

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 16, 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 gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Church's One Foundation* ~ P. Bunjes

Hymn #654 *The Church's One Foundation*
Organ Only—No Singing

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 Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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 Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In the days between Jesus' ascension and Pentecost, Peter oversees the process whereby one of the members of the community of believers is chosen to be the twelfth apostle, in order to fill the vacancy created by Judas's treachery and death.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons)

and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 1

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on God’s teaching day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;
everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked;**

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
⁶**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,**
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

*God has borne witness to the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ.
Whoever believes in the Son of God believes in the witness of God
and has the promise of eternal life.*

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken **Alleluia. I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 17th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 17:6-19

In this reading the church hears Jesus' words on the night before his death—his prayer for his disciples and for all who would

believe in him through their words.

[Jesus prayed:] ⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #496** *One Bread, One Body*

C One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man,
no more.
Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

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.

Sit **Hymn #655** *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

C Son of God, Eternal Savior,
Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us
Hallows all our human race,
By your praying, by your willing
That your people should be one,
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition:
Here on earth your will be done.

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.

POSTLUDE *In Christ there is no East or West ~ Spiritual*

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Operating Receipts thru April 30: \$84,583

Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,740

Attendance: 05/9/2021 110 (3 services)

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

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

READINGS for May 23, 2021:

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Reading: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Jay Snyder; Emmor Boslet

FLOWER DELIVERY - June Miller

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Pam Baranowski

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

**Don Young's son, Doug is collecting closed egg cartons,
you can drop them off at the church office.**

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 Celebration of John Herigan's Sr. "86th" Birthday, today. Given by his lovely wife, Margaret & their family.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

Birthdays for May

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| 05/01 – Morgan Adams Mia Brown | 05/19 – Marian Person Christie Senft |
| 05/02 – Dennis DeFrank Lucy Nusz | 05/24 - Joshua Heym |
| 05/05 - Christopher Smith | 05/27 - Lori Bargmann |
| 05/06 – Kris Kiner | 05/28- Shirley Johns |
| 05/07 - Nathan Banic | 05/29 – Stanley Simpler |
| 05/08 - Connor Ellestad | 05/30 - Landon Brown Robert Haines |
| 05/10 – Dwayne Geiger | 05/31 - Alice Hoover |
| 05/12 - Stephanie Carl | William Kroah, Jr |
| 05/14 – Mary Sultzaberger | Ethan Appleby |
| 05/16 - John Herigan, Sr | |



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NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF

We are hiring summer staff to help make this the best summer ever for our campers and guests. Serve others, grow in faith & community, and have a blast working at camp this summer! Learn more and apply online on the website.

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NOW HIRING CAMP STAFF



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LutheranCamping.org/employment

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COUNSELORS
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KITCHEN STAFF

Maintenance
Craft Staff

Why Apply?

- Impact Lives
- Share Your Faith
- Meet New People
- Experience New Places
- Spend The Summer Outdoors

Upcoming Events



[Summer Camp Kick-off Worship & Picnic](#) at Nawakwa -
May 16, 2021

• May 16 - Join friends, volunteers, and staff of The Lutheran Camping Corporation to celebrate the opening of the 2021 Summer Camping Season with worship, fellowship, and fabulous food.

[SEEDS \(Summer Eco-education Days\)](#) at The Wittel Farm

- June 5, 2021

Join Pastor Matt and Cherie Lenahan for a morning of education, with special guests, to learn about the farming practices at The Wittel Farm and how they support a healthier ecosystem, climate, and community.

[SEEDS \(Summer Eco-education Days\)](#) at The Wittel Farm

- July 3, 2021

Join Pastor Matt and Cherie Lenahan for a morning of education, with special guests, to learn about the farming practices at The Wittel Farm and how they support a healthier ecosystem, climate, and community.

[SEEDS \(Summer Eco-education Days\)](#) at The Wittel Farm

- July 17, 2021

Join Pastor Matt and Cherie Lenahan for a morning of education, with special guests, to learn about the farming practices at The Wittel Farm and how they support a healthier ecosystem, climate, and community.

[SEEDS \(Summer Eco-education Days\) Copy](#) at The Wittel Farm - August 7, 2021

- Join Pastor Matt and Cherie Lenahan for a morning of education, with special guests, to learn about the farming practices at The Wittel Farm and how they support a healthier ecosystem, climate, and community.**



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

All Proceeds benefit the Ecumenical Food Pantry, Harrisburg, PA.
*Providing emergency food assistance to approximately
1,000 central Pennsylvanians each month.*

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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.

There are a lot of empty Sundays on the flower chart if you would like to sponsor a Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 a vase. Since we aren't back to full capacity and you don't have access to the calendar you can call the church office and check the dates, give what occasion is for. Church number is 717-652-6700.

Please I'm looking for Lectors to read lessons for both Early and Late Services once a month. NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED! If you're interested, would you contact me at zara1950@gmail.com or call 732-5005....THANK YOU!

ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL IS HIRING

DIRECTOR/TEACHER

The Nursery School Director is responsible in their efforts for providing a loving, Christian, and safe environment for young children to enable them to grow socially, emotionally, academically, physically and in their faith development. Work to instill enthusiasm in the staff and maintain a vibrant preschool environment. The Director will have a role in the day to day management of the Preschool.

Degree in Elementary Education,
Early Childhood Education or Child Development preferred

Previous experience with children preferred

Send resumes to St. Mark's Nursery School
4200 Londonderry Road Harrisburg Pa 17109 or
stmarknurseryschool@gmail.com
to the Attention of Sandra Dinger by Tuesday June 1st.