

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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12th Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God’s grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ’s banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Now Thank We All Our God* ~G. F. Kaufmann

8:15 Sermon Lesson— Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God’s love toward us in Jesus Christ.

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” ⁶So we can say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?”

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Stand **Hymn #840** *Now Thank We All Our God*

The Ten Commandments

(According to Luther’s Small Catechism)

P God promises grace and every good thing to all those who keep God’s commandments

Therefore, we are to love and trust God and gladly act according to God’s commands

C **You shall have no other Gods**

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God

Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy

Honor your father and your mother

You shall not murder

You shall not commit adultery

You shall not steal

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor

You shall not covet your neighbor’s house

**You shall not covet your neighbor's spouse... or any
thing that belongs to your neighbor**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one
another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Kneel or sit as able

**P Merciful God,
C we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.
Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.
When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.
Set us again on the path of life.
Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.
Amen.**

Hear the good news!
God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.
In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
You are free to love as God loves.
C Amen.

Stand 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

HYMN OF PRAISE *Glory Be To God*



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

sit **First Lesson: Proverbs 25:6-7**

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

6Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
7for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 112

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

1Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in God's commandments!
2**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
3Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
4**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
5It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
6**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**

⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their
righteousness

stands fast forever;

they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash
their
teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will
perish.**

Second Lesson: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

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C **Thanks be to God.**

Stand **Alleluia. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart . Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 14th Chapter
C **Glory to you O Lord**

Gospel Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble

themselves will be exalted.”

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

11:00 **SERMON**

Stand **Hymn #522** *As We Gather at your Table*

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 Merciful God,

C Receive our prayer.

A Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

C Amen.

MEAL

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-contact” sharing of the Peace until further notice.**

P Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. (Col. 3:15, 16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

sit **ORGAN OFFERTORY** *Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus*

~J. Schop, arr. J.S. Bach

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #686** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Vs 1 & 2

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

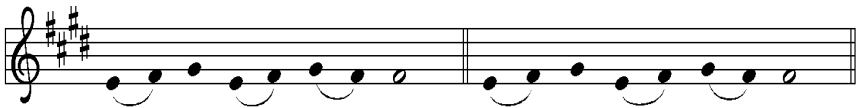
A God of abundance:

C you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



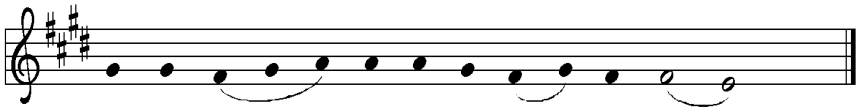
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Communion Distribution

We invite all Christians who believe that Jesus gives his body and blood for the forgiveness of sins to receive the sacrament with us, the communion assistant will distribute the wine from a pouring chalice into a cup you may pick up at the front of the aisle. If you are unable to take either the bread or wine, be assured that the sacrament is complete. Those not receiving communion are invited to come to the rail to receive a blessing. Parents of young children; please direct the pastor as to whether your child usually receives communion or not.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Invitation to Communion

P In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.
C Amen.

BLESSING

P The God of peace,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

C Amen.

Hymn #547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

~Welsh Tune

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C We will. Thanks be to God.

Please do not leave your bulletin in the pews, dispose of them in the Narthex in recycling can.

POSTLUDE *Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing*

~J. Löhner

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Altar Flowers are given in memory of my sister, Helen, my dad, Ray and my husband, Joe's heavenly birthdays. Given by Loraine Mariner.

READING LESSONS for September 4, 2022:

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm: Psalm 1

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

Anita Featherman is collecting old used Wooden Sleds any condition also Women’s old Ice Skates. Call her at (717)469-0840 and she will pick them up.

St. Mark’s Book Club

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator
2022			
Sept. 22	The Hello Girls	Elizabeth Cobbs	_____
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grimes	_____
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis	_____

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

Eve Circle will begin meeting twice a month beginning in September. We will meet the second and fourth Tuesday beginning September 13th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM at the church. The book of Revelation will be studied verse by verse. Please bring your Bible preferably a study Bible, and paper and pen. Also any materials you might have on this last book in the New Testament are welcome. We encourage newcomers to join us. If you have any questions, please call Jeanne Flickinger at (717)545-6161. Thank you.

Want to brighten someone's day? 🌞 Looking for people to help deliver flowers Sundays after church, 1 Sunday a month. 🌸 Call Gitta May at (717)545-5254 for further info.

ATTENTION: If you are here for meetings in the evenings, please be sure to turn off all lights when leaving.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - Sue Bennick; Marian Person/ Donna Woodrow

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST - Jeanne Flickinger; Barb Dudek

WORSHIP ASST - 8:15 Mary Edna Leedy

LECTOR - Bruce Senft; Judy Horton

FLOWER DELIVERY - Marian Person

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

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

SEXTON - Don Young

Stewardship Snippet

**August 28, 2022 (Time after Pentecost – Lectionary 22,
Proper 17, Year C)**

For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted. – Luke 14:11

Humility is a trait to be carefully stewarded and cultivated. No matter what your gifts, talents or abilities, cultivating humility

Stewardship Ministries invites you to attend:

Getting Your Financial House In Order

When: September 21, 2022

Where: St Mark's Ev. Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall

Time: 6:30 pm

Session Topics include: Documents Everyone Should Have, Developing a Financial Plan, Risk Management, Education Planning and Understanding Company Benefits.

ALL AGES AND FINANCIAL SITUATIONS

WELCOME!

Please call the church office, 717-652-6700 to reserve your seat, so can have a count of the seating ahead of time.

Presented by Emmor Boslet, a new member of our congregation and a retired financial advisor.



**Like us on
Facebook**

Like us on Facebook - St. Mark's is on Facebook - Follow our page and share with your friends. It's a great way to let your friends know about all the good things happening here!

MILITARY SHARE PROJECT

In Central PA, over 20% of households receiving food assistance have at least one member who has served, or is currently serving, in the military. Through Military Share, the Central PA Food Bank provides nutritious food distributed on-site at armories, VFW, and AMVET locations throughout Central PA.

In the weeks leading up to September 11th a box will be set up in the Narthex to receive donations of pantry staples such as canned vegetables, soup, pasta, sauce and cereal. Monetary donations may also be made to provide fresh milk, eggs, and cheese.

Veterans and members of the military help us in our nation's time of need. Let's thank them as we help them in their time of need.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	08/28	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	08/29		
TUESDAY	08/30		
WEDNESDAY	08/31	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	09/01	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/02		
SATURDAY	09/03		
SUNDAY	09/04	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
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Pastor Jim is on vacation September 4th thru 10th
Pastor Jan Mills supply on September 4th

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and your email address changed, or if your birthday doesn't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.



NOW ENROLLING

2022-2023

2, 3, and 4 year olds

St. Mark's Nursery School



Following the Lamb

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Lutheran Camping Corporation of Central Pennsylvania

Capture the Flag Spectacular at Kirchenwald - October 2, 2022

Review your camp map, paint your face, and practice your cone zone celebration dance. Invite your friends and family (parents, too) to join you in this CTF summer reunion event. Play alongside familiar faces from your week at camp, plus campers from every other week of the summer. Campfire worship to follow.

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - October 4 - 6, 2022

A Book Study Retreat on the book: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis – J. D. Vance. Suggested supplemental books can be found on the website. All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Please register by September 24. Registration fee: \$150. Register by September 24.

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwald at Kirchenwald - October 23, 2022

Return to camp for the afternoon to enjoy fall activities, worship, and a picnic supper. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet up with old friends or introduce new folks to camp. An evening meal is included. Event runs from 1-6pm. At Kirchenwald, enjoy Pumpkin Painting, Canoeing / Kayaking, Mountain Biking, Hayrides, Hiking, and More! Registration Fee: \$10 per person covers activities and an evening meal.

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Annual Quilt Auction at Nawakwa - November 6, 2022

Join us for this year's Quilt Auction, November 6, at Nawakwa. This fun-filled day of bidding raises money for the LCC Endowment Fund, which helps to financially sustain our fine ministry activities.

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 3, 2022

Join us for an Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm, a day of Bible study, worship, and prayerful reflection as we seek to prepare for the coming of the Christ. Registration fee includes lunch.

it's BBQ Time!



BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinners

Saturday: **September 24, 2022** – 10:00 am until **SOLD OUT**

Chicken Dinner - \$10.00 – ½ chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Rib Dinner - \$15.00 – ½ rack of ribs, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Pre-orders are recommended. Call church office Monday thru Thursday, (Office Closed Fridays) to reserve your dinner, (717)652-6700.

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 Railing	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
Robert Hoffman	08/28 - Barbara Mosel
08/15 – Jennifer Phelan	Gavin Bryan
Faith Smeck	08/29 – Joanna Banic
David Stanton	08/30 – Henry Lahr
Marianne Shuey	Jerry Lang
Sandy Sheaffer	
08/16 – Barb Dudek	

If your birthday is in August and we missed it, please let us know. We hope you have a happy birthday anyway.

Birthdays for beginning of September

09/01 Brighton Miller
09/06 Kathryn Dullen
Travis Sultzaberger
Julie Eyer
09/07 Ella Heckert
09/08 Katlyn Betz
09/10 Betsy Dressler