

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

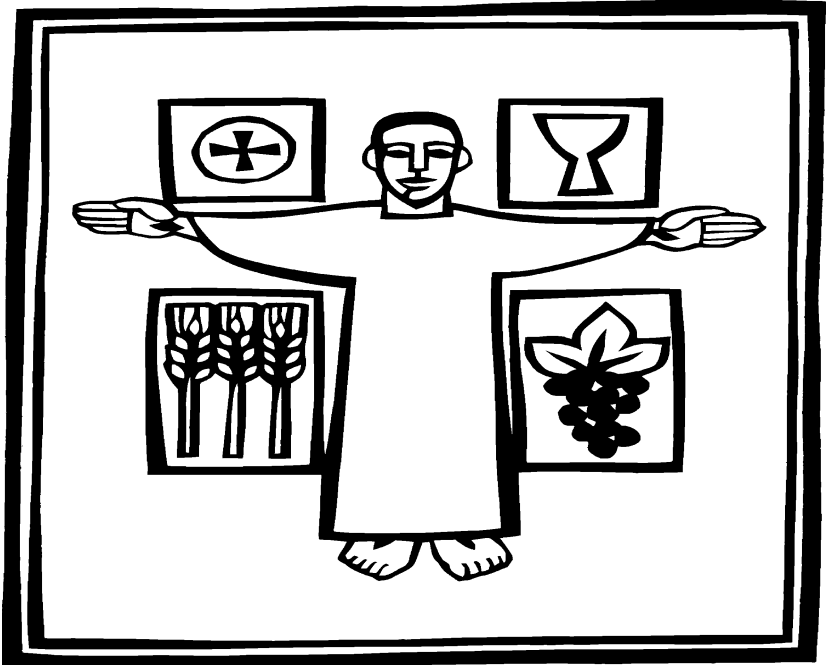
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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 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

Wisdom prepares a feast, sets her table, and invites all to come and eat her bread and drink her wine. The first chapter of John's gospel owes much to the biblical tradition that imagined Wisdom as existing before anything was created and having a role in the work of creation. Christ, the wisdom of God (1 Cor. 1:24), today invites us to eat his flesh and drink his blood. John's gospel includes no account of the institution of the Lord's supper, but here we can't help hearing Jesus' words as an invitation to the meal of bread and wine we share.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Guide Me Ever, Great Jehovah* ~ Welch, Set.

J. Weber

Hymn #618 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

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 Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit **First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6**

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life,

Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life with God. Partaking of Wisdom's banquet is the way to life.

1Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.

2She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.

³She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,

⁴“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,

⁵“Come, eat of my bread

and drink of the wine I have mixed.

⁶Lay aside immaturity, and live,

and walk in the way of insight.”

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 34:9-14

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is
good.**

¹¹Come, children, and listen to me;

I will teach you reverence for the Lord.

¹²**Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?**

¹³Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.

¹⁴**Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

True wisdom integrates our new reality in Christ with our Christian fellowship and daily conduct. Because we are filled with the Spirit, Christians regularly rejoice together, give thanks to God for one another, and care for one another. In this way we revere our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁵Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as

wise, ¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, ²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand/Spoken **Alleluia. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I abide in them. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St John the 6th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching in which Jesus identifies himself as the true "bread of life." Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

[Jesus said,] ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."
⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so

whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand **Hymn #477** *I Received the Living God*

C I received the living God,

and my heart is full of joy.

Jesus said: "I am the bread,
kneaded long to give you life;
you who will partake of me
need not ever fear to die."

Jesus said: "I am the life,
far from whom no thing can grow,
but receive this living bread,
and my Spirit you shall know. "

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 God in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

A We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God,
confident in the promise of your saving love; 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 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.

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 #544 *Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing*

**C Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.**

**Sins forgiven, wrongs forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and free.**

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C 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 *Praise the Lord*

~ Johann Löhner

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READINGS for August 22, 2021:

First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalm: Psalm 34:15-22

Second Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

Gospel: John 6:56-69

Operating Receipts thru June 30: \$131,313

Expenditures thru June 30: \$142,671

Attendance: 08/08/2021 83—3 Services

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

Altar Flowers are in Celebration of Margaret Herigan's special birthday, August 22nd, Love from John & her family.

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.

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!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Laurie Womer; Sandy Dinger

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Bob Gill; Judy Horton

FLOWER DELIVERY - Barb Dudek

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIR. - 717-652-6700 ext 3

SEXTON - Don Young

Bible Study will be starting up in person in 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.

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.



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

From the Fellowship Committee:

As things are opening up inquires have been made to us about doing another bus trip.

We would love to help sponsor another bus for the Seniors and friends.

We are considering a trip to Sight and Sound to see Queen Esther.

We want to make sure we can fill a bus as much as possible to reduce the cost for everyone.

If are you interested in going to Sight and Sound please let me, Mary or Loraine know so we can keep a count.

**Thanks
Deb Banks**



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.

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/>

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)



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>

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	Delany 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	

Card Shower for Ethel Oswald, her birthday is

August 12, 2021

Frey Village

Room 330

1020 N. Union Street

Middletown, PA 17057

The Seekers Adult Sunday School Class will begin meeting on September 19 at 9:45 in the parlor. We will be using a study on Martin Luther called "Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation" by Professor Phillip Cary

He was only one man—a humble monk and Bible professor—yet he sparked a religious rebellion that changed the course of history. Who was Martin Luther? What made his theology so explosive in 16th-century Europe? Was it really his intention to start Protestantism, and with it a new church?

Luther: Gospel, Law, and Reformation will help you reach your own conclusions. This course explores Luther's theology, the circumstances surrounding his conclusion that the papacy was "antichrist," and major issues and events in the Reformation as it unfolded in Luther's life after he posted his famous 95 Theses on the door of the church of Wittenberg, Germany, in 1517.

Professor Cary presents Luther as a multifaceted human being, a man with extraordinary virtues and profound flaws. You will meet an inspiring religious thinker who presented the Christian Gospel as a message of comfort, joy, and freedom; as great good news for sinners and God's loving promise of salvation. And you will encounter a leader whose unswerving certainty about his doctrines led him to launch vicious attacks against those with whom he disagreed most infamously and malevolently—the Jews.

Outdoor Worship & Picnic

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Service at 10:30 a.m.

Fellowship Committee will provide meat & drinks

Bring a covered dish to share

Bringing the whole congregation together for
Worship, Fellowship & Good Food

Rally Day

Sunday, September 19, 2021

**Help Us Kick Off A New
Sunday School Year!!!**

The **Eve Circle** will resume their studies of the Bible on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 beginning at 6:30 pm in person in the church.

We will begin studying I John again verse by verse continuing through II and III John. Bring your Bible, notebook and pen.

We will continue to meet the 4th Tuesday of every month, September through May.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!!

If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Flickinger at (717)545-6161