

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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15th Sunday after Pentecost
September 18, 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

As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* ~D. Busarow

8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

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away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' ⁷Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' ⁸And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15—Sermon

Stand Hymn #655 *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

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,
who is eager to forgive
and who loves us beyond our days.
Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge
our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Kneel or sit as able

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

C we confess that sin still has a hold on us.

We have harmed your good creation.

**We have failed to do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with you.
Turn us in a new direction.
Show us the path that leads to life.
Be our refuge and strength on the journey,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

Beloved of God:
your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole.
God points the way to new life in Christ,
who meets us on the road.
Journey now in God's abiding love
through the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 *Praise to the Lord (next page)*

Praise to the Lord

Louez l'Eternel



1	Lou - ez l'E - ter - nel,	ser - vi - teurs	de
2	Qui est comme no - tre Dieu,	dans les cieux,	sur la
1	Praise to the Lord,	all of you,	God's
2	There is none like our God	in the heav'ns	or on



Dieu.	Bé - ni soit son nom,	main - te - nant,	
ter - re,	qui ex - al - te les	pauvres au rang des	grands
ser - vants.	Bless - ed be the name	of our God	
earth,	who lifts the poor from the dust,	seat - ing them	



à ja - mais.	Du le - ver du so - leil,		
de son peu - ple,	qui ma - ni - feste	mi - sé - ri - corde?	
now and ev - er.	From the ris - ing of the sun,		
with the might-y,	who stoops to raise the weak and low:		

Refrain



bé - ni	soit son nom!	Lou - é	soit Dieu, l'E - ter - nel!
may the	Lord be praised,	praise to the name	of the Lord!

Text: Ron Klusmeier, b. 1946, based on Psalm 113; French tr. R. Gerald Hobbs, b. 1941

Music: RICHARDSON-BURTON, Ron Klusmeier

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PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths.

Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

First Lesson: Amos 8:4-7

Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.

¶Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
¶saying, "When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;

and the sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,

¶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

¶The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 113

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¶Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord;
praise the name of the Lord.

**²Let the name of the Lord be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**

**³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the Lord be praised.**

**⁴The Lord is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**

**⁵Who is like the Lord our God,
who sits enthroned on high,**

**⁶but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**

**⁷The Lord takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,**

**⁸enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**

**⁹The Lord makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!**

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.

**¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for
kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead
a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This
is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who
desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge
of the truth. ⁵For there is one God; there is also one mediator
between God and humankind,**

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia. Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; strive side by side for the faith of the gospel. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 16th Chapter
C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel Luke 16:1-13

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C Praise to you O Christ

Sit **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

11:00 **SERMON**

Stand **Hymn #685** *Take My Life That I May Be*

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 of grace,

C Hear our prayer.

A Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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** *We Walk By Faith and Not by Sight* ~J. Weber

Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #691** *Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring* Vs 1 & 2

Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**— Let us Pray

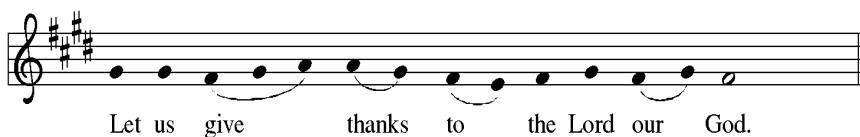
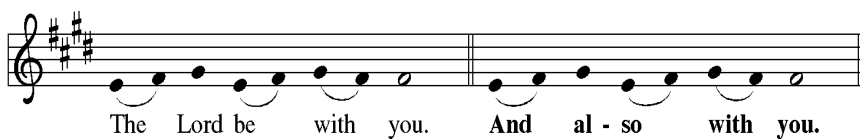
A Gracious God,

C in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

**Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.**

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff begins with a new line of music. The third and fourth staves continue the melody and lyrics.

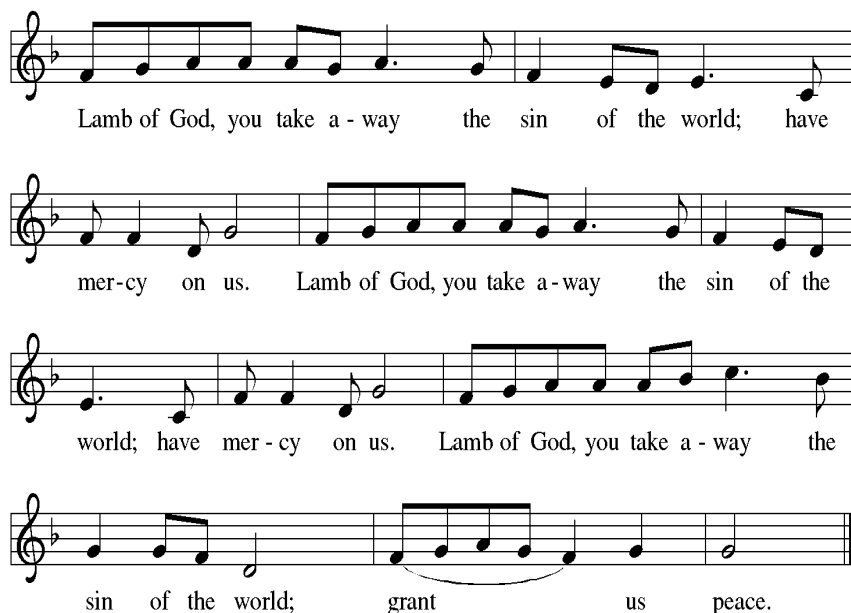
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

P Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

Sit **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

P God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen

BLESSING

P God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, + one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C Amen.

Hymn #669 *Rise Up, O Saints of God*

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

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 *Spread, O, Spread Almighty Word*

~J. A. Freylinghausen

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Altar Flowers are given in loving memory of my husband,
Harold, miss you every day. Given by Mary Sultzaberger

Social Services Ministry thanks everyone who generously
gave food or monetary donations for the Military Share
Project. Your generous support is much appreciated.

READING LESSONS for September 25, 2022:

First Lesson: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalm: Psalm 146

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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 - Barb Heym; Barb Dudek

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST - Jeanne Flickinger; Shelley Lindner

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTOR - Randy Whitaker; Emmor Boslet

FLOWER DELIVERY - Sandy Dinger

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood

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

SEXTON - Don Young

Thanks for the invitation!

A very close friend invited me to attend her church over 5 years ago. As time went by, I got more involved in church activities. During the pandemic, I could only watch the service online; it was not the same as being in church!

I felt a disconnect, I missed being in church. At St Mark's, I have found a positive environment for Christian learning and have met many wonderful people. This has been a wonderful experience for me.

Emmor Boslet

(Emmor is currently serving on Congregation Council and sharing her expertise on the Finance Committee. If you would like to know more about opportunities to serve, please see Pr. Jim or Sandy Sherwood or Kellen Michalewski, nominating committee.

Stewardship Snippet

September 18, 2022 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 20

Luke 16:13 – Jesus teaches, “No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

A contemporary theologian calls it “the Great American Heresy” – that folks believe that we can really serve God and wealth. Jesus says we will hate the one and despise the other. How does Jesus’ teaching apply to you and your family?

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

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	09/18	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	09/19	6:00 pm	Stewardship Ministry
TUESDAY	09/20	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY	09/21	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	09/22	10:00 am	St Mark's Book Club
		1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/23		
SATURDAY	09/24	10:00 am	Chicken & Rib BBQ
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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 September

09/01 Brighton Miller	09/14 Carla Whitaker
09/06 Kathryn Dullen	Mary Elizabeth Howell
Travis Sultzaberger	09/15 William Graves
Julie Eyer	William Kroah, Sr.
09/07 Ella Heckert	09/17 Barb Heym
09/08 Katlyn Betz	09/21 Jax Phelan
09/10 Betsy Dressler	09/22 Emmor Boslet
09/11 Luke Dullen	09/24 Dennis Dinger
Sara Shoaff	09/25 Michael Betz
09/12 Donna Gutshall	09/26 Michael Hengst
Emma Klick	Janet Smith
09/13 Laineey Huertas (Banic)	09/29 Nathaniel Lawrence
	Cheryl Long

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

Highway Clean-up

The next Highway Clean-up of Oakgrove Road is scheduled for **Saturday October 29**. (Meet at the Skyline Family Restaurant at 8 for breakfast, or at entrance to Resurrection Cemetery at 9:00.) Anyone planning to help/have questions, please contact Calvin Smith (717-652-3808.)

Family Promise HCR is the only non-emergency shelter in the area that keeps families experiencing homelessness together, thank you for supporting us in those efforts. If you would like to learn more about Family Promise HCR you can visit our website at www.familypromisehcr.org, or contact me and we can chat.