

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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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

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the “between”: between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Foundation*

~B. Barrett

Hymn #576 *We all are one in Mission*

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 God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:1-5

In 597 BCE, the priest Ezekiel was removed into exile in Babylon. While there, he received a vision of God appearing majestically on a chariot throne. Today's reading recounts God's commissioning of Ezekiel during this vision. The prophet is to speak God's word to a people unwilling to hear.

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. ²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed

against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, “Thus says the Lord God.” ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 123

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹To you I lift up my eyes,

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christians do not boast of their own accomplishments. Rather, Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. No matter what our circumstances in life, Christ's grace is sufficient for us.

¹I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was

caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out

of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that

such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do

not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and

heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is

permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but

on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken **Alleluia. I will boast gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Mark the 6th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Mark 6:1-13

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his

sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Hymn #579 *Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

C Lord, you give the great commission:

"Heal the sick and preach the word."

Lest the church neglect its mission,

and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose

with renewed integrity:

With the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.

Nicene Creed

C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living
and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

Hymn #887 *This is my Song*

**C This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**This is my prayer, O God of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come; on earth your will be done.**

**O God, be lifted up till all shall serve you,
and hearts united learn to live as one.**

**So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations;
myself I give you; let your will be done.**

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 *This is My Song*

~J. Sibelius

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Operating Receipts thru April 30: \$84,583

Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,740

Attendance: 06/27/2021 67

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

READINGS for July 11, 2021:

First Reading: Amos 7:7-15

Psalm: Psalm 85:8-13

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

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!

Altar Flowers are in Loving Memory of Jim Carl, Happy Heavenly Birthday, given by Stephanie Carl.

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.

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

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 - Kevin Spencer; Dave Featherman

FLOWER DELIVERY - Zara Bennett

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIR. -

717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

Birthdays for July

07/03 – Emmalyn Hudson	07/20 – Ruth Brown
07/06 – Michael Cleaver	07/21 – Laurie Womer
07/07 – Nancy Hartman	Stephen Swetnam
07/08 - Jeanne Flickinger	07/22 - Molly Stanton
07/09 – Andrew Zingone	07/23 – Judy Horton
07/10 - Tate Ingram	07/24 - Sandy Kroah
Kyle Ellestad	07/25 - Patricia Bethel
07/11 – David Mink	Callen Davis
07/15 - McKenzie Correll	Nancy Rowe
07/16 - Ashley Betz	07/27 - Reagan Whitaker
07/19 - Carol Weldon	07/28 - Meaghan Lang

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




ST. MARK'S NURSERY SCHOOL IS HIRING
DIRECTOR/TEACHER

Provide 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
stmarknurseryschool@gmail.com
to the Attention of Sandra Dinger



St. Mark's Nursery School
2, 3 & 4 Year Old

PRESCHOOL

Openings!



call: 717-652-6700 ext. 3
email: stmarknurseryschool@gmail.com

Upcoming Events



[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 \(Summer Eco-education Days\)](#)

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.



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
 July 11
 August 15



More Information -

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

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:

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