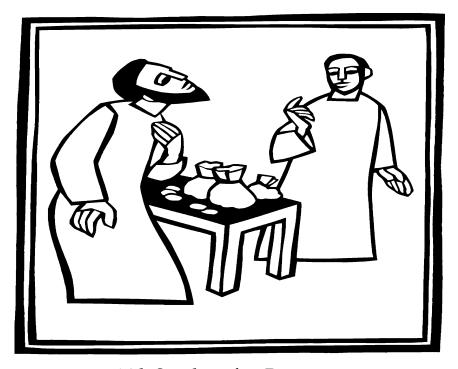
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16th Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2022

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

Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those "at our gate," visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—When Morning Gilds the Skies

~Dale Wood

8:15 Sermon Lesson — Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

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P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you O Christ.

8:15—Sermon

Stand Hymn #695 As Saints of Old

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

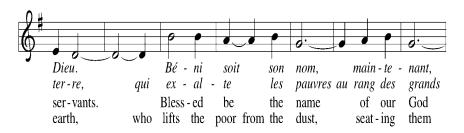
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you

HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise to the Lord (next page)*

Praise to the Lord Louez l'Eternel









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 O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

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

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

^{1-a}Alas for those who are at ease in Zion, and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,
⁴Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches,
and eat lambs from the flock, and calves from the stall;
⁵who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp, and like David improvise on instruments of music;
⁶who drink wine from bowls, and anoint themselves with the finest oils, but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!
⁷Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 146

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

- ²I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
- ³Put not your trust in rulers, in mortals in whom there is no help.
- ⁴When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.
- ⁵Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- •who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps promises forever;

who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the captive free.

- The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.
- ⁹The Lord cares for the stranger; the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
 - ¹⁰The Lord shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; ⁸but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many

senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. ¹⁶It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

¹⁷As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

11:00 Stand Alleluia. You know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. Alleluia.

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P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

Sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

11:00 **SERMON**

Stand Hymn #479 We Come to the Hungry Feast

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 thedead.

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 (Next page)

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring



- 1 Ac cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up on your ta ble.
- 2 The vines were plant ed, seeds were sown. They grew in your good plea-sure.
- 3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble. What once was com - mon, dail - y food be-comes a ho - ly trea-sure. Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum-bly we a - dore you.

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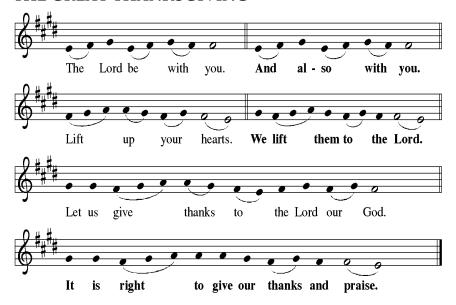
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Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER— Let us Pray

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.

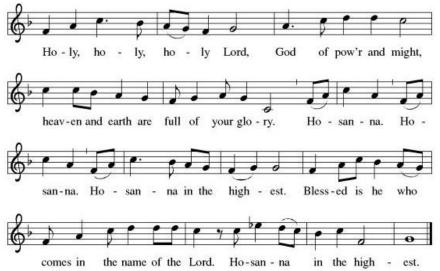
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

P It is indeed right...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



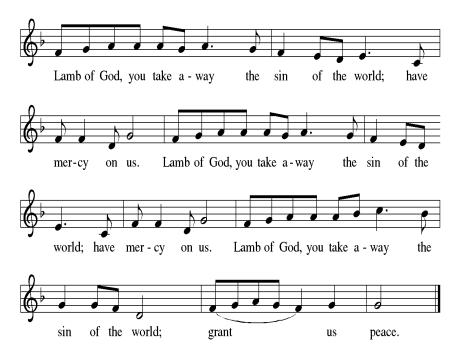
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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



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.

A 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 #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

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 This Little Light of Mine

~Spiritual

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Altar Flowers are given in memory of our parents. Given by Emmor and Joe Boslet.

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

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READING LESSONS for October 2, 2022:

First Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 1:1-14 **Gospel:** Luke 17:5-10

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 2022	Book	Author	Facilitator
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grimes	
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis	

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

I would like to share with everyone "Stewardship Ministries

Getting Your Financial House In Order," Emmor Boslet, facilitator, I wasn't sure if this was something I wanted to be involved in. I have been attending these classes since they started and I have learned so much that I never knew. Emmor is very knowledgeable and helpful. I would recommend if you haven't attended one of her classes that you would do so, it is an hour well spent.

<u>ATTENTION</u>: 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 - Laurie Womer; Marian Person/

Donna Woodrow

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,
Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman
COMMUNION ASST - Laurie Womer; Barb Dudek
WORSHIP ASST - Laurie Womer
LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Fred Mast
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 25, 2022 – 16th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 21

Luke 16:24-25 -- [The rich man] called out, "Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames." But Abraham said, "Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony." In Jesus' story, what condemns the rich man to hell is not his wealth, but rather his failure in life to use his money to help poor Lazarus. Does wealth tend to make us ungenerous? Isn't there a bit of Lazarus in all our hearts? In

Stewardship Ministries invites you to attend: Getting Your Financial House In Order

When: October 12, 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.



<u>Like us on Facebook</u> - 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!

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	09/25	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	09/26		
TUESDAY	09/27	6:30 pm	Eve's Circle
WEDNESDAY	09/28	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	09/29	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/30		
SATURDAY	10/01		
SUNDAY	10/02	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Sunday Church School
		11:00 am	Worship
		12:30 pm	Ice Cream Social
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous



2022-2023 2, 3, and 4 year olds

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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.

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.

Birthdays for September

09/01	Brighton Miller	09/14 Carla Whitaker
09/05	Mick Moritz	Mary Elizabeth Howell
09/06	Kathryn Dullen	09/15 William Graves
	Travis Sultzaberger	William Kroah, Sr.
	Julie Eyer	09/17 Barb Heym
09/07	Ella Heckert	09/21 Jax Phelan
09/08	Katlyn Betz	09/22 Emmor Boslet
09/10	Betsy Dressler	09/24 Dennis Dinger
09/11	Luke Dullen	09/25 Michael Betz
	Sara Shoaff	09/26 Michael Hengst
09/12	Donna Gutshall	Janet Smith
	Emma Klick	09/29 Nathaniel Lawrence
09/13	Lainey Huertas (Banic)	Cheryl Long

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

Birthdays for October

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

10/10 - Kendall Beverly

Wayne Metz

Bennett Fleegel



St. Francis is admired for his deep and genuine respect for all creatures. He is best known for his amazing bond with all animals. On Sunday, October 9, St. Mark's will have a pet blessing ceremony to celebrate the human/pet bond. There is a box in the narthex to collect supplies for the Humane Society of Harrisburg. Your donations will be greatly appreciated by the animals and staff.

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.