

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 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**

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee ~ Beethoven, arr/ Lau  
Incorporating "Rondeau" by Jean Mouret*

**Hymn #836** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*  
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* O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## WORD

Sit **First Reading: Acts 10:44-48**

*While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

<sup>44</sup>While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup>The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup>for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup>“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” <sup>48</sup>So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 98**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE**

<sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to the Lord, who has  
done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

<sup>2</sup>**O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of  
the nations.**

<sup>3</sup>You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to  
the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**4Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

5Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**6With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

7Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.

**8Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
who comes to judge the earth.**

9The Lord will judge the world with righteousness  
and the peoples with equity.

### **Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6**

*God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.*

1Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. 2By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, 4for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. 5Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

<sup>6</sup>This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

A The Word of the Lord

**C Thanks be to God**

Stand Spoken **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 15th Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: John 15:9-17**

*On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>9</sup>“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup>I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

<sup>12</sup>“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will

last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup>I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**C** Praise to you O Christ

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

*Sit Hymn #659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**C** Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant, too.

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
we are trav'lers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

*Stand 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 #836** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee—vs 3*

**C** Thou art giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean-depth of happy rest!

**Thou our Father, Christ our brother,  
all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine!**

### 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** *Jesus Loves Me*

*~ Wm Bradbury*

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Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,740

Attendance: 05/2/2021 58

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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 16, 2021:**

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Reading: 1 John 5:9-13

Gospel: John 17:6-19

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

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- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

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

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LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Sandy Sherwood

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**Altar Flowers** are to the Glory of God

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

## Birthdays for May

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
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## 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

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[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  
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Phone: 717-944-9262

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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](mailto:zara1950@gmail.com) or call 732-5005....THANK YOU!**



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IS HIRING  
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POSITION**

Degree in Elementary Education,  
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