

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 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 mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**—*We Walk by Faith*

~Marty Haugen

**Hymn #824** *This is my Father's World*

*Organ Only—No Singing*

Stand **Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity,+ one God,  
the God of manna,  
the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

**C Amen.**

P Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P God, our provider, help us.

**C It is hard to believe there is enough to share.**

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways of  
the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in  
you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways.**

**Turn us again to you.**

**Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of  
eternal life and feed us for life in the world.**

**Amen.**

P Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, + the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

**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 are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

## **WORD**

Sit **First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the Lord will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig  
from the lofty top of a cedar;

I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one

from the topmost of its young twigs;  
I myself will plant it  
on a high and lofty mountain.

<sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel

I will plant it,  
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,  
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;  
in the shade of its branches will nest  
winged creatures of every kind.

<sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know  
that I am the Lord.

I bring low the high tree,  
I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree  
and make the dry tree flourish.

I the Lord have spoken;  
I will accomplish it.

A The Word of the Lord  
**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE**

<sup>1</sup>It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord,  
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;

<sup>2</sup>**to herald your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night;**

<sup>3</sup>on the psaltery, and on the lyre,  
and to the melody of the harp.

<sup>4</sup>**For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord;  
and I shout for joy because of the works of your  
hands.**

<sup>12</sup>The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,

and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.  
<sup>13</sup>**Those who are planted in the house of the Lord  
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**  
<sup>14</sup>they shall still bear fruit in old age;  
they shall be green and succulent;  
<sup>15</sup>**that they may show how upright the Lord is,  
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17**

*Paul encourages believers to live by faith and not by sight. We do not consider Jesus from a human perspective but through the eyes of faith, believing he died for all and was raised. All who are in Christ are now in God's new creation.*

<sup>6</sup>So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—<sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup>So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup>For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[<sup>11</sup>Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. <sup>12</sup>We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. <sup>13</sup>For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ] <sup>14</sup>For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup>And he died for all, so that those who live might live

no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken **Alleluia. Welcome with meekness the im- planted word that has the power to save your souls. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 4th Chapter  
C Glory to you O Lord

**Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

*Jesus frequently uses parables to teach ordinary people as they are able to hear and understand. Images of sowing and growing show the vitality of God's kingdom.*

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it

grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Hymn #635 *We Walk by Faith*

C We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

## 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 Lord, in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer**

A We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your  
abiding grace.

**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 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in

Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:4-7)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C And also with you**

## MEAL

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Jesus, Bread of life,

**C you have set this table with your very self,  
and called us to the feast of plenty.**

**Gather what has been sown among us,  
and strengthen us in this meal.**

**Make us to be what we receive here,  
your body for the life of the world.**

**C Amen.**

## Invitation to Communion

P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all.  
Come!

## 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.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe,  
your mercy is everlasting and your  
faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating  
the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth  
from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing  
the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading  
your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds  
of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death  
and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit  
poured out on all nations.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's Passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

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.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**—Let us pray.

A Jesus, Bread of life,

we have received from your table  
more than we could ever ask.

As you have nourished us in this meal,  
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In  
your name we pray.

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING**

Stand **BLESSING**

P The blessing of God,

who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,  
+ be upon you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

Sit **Hymn #512** *Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil*

**C Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
open to the seed of your word.**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil,  
where love can grow and peace is understood.**

**When my heart is hard, break the stone away.**

**When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.**

**When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.**

**Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart,**

**Lord, let my heart be good soil.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**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** *For The Fruit of all Creation*

*~arr. R.V. Williams*

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Operating Receipts thru May 31: \$114,986

Expenditures thru May 31: \$120,757

Attendance: 06/06/2021 55

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

**READINGS for June 20, 2021:**

First Reading: Job 38:1-11

Psalm: Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41

**Altar Flowers** are in Memory of Lily Anna Zingone on the  
occasion of her eighth birthday in heaven, given by Nick,  
Abigail, Andrew & Julia Zingone.

**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](http://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.

**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!**

The St. Mark's Book Club has some interesting books to talk about in the next few months. If you enjoy reading, perhaps you would like to read one of the books and join us in the parlor at 10 AM for a discussion of the following books:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Book</b>	<b>Author</b>
<b>July 22</b>	<b>The Yankee Widow</b>	<b>Linda Lael Miller</b>
<b>Aug. 26</b>	<b>The Nickel Boys</b>	<b>Carlson Whitehead</b>
<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>The Guardians</b>	<b>John Grisham</b>

#### Birthdays for June

06/03 – Jackson Adams Anita Fleegal	06/16 – Aaron Appleby Lucy Weaver
06/04 – Paul Deibler Carla Kolter	06/17 – Margit May Michele Spencer
06/05 – Doris Atkinson	06/18 - Joann Wahl
06/06 - Ashley Sultzaberger Rebekah Varga	06/21- Kailyn Edwards (McClenahen)
06/07 – Jill Lehman	Sherry Davis
06/09 – Lincoln Miller	06/24 – Grace Harr
06/10 - Mark Banic	06/25 - Connor Smith Jacob Sholder
06/11 - Samuel Lang	06/26 – Loraine Mariner
06/13 – William Dullen - Anthony Sultzaberger	06/27 – Luann Johns
06/14 - Jonathan Lee	06/28 – Tanya Betz Beth Evans
06/15 – Sarah Dinger Kenneth Sutch	06/29 – Janice Alloway 06/30 – Amy Simpler



# Extravaganza

The Extravaganza crafters will meet at last  
With thoughts of Pandemic moving slowly past.

We've lost both our founders, dear Betty and Bill  
Let's keep the show going with talent and will.

Our first meeting to decide what to do  
Is June 17th, 1:00 pm: come all crew!!



## **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 - Jeanne Flickinger; Zara Bennett

FLOWER DELIVERY - Laurie Womer

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIR. -

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

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.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

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

## 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.



**Summer Camp**  
**NOW HIRING Camp Staff**

Apply ONLINE AT  
[LutheranCamping.org/employment](https://LutheranCamping.org/employment)

**Kirchenwald**  
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**COUNSELORS**  
**LIFEGUARDS**  
**KITCHEN STAFF**

**MAINTENANCE**  
**CRAFT STAFF**

**Why Apply?**

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

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of Central Pennsylvania*

## Upcoming Events



[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.



call: 717-652-6700 ext. 3  
email: [stmarknurseryschool@gmail.com](mailto:stmarknurseryschool@gmail.com)



Lutheran Camping Corporation  
of Central Pennsylvania

## **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.

**For 2021, registration will close two weeks before the program starts.**

Don't wait until it's too late! Register today!!

Find information about [COVID-19 precautions](#) we are taking this summer.

### **For those already registered:**

As of our last [COVID-19 update](#) (May 7), some forms did change. You can always find the latest forms on our [website](#), and we have provided the latest links below. If you are unable to print these forms, please contact the [Camping Office](#).

*Reminder: All pre-camp health screening paperwork must be completed & come with the camper at registration in order to be admitted into camp.*

### **Additional COVID-19 Related Forms (2021)**

[Summer Camp COVID FAQ](#) (Updated May 5)

[Summer Camp Pre Camp Health Screening Form](#) (Updated May 5)

Now includes a 14 day temperature check

[COVID-19 LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT](#) (Updated March 3)

You can find additional forms with your confirmation packet or online

at <https://www.lutherancamping.org/downloadable-forms/>

----> [More Information -](#)

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



## CAMPFIRE WORSHIP

at The Wittel Farm

Come to the farm for summer  
Campfire worship nights. Songs,  
stories, s'mores. 8:00-9:00 pm

June 13

July 11

August 15



More Information -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0949a9a72ea7fb6-dinner>