

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 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

Apparently not satisfied by Jesus' feeding of thousands, some who were there press him for a sign of his power; perhaps it is daily manna they want. As always in John's gospel when people want a sign, Jesus offers himself. He is the bread come from heaven to give life to the world. He calls us to come to him and believe in him, and through that relationship to know the one who sent him.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Hymn #474 *Bread of Life From Heaven*
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, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit First Reading: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God's saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their needs, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The Lord spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 78:23-29

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

²³So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,

²⁴**raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**

²⁵So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.

²⁶**The Lord caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
²⁷raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸**letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets,

some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken **Alleluia. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.**

Alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 6th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenges them to consider the real nature of their quest.

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill

of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the **work** of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C **Praise to you O Christ**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Hymn #485 *I Am the Bread of Life*

C "I am the Bread of life.

**You who come to me shall not hunger,
and who believe in me shall not thirst.**

**No one can come to me unless the Father
beckons."**

**"The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live forever, you shall live forever."**

**"Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you."**

**"And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."**

The Prayers

A Hear us, O God,

C **Your mercy is great.**

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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 the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection
and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless
us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and,
receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

C Amen

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.**

Invitation to Communion

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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 #656 *Blest be the Tie that Binds*

**C Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

**From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.**

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 *Savior, again, to Your Dear Name We Raise*

~ E. Hopkins

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Operating Receipts thru April 30: \$84,583

Expenditures thru April 30: \$99,740

Attendance: 07/25/2021 71

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

READINGS for August 8, 2021:

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms: Psalm 34:1-8

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:25--5:2

Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51

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 Celebration of the Glory of God given by Sandy Sherwood.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

Bible Study will be starting up in person in the WELCA Room on September 15, 2021, 10:00 am, we will also continue recording on Zoom for those of you that can't join us at church.

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.

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

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Barb Heym; Marian Person &

Donna Woodrow

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

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Birthdays for August

08/01 – Dale Smeck	08/18 – Donald Young
08/02 - Landen Heim	John Howell
Andrew Mitchell	08/20 - Kendall Brown
08/03 - Emily Walak	Terry Woodrow
Sandy Sherwood	Joshua Varga
08/05 - Nicolas Sultzaberger	08/21 – Roy Leister
08/06 – Holly Geizzi	Stacy Morris
08/07 – Kimberly Stanton	08/22 – Margaret Herigan
08/08 - Eugene Nicodemus	Fred Mast
08/09 - Hunter Banks	Delaney McLaughlin
08/10 - Christopher Sultzaberger	Jennifer Bargmann
08/12 – Ethel Oswald	08/23 - Lisa Evans
08/13 – Dorothy Webber	Charlotte Flook
08/14 – Donald Flickinger	Ruth Herbster
Anita Featherman	08/27 - William Woodworth
08/15 – Jennifer Phelan	08/28 - Barbara Mosel
Faith Smeck	Gavin Bryan
David Stanton	08/29 – Joanna Banic
Marianne Shuey	08/30 – Henry Lahr
Sandy Sheaffer	Jerry Lang
08/16 - Barb Dudek	

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
Aug. 26	The Nickel Boys	Carlson Whitehead
Sept. 23	The Guardians	John Grisham

Upcoming Events



[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.

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.



Lutheran Camping Corporation
of Central Pennsylvania

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

August 15

[More Information -](#)

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

