St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Seventh Sunday of Easter May 29, 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

It is possible to hear in Jesus' high priestly prayer, a prayer he offered shortly before his death, the petitions of the ascended Christ for his own throughout history—to our day—and beyond. Jesus prays for us. In holy baptism we become believers in God, have our robes washed in the flood of Christ's forgiveness, and receive the gift of life forever with all the saints

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—I Danced in the Morning ~Shaker Hymn arr. W. Held

Stand Hymn #556 Morning Has Broken

8:15 am Baptism—Page 227 in hymnal Everly Kaye Banks

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. Amen. 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 O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit First Lesson: Acts 16:16-34

Those who had enslaved a girl and used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for ordering the spirit to come out of her and consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family. ¹⁶One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." ¹⁸She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city;

they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." ²²The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 4He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 97

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹The Lord reigns; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of the isles be glad.

²Clouds and darkness surround the Lord, righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

- Fire goes before the Lord, burning up enemies on every side.
 - ⁴Lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
 - ⁵The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth.
 - The heavens declare your righteousness, O Lord, and all the peoples see your glory.
- ⁷Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in false gods!

Bow down before the Lord, all you gods.

- ⁸Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O Lord.
- For you are the Lord, most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.
- ■You who love the Lord, hate evil! God guards the lives of the saints and rescues them from the hand of the wicked.
- ¹¹Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart.
- ¹²Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name.

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

The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.

¹²"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. ¹³I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."

¹⁴Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

¹⁷The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."

And let everyone who hears say, "Come."

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

²⁰The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand 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 17:20-26

Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.

[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world

may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P The Gospel of the Lord C Praise to you O Christ

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn** #641 All are Welcome

11:00 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.

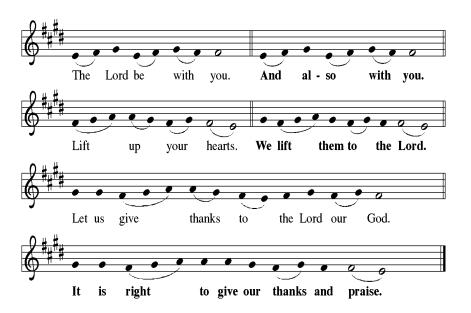
Stand OFFERTORY HYMN #184 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER

Living God, Α

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.

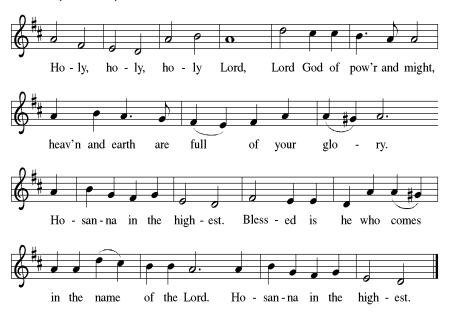
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

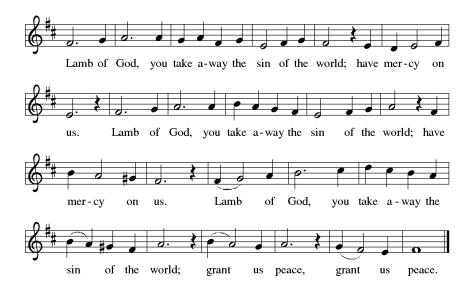


WORDS OF INSTITUTION LORD'S PRAYER

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



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 #888 O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

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.

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POSTLUDE Battle Hymn of the Republic ~J. W. Howe
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Altar Flowers are in Honor of my granddaughter, Everly Kaye Banks' baptism. Given by Deb Banks.

Operating Receipts thru April 30: \$79,750 Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,805

Attendance: 05/22/2022 68

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

READING LESSONS for June 5, 2022:

First Lesson: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Second Lesson: Romans 8:14-17

Gospel: John 14:8-17 [25-27]

Stewardship Snippet

May 29, 2022 (Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year C)

John 17:26—I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.

The foundation of generosity is the abundant love of God in Christ Jesus. It has the power to inspire and inform every aspect of our lives, including decisions about the most faithful use of our time, talent, and resources.

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

Seekers Sunday School,

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.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk
YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Barb Heym; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST - Carla Whitaker; Zara Bennett **WORSHIP ASST** -

LECTOR - Bruce Senft; Zara Bennett

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

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



<u>Like us on Facebook</u> - 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!

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK SUNDAY Worship 05/298:15 am Sunday Church School 9:45 am Worship 11:00 am 7:00 pm AAOffice Closed **MONDAY** 05/30 05/31 TUESDAY Bible Study WEDNESDAY 06/01 10:00 am 6:30 am Christian Ed. Ministry **THURSDAY** 06/02 1:00 pm The Craft Artisans FRIDAY 06/03 **SATURDAY** 06/04 06/05 Worship **SUNDAY** 8:15 am 9:45 am Sunday Church School Worship 11:00 am 5:00 pm LYF Last Meeting 7:00 pm AA

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.

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.

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. Presented by Emmor Boslet, a new member of our congregation and a retired financial advisor.

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.

Birthdays beginning of June

06/03 – Jackson Adams Anita Fleegal 06/04 – Paul Deibler Carla Kolter 06/05 – Doris Atkinson 06/06 – Rebekah Varga 06/07 – Jill Lehman



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,

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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.

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.

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

<u>Kirchenwald</u>: 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

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.

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 -

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