

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24, 2023

**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.

### **CONSIDER THIS**

*Matthew narrates one of Jesus' controversial parables in which Jesus says that the reign of God is like that of a landowner who pays his workers the same wage no matter what time of day they began to work. When God changes God's mind about punishing Nineveh for their evil ways, Jonah is angry. Yet God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. In baptism we receive the grace of God that is freely given to all. As Martin Luther wrote, in the presence of God's mercy we are all beggars.*

### **GATHERING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**— *Jesus, Lord, We Look to Thee*      Arr. Berry

Stand **8:15 Sermon Lesson**— **Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16**

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

8:15—Sermon

Stand **Hymn #688** *Lord of Light*

### **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 anything  
that belongs to your neighbor**

Having been reminded of God's perfect law, we now confess our sins, seek and receive forgiveness by God's grace.

## **Confession and Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God,  
the one who forms us,  
+ Jesus who bears the cross,  
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.  
**Amen.**

Let us bow before God in humility,  
confessing our sin.

Kneel or Sit *Silence is kept for reflection.*

Steadfast and faithful God,  
**you have revealed the ways of justice,  
yet we fail to follow you.**  
**We are overwhelmed  
by the world's violence and suffering.**  
**We are afraid to risk what we have  
for the sake of others.**  
**For the harm we have caused,  
known and unknown, forgive us.**  
**For the unjust demands we place on others  
and your creation, forgive us.**  
**For the ways we turn away  
from you and our neighbor, forgive us.**  
**Lead us back to you  
and set us on the right path;  
in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.**  
**Amen.**

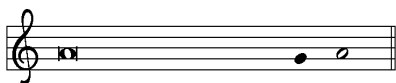
Beloved in Christ,  
 God's justice stretches beyond all understanding.  
 God's compassion is beyond compare.  
 In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us.  
 In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.  
**Amen.**

# 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

## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



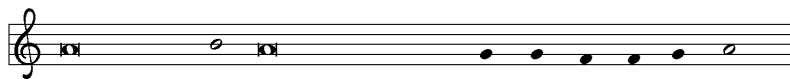
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

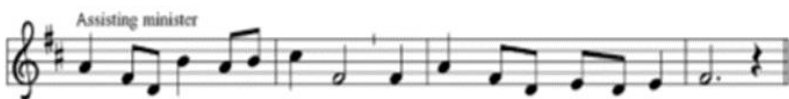


let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa-ther, we



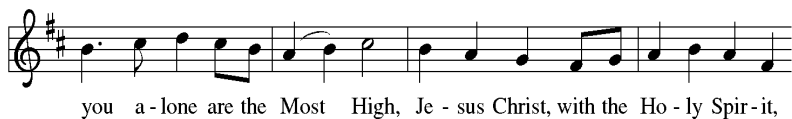
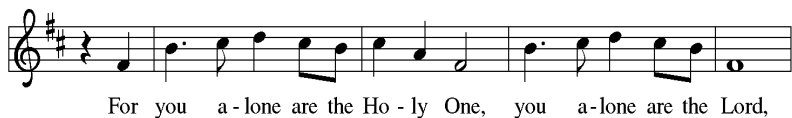
wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;



### Prayer of the Day—Let us pray...

A Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

### Special Music: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

*Conrad Kocher Arr. Chris Rice*

*Abigail Zingone—Pianist*

### First Lesson: **Jonah 3:10--4:11**

*After Jonah's short sermon in 3:4, the Ninevites all repented and God decided to spare the city. Jonah objected to this and became even more angry when God ordered a worm to destroy a plant that was providing shade. The book ends with a question that challenges any who are not ready to forgive: You, Jonah, are all*



*worked up about a bush, but shouldn't I be concerned about a hundred and twenty thousand Ninevites?*

## A reading from Jonah

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what [the people of Ninevah] did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

<sup>4,1</sup>But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup>He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup>And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" <sup>5</sup>Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup>The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

<sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which

you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

**Psalm: Psalm 145:1-8**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE**

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, my God and king,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

<sup>2</sup>**Every day will I bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.**

<sup>3</sup>Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!  
There is no end to your greatness.

<sup>4</sup>**One generation shall praise your works to another  
and shall declare your power.**

<sup>5</sup>I will speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty  
and all your marvelous works.

<sup>6</sup>**They shall tell of the might of your wondrous acts,  
and I will recount your greatness.**

<sup>7</sup>They shall publish the remembrance of your great  
goodness; they shall sing joyfully of your righteousness.

<sup>8</sup>**The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

## Second Lesson: Philippians 1:21-30

*Paul writes to the Philippians from prison. Though he is uncertain about the outcome of his imprisonment, he is committed to the ministry of the gospel and calls on the Philippians to live lives that reflect and enhance the gospel mission.*

### A reading from Philippians

<sup>21</sup>For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup>but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup>Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup>so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup>For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — <sup>30</sup>since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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Stand 11:00



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**C Praise to you O Christ**

Sit **CHILDREN'S SERMON/YOUTH MESSAGE**

**11:00 SERMON**

Stand **Hymn #765** *Lord of All Hopefulness*

**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 Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.

**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.*

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* **OFFERTORY** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

*Traditional Spiritual H. Leonard*

*Stand* **OFFERTORY HYMN #184** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

## Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

### *Offering Song*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Stand **OFFERTORY PRAYER**— Let us Pray

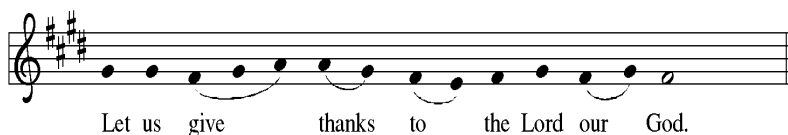
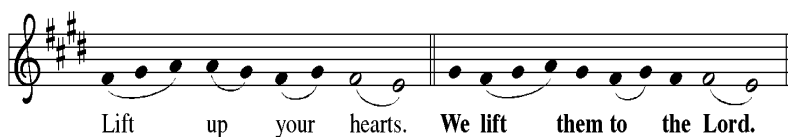
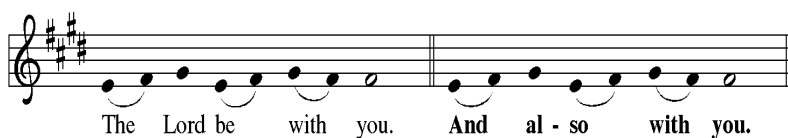
A God of power, God of plenty,  
all things belong to you.

We bring your gifts to the table,  
that all might be fed.

Form us into the body of your Beloved,  
Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

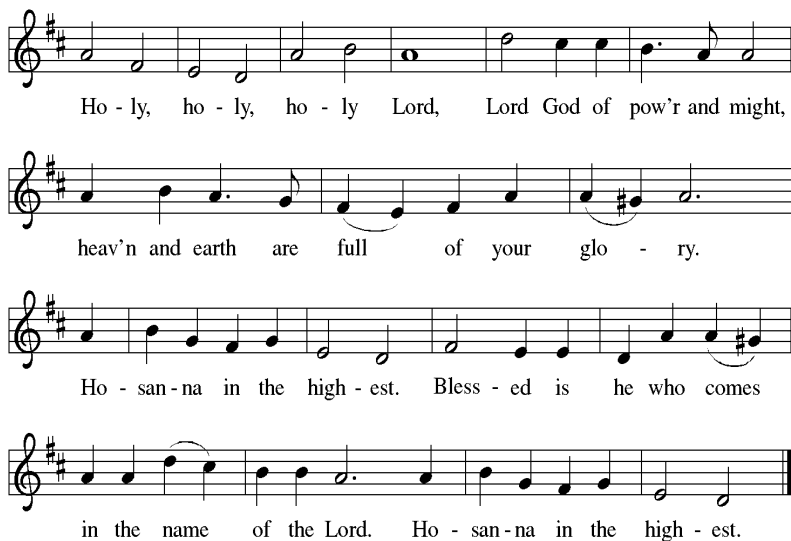


## PREFACE

P It is indeed right...



## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER

#### Invitation to Communion

P Jesus invites you to this table.  
Come, eat and live.

## 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, grant us peace.

### Sit **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.*

### **Communion Hymns**

#581 You Are Mine

#770 Give Me Jesus

### Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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## POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray.

A Blessed be your name, O God,  
for we have feasted on your Word,  
Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts.  
Strengthened by this food,  
send us to gather the world to your banquet,  
where none are left out and all are satisfied.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C Amen**

## **BLESSING**

P The God of glory,  
+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,  
and the Spirit who lives in you,  
bless you now and forever.

**C Amen.**

**Hymn #538** *The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*

## **DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace. God is at work in you

**C We will. Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE ~ Melody**

*Guilmant*

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**Thank you to, Abigail Zingone for sharing her musical talents with us this morning.**

**Altar Flowers** are given in celebration of Dennis Dinger's birthday, Given by Sandy Dinger



# ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

JOIN US  
FOR GOOD  
FOOD AND  
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SECOND  
SATURDAY  
EVERY  
MONTH  
8AM-10AM



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**MEMBERS and VISITORS** please sign the **FRIENDSHIP REGISTER** located in the hymnal holder. Please indicate if you received communion. Be sure to greet those worshipping with you today.

**Chris Bair is collecting newspapers again for the Bird Sanctuary**

## St. Mark's Book Club

Date	Book	Author	Facilitator
2023			
Sept. 28	Tending Roses	Lisa Wingate	_____
Oct. 26	The Underground Girls of Kabul	Jenny Nordberg	_____
Nov. 30	In Our Time	Barry Ernest	_____
	Barry will speak about his book.		
2024			
Jan. 25	The Ship Beneath The Ice	Mensun Bound	_____
Feb. 22	The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek	Kim Michele Richardson	_____
Mar. 28	The Giver of Stars	JoJo Moyes	_____

**Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor**



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### **READING LESSONS for October 1, 2023:**

**First Lesson:** Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

**Psalm:** Psalm 25:1-9

**Second Lesson:** Philippians 2:1-13

**Gospel:** Matthew 21:23-32

## OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	09/24	8:15 am	<b>Worship</b>
		9:45 am	Adult Sunday School
		11:00 am	<b>Worship</b>
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	09/25		
TUESDAY	09/26	6:30 pm	Eve's Circle
WEDNESDAY	09/27	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	09/28	10:00 am	Book Club (Parlor)
		1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/29		
SATURDAY	09/30		
SUNDAY	10/01	8:15 am	<b>Worship</b>
		9:45 am	Adult Sunday School
		11:00 am	<b>Worship</b>
			LYF Mt. Gretna Hike & Youth Meeting at Palm, Palmyra
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous

### **Stewardship Snippet — September 24, 2023 (17th Sunday after Pentecost, Year A, Proper 20) –Matthew 20:15**

*"Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?  
Or are you envious because I am generous?"*

Jesus' parable gives us a glimpse not only into the heart of God, which overflows with love, mercy and generosity, but also into our human hearts, which can be filled with envy and resentment. We learn to be grateful for all God gives to us – and to our neighbors! Gratitude is the soil from which springs generosity.

## **Birthdays for September**

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

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

## **Beginning Birthdays for October**

10/02	Sawyer Haynos
10/03	Margie Stouffer
	Scott Leedy
10/04	Hannah Leigh DeFrank
	Melissa Dinger
	Holly Evans
	Leo Brown
10/05	Emma Mink
10/06	Dorothy Sutch
10/08	Jackson Klick
	Kathryn McClain
10/09	Dameion Frey



# REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 2023- 2024 SCHOOL YEAR!



« « **Monday, January 30, 2023** » »

Registration open for CURRENT Students and Families  
& Members of St. Mark's Church

« « **Monday, February 13, 2023** » »

Registration open to the public.

« « **2023-2024 Classes & Monthly Tuition** » »

4/ 5 Year Old Class: MWF 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM- \$ 175.00

3 Year Old Class: TR 9:00 AM- 11:30 AM- \$140.00

2 Year Old Class: TR 9:15 AM- 11:15 AM- \$140.00

**\$40 Non-Refundable Registration Fee Due with Application**

Registration fee increased to \$50 after June 1, 2023



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**LYF** is open to all current middle and high school age youth (6th through 12th grade). Meetings are typically 5pm to 8pm and we always have dinner! **SPYG Jr.** is open to all current elementary school aged youth (kindergarten through 5th grade). Meetings are typically 12pm to 2pm and we always have lunch! **Flex Meetings** are non-Sunday events that are open to all! Family members, friends, congregational members are all welcome!

I am looking forward to a great year with everyone! Please let me know if you have any questions!

Peace,

Kellen Michalowski (he/him/his)

**Director Of Youth & Family Ministry**

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## **Ring and Sing a New Song to the Lord!**

As the autumn leaves begin to turn, it's time for the music program at Saint Mark's to come to life. A new group, the Festival Choir and the Mission Bells will soon be filling the sanctuary with music. We are trying a new approach of a short-term commitment of 4 rehearsals and 2 Sundays throughout the church year instead of an ongoing weekly commitment for both groups.

The Festival Choir will sing at periodically throughout the Church Year. **Four weekly rehearsals will be held prior to singing at the 8:15 and 11:00 services. The Festival Choir will sing on Reformation Sunday, October 29 and All Saints Sunday, November 5. Rehearsals will be held at 7:00 PM in the Choir Room, Thursdays October 5, 12, 19, and 26.**

The Mission Bells will ring periodically throughout the Church Year. They will ring on Christ the King Sunday, November 26 and the First Sunday of Advent, December 3 at the 8:15 and 11:00 services. **Rehearsals will be held at 6:00 Thursdays November 2, 9, 16 and Tuesday November 21 (due to Thanksgiving) in the Sanctuary.**

Anyone 10 years or older who loves to sing or would like to ring bells is welcome to join one or both of these groups. If you have any questions or plan on participating, please contact Faith Smeck (717-673-0368) or Jenny Sustak (717-580-4331) or come to a rehearsal and join us making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

**HAVE YOU EVER BEEN LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO**

**DO** but you're not sure what or who you might do it with? Many of us have been in that position from time to time. If you would be interested in being part of a group of folks to get together for some recreation, games, or just spending time together, please contact Brian Braidigan at 570-452-5379 and share your thoughts and ideas.

**Never miss a Worship Service or Bible Study.**

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**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

**CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC** - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

**YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER** - Kellen Michalowski

**ALTAR CARE** - Laurie Womer; Marian Person/Donna Woodrow

**USHERS** - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,  
Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

**COMMUNION ASST** - Laurie Womer; Zara Bennett

**WORSHIP ASST** - Sandy Sherwood

**LECTOR** - Bruce Senft; Sandy Sherwood

**GREETERS** -

**FLOWER DELIVERY** - Marian Person

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** - Jay Snyder

**NURSERY SCHL DIR.** - Jessica Broome 717-652-6700 ext 3

**SEXTON** - Don Young

# it's **BBQ** Time!



## **BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinners**

Saturday: **October 7, 2023** – 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.

**LAST ONE FOR THE YEAR!!!!**

St. Francis is admired for his deep and genuine respect for all creatures. He is best known for his amazing bond with all animals.

The **St. Mark's Community Outreach Ministry** will have a box in the narthex to collect supplies and/or gift cards to benefit Speranza Animal Rescue.

Your donations will be most greatly appreciated by both the animals and staff.



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**The items that are most needed currently are Cesar's Dog Food and soft/moist dog treats.**

Contractor size trash bags 42 gallons or larger

Concentrated disinfectant floor cleaner – Lysol, Pine-sol, or MR Clean antibacterial

Bedding – new or used (but clean) blankets, sheets, comforters, large towels, hand towels (no pillows or pillowcases please)

Paper towels

Flea and tick preventatives for dogs 45-88 pounds

Canned wet dog food (Purina or Pedigree or Cesar's preferred)

Soft/moist dog treats

Durable toys for large dogs (no rawhides or rope toys please)

Dry food: any Purina product or Pedigree

Laundry detergent

Pill Pockets

Peanut Butter



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