

St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 2020

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 sign the Friendship Register (Red Folder) located in the hymnal rack and pass it on to your neighbors. 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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Voluntary on "Praise to the Lord"*

~H.S. Livingston, Jr

HYMN #858 *Praise to the Lord*

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.

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

C Amen

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Faithful God, have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

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 Hymn of Praise

Glory be to God in heaven; peace, good-will to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth;
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray. . .

A O Lord God, enliven and preserve your church with your perpetual mercy. Without your help, we mortals will fail; remove far from us everything that is harmful, and lead us toward all that gives life and salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

Sit FIRST READING— Ezekiel 33:7-11

God appointed Ezekiel as a sentinel for the house of Israel. Ezekiel must faithfully convey God's warnings to the people. Remarkably, God—who is about to attack Jerusalem—gives a warning with the hope that repentance will make the attack unnecessary.

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

PSALM: Psalm 119:33-40

READ IN UNISON

**Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and I shall keep it to the end.**

**Give me understanding, and I shall keep your teaching;
I shall keep it with all my heart.**

**Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for that is my desire.**

**Incline my heart to your decrees
and not to unjust gain.**

**Turn my eyes from beholding falsehood;
give me life in your way.**

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
which is for those who fear you.**

**Turn away the reproach that I dread,
because your judgments are good.**

**Behold, I long for your commandments;
by your righteousness enliven me.**

SECOND READING — Romans 13:8-14

The obligation of Christians is to love one another and so fulfill the heart and goal of the law. Clothes make the person as we "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" and live today in light of the future God has in store for us.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

P The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Stand Spoken

**Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word
Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are
stirred.**

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew the 18th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus offers practical advice to his disciples on how individuals—

and the church as a whole—should go about restoring relationships when one member has sinned against another.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Sit **HYMN #714** *O God of Mercy, God of Light*
Organ Only

Stand **Nicene Creed**

**C We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and
glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A 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 Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. (Colossians 3:15)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

C You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you,

And also 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. . .

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the banquet table
where Christ gives himself as food and drink.

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.

Sit **Communion Distribution**

Stand **COMMUNION BLESSING**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER—Let us pray. .

A We give you thanks, gracious God,
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.

Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven, into your
beloved vineyard to wipe away the tears of all who hunger
and thirst, guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

P Mothering God,
Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you and lead you into the way of truth and life.

C **Amen**

Sit **HYMN #836** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*
Organ Only

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

Altar Flowers are in Memory of Earl Lippert's "87th"
birthday, September 6th, given by Laurie & Doug Womer.
In Celebration of Pastor Jim and Marian's "42nd" Wedding
Anniversary & their grandson, Brooks 5th birthday, both on
September 9th.

POSTLUDE *Adore and Be Still* ~Ch. Gounod/L. Smith

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FOR VISITORS AND OTHERS not on our mailing list:
There are copies of St. Mark's Newsletter "The Parish Post" available in the narthex along with other information in the literature racks.

Operating Receipts thru July 31: \$156,908

Payments made thru July 31: \$156,754

Attendance: 08/30/2020 50

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

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT BOTH ENTRANCES TO THE SANCTUARY. In order to try and save on paper and an overload of inserts in the Sunday Bulletins, we are placing the following, order forms on a bulletin board (located at both entrances to the sanctuary) where you can pick-up the forms that specifically interest you.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird Sanctuary

ATTENTION: So we can keep our Data Base up-to-date, if you have changes to your name, address phone number and email address, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

Opening Now for a
TEACHER AIDE!

* We're looking to fill
a spot in our
2 year old class.
Part time **TUESDAY**
and
THURSDAY mornings.



Experience preferred but not necessary.

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THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

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- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

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

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTORS - Randy Whitaker; Tom Graham

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIRECTOR - Pam Baranowski 671-4855

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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.

READINGS for September 13, 2020:

First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

Psalm: Psalm 103:[1-7] 8-13

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Birthdays for September

09/01 – Brighton Miller

09/02 – Jack Kane

09/06 – Travis Sultzaberger

09/06 – Julie Eyer

09/07 – Ella Heckert

09/08 – Katlyn Betz

09/10 – Betsy Dressler

09/11 – Luke Dullen

09/11 – Sara Shoaff

09/12 – Donna Gutshall

09/12 – Emma Klick

09/13 – Lainey Huertas (Banic)

09/14 – Carla Whitaker

09/14 – Mary Elizabeth Howell

09/15 – William Graves

09/15 – William Kroah

09/17 – Barbara Heym

09/21 – Jax Phelan

09/24 – Dennis Dinger

09/25 – Michael Betz

09/26 - Michael Hengst

09/26 – Janet Smith

09/26 – Nick Bargmann

09/29 – Nathaniel Lawrence

09/29 – Cheryl Long

09/30 – William Shook

it's **BBQ Time!**



Saturday, Sept. 26, 2020
10:30 am – until Sold Out

\$9.00 per Chicken Dinner

\$12.00 per Ribs Dinner

*All dinners include: Baked potato, Apple sauce,
Roll & Water*

DINNERS CAN BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE

**from any member of Fellowship Ministry or call
Church Office, 717-652-6700**