St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church

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13th Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 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

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own

GATHERING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE—*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* ~*P. Karvonen*

8:15 Sermon Lesson – Philemon 1-21

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To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your

faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; 14but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Stand Hymn #858 Praise to the Lord, Almighty

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 Glory Be To God



PRAYER OF THE DAY—Let us pray...

A Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

WORD

sit First Lesson: Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

¹⁵See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. 16 If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. 17But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. A The Word of the Lord C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 1 READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²Their delight is in the law of the Lord,

and they meditate on God's teaching day and night.

³They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither;

everything they do shall prosper.

It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.

Second Lesson: Philemon 1-21

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- A The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand Alleluia. Let your face shine upon your servant, and teach me your statutes. Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St Luke the 14th Chapter C Glory to you O Lord

Gospel Luke Luke 14:25-33

Jesus speaks frankly about the costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances. ²⁵Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus;] and he turned and said to them, ²⁶"Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, ³⁰saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' ³¹Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. ³³So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to you O Christ

sit CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Stand Hymn #660 Lift High the Cross

Nicene Creed

С

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

P God of grace,

C hear our prayer.

P 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 Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song ~Les Petites Soeurs De Jésus

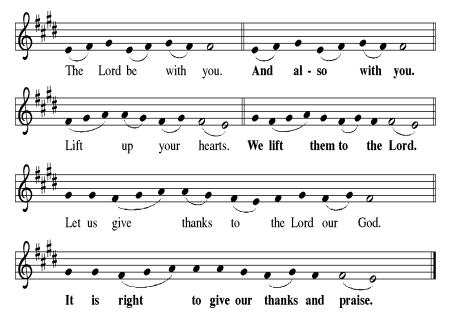
Stand **OFFERTORY HYMN #686** We Give Thee But Thine Own Vs 1 & 2

Stand OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

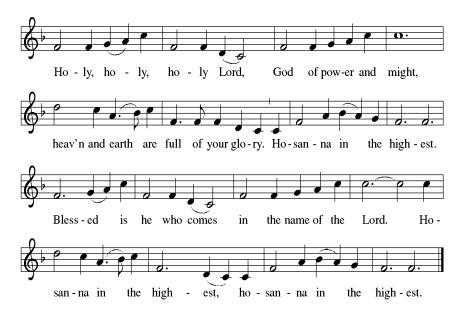
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 #545 Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

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 Go, My Children With My Blessing

~Welsh trad.

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Altar Flowers are given the Glory of God.

Birthdays for August

- 09/01 Brighton Miller
- 09/06 Kathryn Dullen Travis Sultzaberger Julie Eyer
- 09/07 Ella Heckert
- 09/08 Katlyn Betz
- 09/10 Betsy Dressler
- 09/11 Luke Dullen Sara Shoaff
- 09/12 Donna Gutshall Emma Klick
- 09/13 Lainey Huertas (Banic)

- 09/14 Carla Whitaker Mary Elizabeth Howell
- 09/15 William Graves William Kroah, Sr.
- 09/17 Barb Heym
- 09/21 Jax Phelan
- 09/24 Dennis Dinger
- 09/25 Michael Betz
- 09/26 Michael Hengst Janet Smith
- 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.

EVANGELISM MINISTRY WILL MEET, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2022, 6:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND AND SHARE IDEAS TO MOVE ST. MARK'S FORWARD.

READING LESSONS for September 11, 2022:

First Lesson:	Exodus 32:7-14	
Psalm: Psalm	51:1-10	
Second Lesson:	1 Timothy 1:12-17	
Gospel:	Luke 15:1-10	

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 Want to brighten someone's day? * Looking for people to help deliver flowers Sundays after church, 1 Sunday a month. Call Gitta May at (717)545-5254 for further info.

St. Mark's Book Club					
Date	Book	Author	Facilitator		
2022					
Sept. 22	The Hello Girls	Elizabeth Cob	bs		
Oct. 27	The Old Success	Martha Grime	es		
Dec. 1	Refusal	Dick Francis			

Book Club meets at 10:00 AM in the parlor

<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; Sandy Dinger USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Chris Bair, Dennis Dinger, Dave Featherman GREETERS -COMMUNION ASST - Randy Whitaker; Spencer Lindner WORSHIP ASST -LECTOR - Bruce Senft; Dave Featherman FLOWER DELIVERY - Barb Heym COUNCIL PRESIDENT - Sandy Sherwood NURSERY SCHL DIR. - Jessica Pope 717-652-6700 ext 3 SEXTON - Don Young

Stewardship Snippet September 4, 2022 – 13th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 18

Luke 14:33 -- Jesus told his followers, "So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Yikes! Give up ALL our possessions? The disciples were probably as stunned to hear Jesus say this as we are to read it. What does it mean for us? God calls us to look at our wealth and relinquish the power it has over us. What does it mean for you?

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

When: September 21, 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!

Esther Circle will begin meeting once a month beginning in September. We will meet the second Tuesday beginning September 13th at 10:00 am in the parlor. All women are welcome to join Esther Circle.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	09/04	8:15 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 7:00 pm	Worship Sunday Church School Worship AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	09/05	Labor Day	y (Office Closed)
TUESDAY	09/06	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
		9:00 am	Projects Day
WEDNESDAY	09/07	No Bible S	Study
THURSDAY	09/08	1:00 pm	The Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	09/09		
SATURDAY	09/10		
SUNDAY	09/11	10:30 am	Outside Worship &
			Picnic
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous

Announcement.

Let's Give

If you are feeling like you wish you could do something to help the situation in Ukraine, consider this:

Last week Rabbi Marc Gellman addressed giving in his Sunday newspaper column. He discussed efficient and honest charitable organizations. He mentioned top rated Lutheran World Relief (lwr.org) and Church World Service for actively responding to the needs of refugees in Ukraine and surrounding countries. Consider these or other organizations highly rated by Charity Watch or Charity Navigator in your giving response.

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.

Adult Study Retreat at Nawakwa - October 4 - 6, 2022

A Book Study Retreat on the book: Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis – J. D. Vance. Suggested supplemental books can be found on the website. All meals (7) are included in the price and served at the Dining Hall. This mid-week retreat begins Tuesday morning and ends with lunch on Thursday. Please register by September 24. Registration fee: \$150. Register by September 24.

Fall Foliage Day at Kirchenwaldat Kirchenwald - October 23, 2022Return 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 /
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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.

<u>Advent Day Apart</u> 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.

MILITARY SHARE PROJECT

In Central PA, over 20% of households receiving food assistance have at least one member who has served, or is currently serving, in the military. Through Military Share, the Central PA Food Bank provides nutritious food distributed on-site at armories, VFW, and AMVET locations throughout Central PA.

In the weeks leading up to September 11th a box will be set up in the Narthex to receive donations of pantry staples such as canned vegetables, soup, pasta, sauce and cereal. Monetary donations may also be made to provide fresh milk, eggs, and cheese.

Veterans and members of the military help us in our nation's time of need. Let's thank them as we help them in their time of need.

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, or if your birthday doesn't show up on the list, you can call or send your updated information to church office.



BBQ Chicken & Rib Dinners

Saturday: September 24, 2022 – 10:00 am until <u>SOLD OUT</u> Chicken Dinner - 10.00 - 1/2 chicken, baked potato, apple sauce, roll, butter & water

Rib Dinner - $$15.00 - \frac{1}{2}$ 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.

CHOIR AND BELL MUSIC SCHEDULES!

The rehearsal nights remain the same as follows: Wed: 6:15 pm Children – age 5 to 4th grade 7:00 pm Youth – Grades 5 and up This arrangement is flexible depending on responses of interested singers. Thurs: 6:30 Bell Choir and Handchimes 7:30 Adult Chancel Choir All rehearsals will begin Wed. Sept. 14 and Thurs. Sept. 15 I will be contacting former members of all ages by phone or letter, soon. New members are <u>always</u> welcome Enjoy your remaining weeks of summer.

> Sincerely, Joyce Ph: 717.939.1235 or 717.379.3416

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hanksgiving comes with family, food and lots of love, too With football games and Trick-or-Treaters, "BOO"! And find just the right handmade gift bonanza Seo The hot days of summer will soon disappear, Sept. 10th Trees turning orange, red, purple and gold As we move to Autumn's time of the year. Holidays coming for both young and old. Come shop once again at Extravaganza, - 8 & 9th 12 - 4 pm 10-

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