

# St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

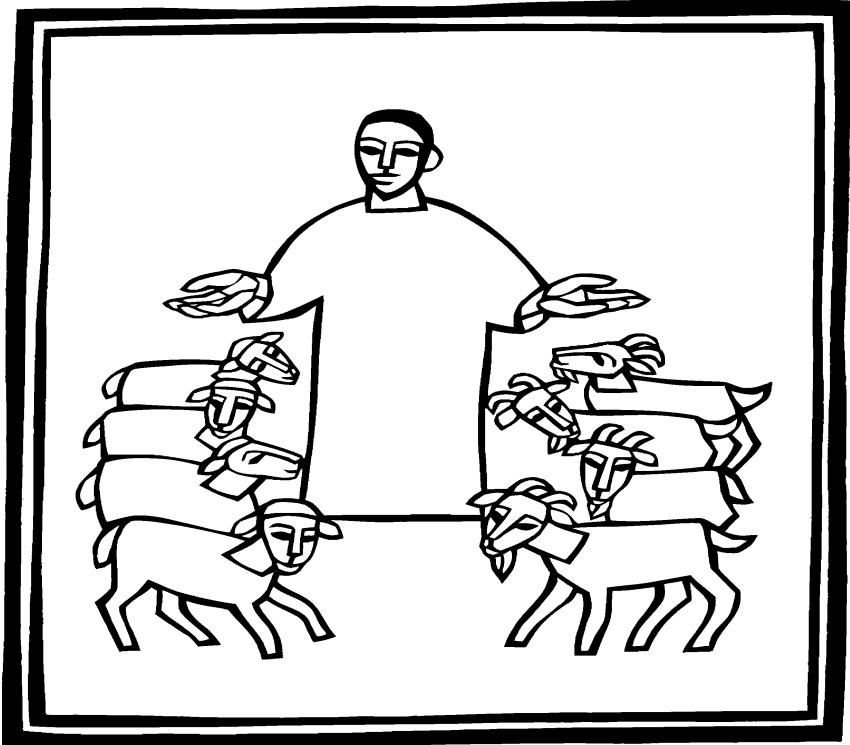
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Christ the King

November 22, 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 enjoy the opportunity to observe Silent Meditation during the Prelude.

**PERSONAL HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE.** Please see an usher if you have trouble hearing the service.

## **INTRODUCTION**

*On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.*

## **GATHERING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE** *Hymns of Thanksgiving and Praise*

*When Morning Gilds—Praise to the Lord -*

*For the Beauty of the Earth— This is My Father's World -*

*Praise God - Sing to the Lord of Harvest—O Beautiful*

**HYMN #662** *Christ is the King!*

*Organ Only—No Singing*

*Stand* **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.  
**C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Holy One,

**C we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation.**

**C Amen.**

P Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through + Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us

from the foundation of 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. . .

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **WORD**

**Sit First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24**

*Because Israel's kings proved to be bad shepherds, Ezekiel declares that the Lord will assume the role of shepherd in Israel. The Lord will also set over them a shepherd-messiah, "my servant David," who will feed and care for the people.*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will

bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

A The Word of the Lord

### **C Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 95:1-7a**

**Read In Unison**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.  
For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.  
In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.  
The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.  
For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of  
God's hand.**

## **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23**

*In this passage, God is praised for revealing ultimate divine power in raising Jesus from the dead. The resurrected, exalted Christ is Lord of both the church and the entire universe, now and in the age to come.*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 25th Chapter  
**C Glory to you O Lord**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

*Jesus compares himself to a king who moves among his subjects to see how he is treated: what is done for the least of those who belong to his family is truly done for him.*

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.’ Then he will say

to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord

**C Praise to you O Christ**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SERMON**

Sit **HYMN #855** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Organ Only

Stand **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** Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

**A** Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**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 God of all goodness,

**C generations have turned to you,  
gathered around your table,  
and shared your abundant blessings.**

**Number us among them**

**that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,  
and give thanks for your rich blessings,  
we may feast upon your very self  
and care for all that you have made,  
through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.**

**C Amen.**

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you,

**C And also with you**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C 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.

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 Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
C Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**P May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!**

**The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
C Amen.**

**Sit HYMN #878 Soli Deo Gloria  
Organ Only**

## DISMISSAL

P Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**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 #854 *Blessing and Honor***

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Operating Receipts thru October 31: \$217,585

Payments made thru October 31: \$229,092

Attendance: 11/15/2020 55

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

### **Readings for November 29, 2020:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 64:1-9

**Psalm:** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel:** Mark 13:24-37

**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.

**Altar Flowers** are presented to the Glory of God.

## **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 - Bruce Senft; Emmor Boslet

FLOWER DELIVERY - Marian Person

COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Stephanie Carl

NURSERY SCHL DIRECTOR - Pam Baranowski 671-4855

SEXTON - Don Young

**GIFT CARD DONATIONS:** The Social Services Ministry is asking for donations of gift cards for (2) families for Christmas.

Family (1): Gift cards from Game Stop, Wal Mart, Target, Amazon, Ebay, and Dunkin' Donuts.

Family (2): Gift Cards from Game Stop, Dunkin Donuts, Amazon, Target, Wal Mart, and Boscov's.

We will also accept gift cards from Giant or Weis Markets to help with food. All donations should be placed in an envelope with Patty Kingsbury's name on it and turned into the office no later than Tuesday December 15. If you have any questions please contact Molly Stanton.

## Birthdays for November

11/03– Maryann Gelehrter  
11/03 –Elliot Walak  
11/03- James Person  
11/04 - Hailey Neidig  
11/04- Susan Shultz  
11/07- George Kaufman  
11/08- Thomas Stohler  
11/09– Vaughn Heym, Jr  
11/10 – Samantha Romanias  
11/10 – Brent Whitaker  
11/14 – Richard Botts  
11/14 – Susan Dillahey  
11/16– Julia Zingone  
11/17– Floyd Sholder  
11/18 – Gary Schwartz  
11/20 – Sandy Dinger  
11/22 - Heidi May  
11/23– Rick Beckley  
11/24 –Christine Wnuk  
11/24– Tracey Swetnam  
11/27 – Donald Gutshall  
11/27– Isaiah Allen (Willis)  
11/28 – Ryan Cleaver

### **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.



# UPCOMING FALL EVENTS



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

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

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

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

Advent Day Apart at The Wittel Farm - December 5, 2020

- Join us as we guide you in contemplative, hope-filled watching and waiting for the birth of the Christchild. \$15.00 per person includes lunch.

Advent/Christmas in the Barn at the Wittel Farm - December 20 7:00-8:30pm

## SUPPORT THE CAMPS

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

**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.

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Chris Bair is collecting newspapers for the Bird  
Sanctuary