

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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**

*In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth*

*~F. Mendelssohn*

**HYMN #720** We Are Called

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.**

**C 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 Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

**WORD**

Sit **First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9**

*After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.*

O Lord, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;

for you have done wonderful things,  
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

For you have made the city a heap,  
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,  
it will never be rebuilt.

Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;

cities of ruthless nations will fear you.  
For you have been a refuge to the poor,  
a refuge to the needy in their distress,  
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.  
When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,  
the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,  
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;  
the song of the ruthless was stilled.  
On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
he will swallow up death forever.  
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the  
earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might  
save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.  
A The Word of the Lord  
**C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 23**

**READ IN UNISON**

**The Lord is my shepherd;**

**I shall not be in want.**

**The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures**

and leads me beside still waters.

You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

### **Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9**

*Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be

made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

A 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 22nd Chapter

**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14**

*Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.*

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come.

Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

P The Gospel of the Lord  
C **Praise to you O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Sit **HYMN #502** *The King of Love My Shepard Is*  
Organ Only



## **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 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,

C **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 #536** *God Be With you Till We Meet Again*  
Organ Only

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Remember the poor.

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

Please Remain Seated Till Dismissed

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

**POSTLUDE** *Christ Be Our Light* ~B. Farrell

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Operating Receipts thru August 31: \$184,840

Payments made thru August 31: \$176,983

Attendance: 10/04/2020 58

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

**READINGS for October 18, 2020:**

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

**SIMPLY GIVING** – A Simple Choice: A Generous Response & Save Paper. Simply Giving is the program St. Mark's uses to enable electronic transfer for church donations. Most people use similar methods to make recurring payments for utilities, mortgages, etc. Why not save paper and make it easier for yourself, and the Counters here at St Mark's. Sign up and support our programs with regular donations that are safe, reliable, and conserve paper resources.

If you are already enrolled consider increasing the amount at this time. Forms are available in the narthex and on bulletin boards, or ask at the office.

**ONLINE GIVING** - is also available on our website, [stmarksharrisburg.org](http://stmarksharrisburg.org). Click the GIVE tab and follow the instructions. **ON LINE GIVING IS SEPARATE FROM SIMPLY GIVING.** If you use both you will be giving twice. Changes to **SIMPLY GIVING** must, for the time being, be made by paper form only. Thanks for your generous stewardship.

**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, you can call or send your updated information to church office.

## **THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

MINISTER OF MUSIC - Joyce Van Nieuwkuyk

MINISTER OF CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

- Bennett Williams

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE - ;

USHERS - Don Young, Doug Womer, Ed Shadle,

Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman

GREETERS -

COMMUNION ASST -

WORSHIP ASST -

LECTORS - Laurie Womer; Sandy Sherwood

FLOWER DELIVERY - Barb Dudek

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIRECTOR - Pam Baranowski 671-4855

SEXTON - Don Young

**Altar Flowers** are in Honor of Jackson Klick's "7th" birthday, given by Dennis & Sandy Dinger.

**The Bulletins** are given in Memory of babies who died before, during or shortly after delivery, given by The Zingone Family.

**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.

## Birthdays for October

10/03 – Terry Fleegal	10/16 – Nathan Cleaver
10/03 – Margie Stouffer	10/16 – Bennett Fleegal
10/04 – Hannah Leigh DeFrank	10/17 – Amelia Heym
10/04 – Melissa Dinger	10/17 – Brooke DiSerio
10/04 – Holly Evans	10/21 – Richard Deppen
10/04 – Leo Brown	10/21 – Wayne Smithers
10/05 – Emma Mink	10/21 – David Kolter
10/06 – Dorothy Sutch	10/22 – Lennox Powell
10/07 – Marsha Nicodemus	10/24 – Kristian Beverly
10/08 – Jackson Klick	10/24 – Alexis Neidig
10/08 – Kathryn McClain	10/26 – Jared Fleegal
10/09 – Dameion Frey	10/28 – Laura Young
10/10 – Kendall Beverly	10/28 – John Herigan, Jr
10/10 – Wayne Metz	10/29 – Larry Watkins
10/11 – Zara Bennett	10/30 – Thomas Tommy
10/11 – Reuel Deppen	10/30 – Brian Dinger
10/11 – Sara Lawrence	10/30 – Nolan Dulovich
10/13 – Mason Brown	10/30 – Paul Whipple
10/14 – Susan Bennick	10/31 – David Featherman
10/15 – Tina Smith	



# UPCOMING FALL EVENTS



**2020 Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - Cancelled**

[Register Now!](#)

**Fall Foliage Day** at Kirchenwald - [Register Now!](#)

**Fall Foliage Day** at Nawakwa - [Register Now!](#)

*\*\* Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events \*\**

October 18 1-6pm | \$10 per person (5 & up)

## **Annual Quilt Auction**

Join us from November 1-8 **online** for this virtual event!

Follow along at the [Quilt Auction Website](#)

**Women's Craft Retreat** at Nawakwa

November 6-8 | \$155

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Registration is limited to 20 participants - [Register Now!](#)

## Wittel Farm Events

*\*\* Masks and social distancing required at all LCC events*

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10/18/2020 - Dinner and Campfire Worship night.

6:00 to 8:30 pm.

11/8/2020 -Dinner and Campfire worship night. 6:00  
to 8:30 pm

Here is the link to register for the dinners:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0949A9A72EA7FB6-dinner>

12/20/2020 - Advent/Christmas in the Barn. 7:00 to  
8:30 pm.

## SUPPORT THE CAMPS

Make a gift today to support the ministries of the Lutheran  
Camping Corporation.

Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird  
Sanctuary

# it's **BBQ** Time!



**Saturday, October 24, 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**

**Baked goods are gladly accepted.**

**DINNERS CAN BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE**

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

St. Mark's Nursery School – Fall Fundraiser

R&K Subs & Pretzel Sandwiches Sale

Start Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

End Date: Wednesday, October 14, 2020

Pickup Date & Time: Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 4-6  
PM

Someone will be selling them in the Narthex after services  
or you can call the church office (717)652-6700 to place  
your order.

\*Checks should be made out to **St Mark's Nursery School**\*