

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 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

Visions abound in the readings for the sixth Sunday of Easter.

Paul has a vision about what to do. John has a vision of what will be. Jesus provides visions of peace that surpasses human understanding and power beyond human imagination.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* ~Ch. Callahan

Stand **Hymn #748** *Will You Come and Follow Me*

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

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,

and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.
In lush and barren places, you are with us.
You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water
and awaken your church once more.
Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End,
our Shepherd and Lamb,
be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
now and forever.

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)*

Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia**

**1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**2 Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing and honor, glory and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Refrain***

Final Refrain

**This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb
who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia,
Alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15**

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the impetus for the founding of the church at Philippi.

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: Psalm 67

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

- ¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**
- ³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations on earth.**
- ⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**
- ⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and

no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

²²¹Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand 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

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 14th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

²³Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "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. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #449** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

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.

Sit **ORGAN OFFERTORY** *Baptized in Water* ~Gaelic Tune

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,

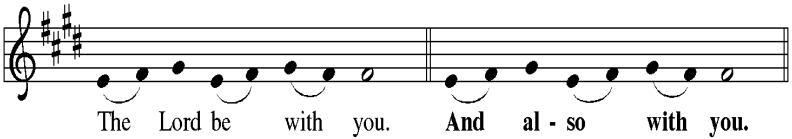
and show us your wounded and risen body,

that we may be nourished and believe

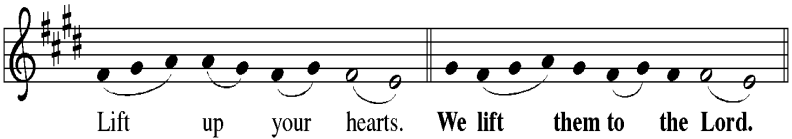
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

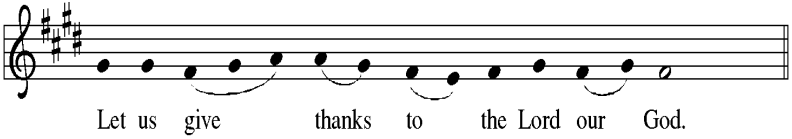
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



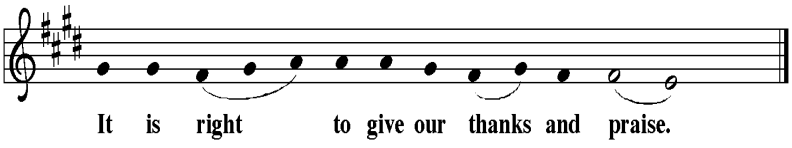
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

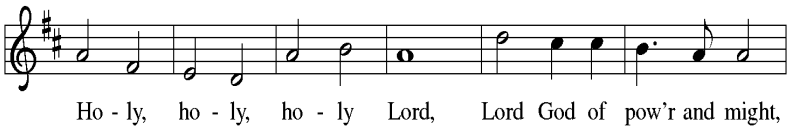


It is right to give our thanks and praise.

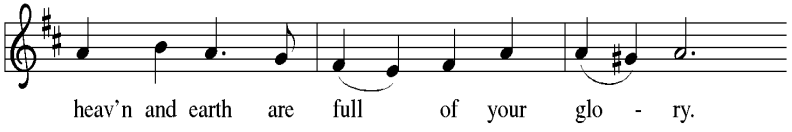
PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



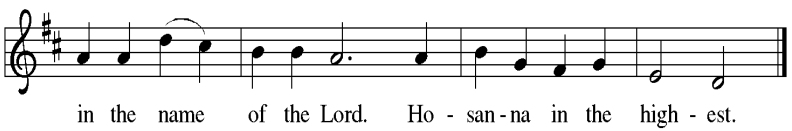
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



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.

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

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 #793 *Be Thou My Vision*

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
P Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
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 *Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us ~ Wm. Bradbury*

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Altar Flowers are in Honor of our son, Joshua Heym and grandson, Vaughn Heym III on their birthdays, Given by Barb & Vaughn Heym.

Communion Bread/Wine are in Memory of grandmother, Laura Weldon and in Celebration of Chad & Katherine Lawyer

READING LESSONS for May 29, 2022:

First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Psalm: Psalm 97

Second Lesson: Revelation 22:12-14 16-17 20-21

Gospel: John 17:20-26

Stewardship Snippet

May 22, 2022 (Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year C)

Acts 16:15 – When Lydia and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.”

Hospitality and community go hand in hand. God opens Lydia’s heart, and she opens her home to Paul and his companions. How can we show a wide welcome in our worshiping communities and to the neighborhoods around us?

Operating Receipts thru April 30: \$79,750

Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,805

Attendance: 05/15/2022 77

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

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.

Want to brighten someone's day?  Looking for people to help deliver flowers Sundays after church, 1

Sunday a month.  Call Gitta May at 545-5254 for further info.

Help with cleaning church, June 4, 2022, if you're available to help the starting time is 8:30

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laura Womer; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST - Laurie Womer; Zara Bennett

WORSHIP ASST - Mary Edna Leedy; Stephanie Carl

LECTOR - Laura Womer; Fred Mast

FLOWER DELIVERY - Zara Bennett

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

NURSERY SCHL DIR. -

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young



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Facebook**

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OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	05/22	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
MONDAY	05/23		
TUESDAY	05/24	6:30 pm	Eve's Circle
WEDNESDAY	05/25	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	05/26	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	05/27		
SATURDAY	05/28		
SUNDAY	05/29	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA

Birthdays for May

05/01 – Morgan Adams	05/19 – Marian Person
Mia Brown	Christie Senft
Brent Leedy	05/24 – Joshua Heym
05/02 – Dennis DeFrank	05/27 - Lori Bargmann
Lucy Nusz	05/28 - Shirley Johns
05/05 - Christopher Smith	05/29- Stanley Simpler
05/06 – Kris Kiner	05/30 – Landon Brown
05/07 - Nathan Banic	Robert Haines
05/08 - Connor Ellestad	05/31 – Alice Hoover
05/10 – Dwayne Geiger	William Kroah, Jr
05/12 - Stephanie Carl	Ethan Appleby
05/14 – Mary Sultzaberger	
05/16 - John Herigan, Sr.	
05/18 – Vaughn Heym, III	

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

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.

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.

Stewardship Ministries invites you to attend:

Getting Your Financial House In Order

When: June 22, 2022

Where: St Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

Session Topics include: Documents Everyone Should Have, Developing a Financial Plan, Risk Management, Education Planning and Understanding Company Benefits.

**ALL AGES AND FINANCIAL SITUATIONS
WELCOME!**

Please call the church office, 717-652-6700 to reserve your seat, so can have a count of the seating ahead of time.

Evangelism Ministry is inviting anyone to attend our monthly meetings, starting Monday, June 6, 2022, 6:30 pm. Bring your ideas to move St. Mark's forward.



Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

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.

Fall Foliage Day at Nawakwa at Nawakwa - 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 Nawakwa, enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Apple Butter Boil, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Registration Fee: \$10 per person includes activities and an evening meal.

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.

NOW HIRING SUMMER STAFF

Both Kirchenwald and Nawakwa still have positions available on their summer camp staffs. Those interested in serving the church in the capacity of camp staff can apply online or download an application on the Camping Website. The camp season runs from the beginning of June to mid-August.

For details regarding employment, please

visit <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment> or call Zach Weiss

(Kirchenwald) at 717-964-3121 or Mindy Shively (Nawakwa) at 717-677-8211.

If you know of someone that would be a great addition to the summer staff at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa, please share this information with them!

Current Needs

Kirchenwald: Counselors

Nawakwa: Counselors

→ **More Information** - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/employment>

THE NAWAKWA GARDEN PROJECT

Nawakwa Garden Project Planting Days

Weeding Wednesday

Wednesdays, June 1 - August 31, 9am-11am

More Information -

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/nawakwa/nawakwa-garden-project/>

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

Register for Summer Camp!

It might just be the best week you've ever had! Don't wait, sign up today for a summer camp program at Kirchenwald or Nawakwa.

Programs are starting to fill up, don't wait ...reserve your spot today!

----> **More Information** - <https://www.lutherancamping.org/summer-camp/>

THE WITTEL FARM GROWING PROJECT

Have you, your family, congregation, or group signed up to support the Wittel Farm this spring/summer season? Join us to plant, grow, and share farm fresh veggies with our neighbors.

More Information - <https://www.wittelfarm.org>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Elder Camp at Nawakwa - July 10 - 16, 2022

Family Camp I at Nawakwa - July 17 - 23, 2022

Adult BYOC Week at Kirchenwald - July 17 - 23, 2022

Kirchenwald Camp-K-tion (Family Camp) at Kirchenwald - August 7 - 13, 2022

Family Camp II at Nawakwa - August 7 - 13, 2022

----> More Information -

<https://www.lutherancamping.org/events/>



NOW ENROLLING



2022-2023

2, 3, and 4 year olds

St. Mark's Nursery School



Following the Lamb

4200 Londonderry Rd.
Harrisburg, PA 17109

(717) 652-6700

www.stmarksharrisburg.org/nursery