGISTER NOW!



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AMAZON WISHLIST**



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BACK TO SCHOOL BACKPACK & SUPPLIES

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE
ANY SUPPLIES, PLEASE PLACE THEM
ON THE BENCH IN THE NARTHEX**

ITEMS NEEDED

**NOTEBOOKS, PAPERS, PENS, # 2
PENCILS, FOLDERS, GLUE,
KIDS SCISSORS &
COLORED PENCILS**

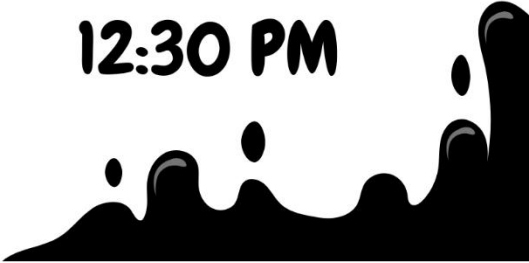


Kick-Off
SUMMER
at St. Mark's!

ICE CREAM SOCIAL



SUNDAY, MAY 28
12:30 PM





Come and celebrate the love, the life and the wisdom of a very special 90 year old. Paul Deibler will be turning 90 on June 4th.

His children and grandchildren are going to have a little party for him at church on June 3rd from 2pm to 4pm. Nothing fancy but some food and of course a cake.

All are welcome but please let Deb Banks know if you are able to attend. No gifts are needed.

**If you can't attend but would like to send him a card, his address is 3848 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA. 17111
RSVP Deb Banks or Church office (717)652-6700 by
12 noon, Thursday, May 25, 2023.**