

**The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 2022**

*in the 169<sup>h</sup> Year of the Parish*

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*Welcome to Saint Mark's Lutheran Church!*

**Our Mission:** *“To know Christ and to make Christ known.”*

*This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here.*

*We are the church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace.*

*Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person—questions, complexities and all. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.*





**holy name. Amen.**

*The pastor stands and gives words of assurance.*

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare unto you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**Gather Us In**

**WOV, “Blue”, 718**

**\*THE GREETING**

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

C **And also with you.**



## \*GLORY TO GOD



A Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa-ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther; re-ceive our prayer.



For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir-it,



in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. 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.

## INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S READINGS

*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.*

### THE FIRST LESSON.....Amos 6:1a, 4-7

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

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 146

**1 Hal- | lelujah!**

**Praise the LORD, | O my soul!**

2 I will praise the LORD as long | as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.

3 Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.

**4 When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,  
and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

5 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | LORD their God;

**6 who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

7 who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the | captive free.

**8The 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!**

**THE SECOND LESSON.....1 Timothy 6:6-19**

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. 10For 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.

11But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue 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.

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

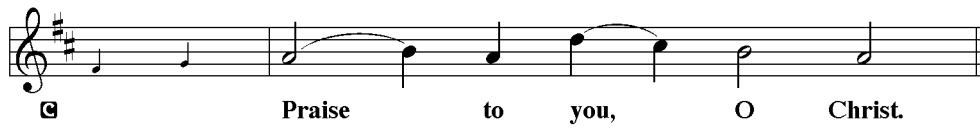
## \*THE HOLY GOSPEL.....Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] 19“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. 20And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, 21who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. 22The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 23In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. 24He 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.’ 25But 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. 26Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ 27He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—28for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ 29Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ 30He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The gospel of the Lord.



**\*THE SERMON**

**\*HYMN Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life LBW, “Green”, 429**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED**

P Living together in trust and hope, we affirm our faith, the faith in which we baptize:

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*After each petition, “God of Grace/Hear our prayer.”*

**\*THE PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.




*The ministers and congregation greet one another with these or similar words, and/or gestures of peace, limiting physical touch and contact with one another.*


### **\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



**P** The Lord be with you. **G** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts. **G** We lift them to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



**G** It is right to give him thanks and praise.


**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection, opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



**G** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

**\*OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray in the words our Savior gave us:

**C** **Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**



## \*LAMB OF GOD



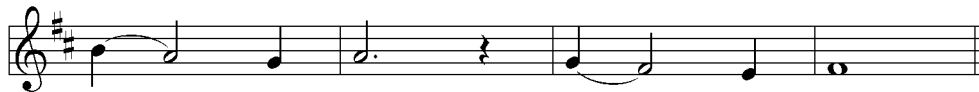
**C** Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*Persons may come forward to the chancel to receive Holy Communion. This format will be more “continuous” noting the following procedure:*

- *Communicants as directed by ushers are asked to come forward by way of the center aisle, take a cup from the tray provided and receive the bread.*
- *Once receiving the bread, communicants will proceed to one of two stations (left or right) to receive wine from the pouring chalice.*
- *After receiving wine, communicants will place the empty cup in the designated tray and return to their pew by way of the side aisles.*

*Please do not kneel at the rail.*

**P** Christ invites you to his table.

Come, taste and see.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## THE COMMUNION

### \*AFTER COMMUNION

**P** The body and blood of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

### **\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P Let us pray. 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.**

### **\*THE BLESSING**

P Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you with truth and peace, free you from despair,  
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C **Amen.**

**\*HYMN**                      **God of Grace and God of Glory**                      **LBW, “Green”, 415**

### **\*DISMISSAL**

P Go in peace with Christ beside you.

C **Amen. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**                      *Allegro Maestoso*                      GF Handel



Recently, several weather disasters in Puerto Rico, Alaska, Japan and Pakistan have caused significant property damage, loss of power, injury and death. Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response help minister to people in need in the name and way of Christ. Should you wish to contribute, please make your check payable to St. Mark's and note, "Lutheran Disaster Response General Fund" on the memo line. Thank You!



### **ALTERNATE EMAIL FOR PASTOR**

Pastor Vasey has been experiencing technical problems with his church email. He hopes to have the problem corrected soon.

Until such time, please use [cryptol@comcast.net](mailto:cryptol@comcast.net) when emailing pastor. **Thank You!**

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**Prayer List:** Victims of COVID-19 and their families, Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Diane Damaska, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Doris Brown, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Patricia Alexander, Diana Zeigler, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, April Clark, Lenny Sherlinski, Ruth Sherlinski, Gary Cable, Elsie Sechler, Virginia Pulaskie, Susan Kalabacas, Bunny Ditchfield, Judy Fortin, Roy and Gloria Meyer, Mary Lou Doebler, Walt Haussmann, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, the people of Ukraine and Eastern Europe, Victims of recent storms and Hurricane Fiona, Micah.

**WORSHIP LEADERS (9/25/22)**

- Lector:**
  - 8:00 a.m. Ruth Rees
  - 10:30 a.m. Gary Weber
- Communion Assistants:**
  - 8:00 a.m. Becky Pryor/Drew Haussmann
  - 10:30 a.m. Dan Zeigler and
- Organist:**
  - Sam Robinson
- Ushers:**
  - 8:00 a.m. Richard Miller and Herb Poff
  - 10:30 a.m. Mike Jensen, Captain
  - Gary Weber, Sean Jensen,
  - Shelby Weber
- Altar Guild:**
  - Wanda Fortin and Mindy Wentzel



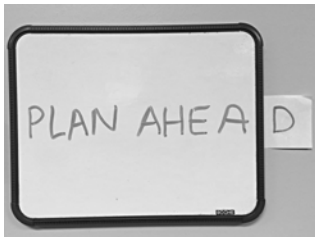
**READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?** Faith and Fellowship has temporarily “moved some books” from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!



**ALTAR FLOWERS** today are given to the glory of God:  
 +In Celebration of our St. Mark’s family  
 +In Loving Memory of loved ones by Donna Boston

**OUR STEWARDSHIP (9/18/22)**

Regular Offering	\$2,575.00
Plate Offering	75.00
Theological Fund	10.00
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,660.00</b>



***HAPPENING IN OCTOBER***

**Sunday, October 2, “Pet Blessing”, 2 p.m.**

All are welcome to have their pet blessed on this day. Weather permitting we will gather in the church parking lot.

**Sunday, October 9, CROP Walk**

Registration is at 1-2 pm and the walk begins at 2 pm. “We walk because others must walk”. If you can't walk be a sponsor and/or help with refreshments along the way. Contact Brenda Gair (570-220-8859 or [brendag1comcast.net](mailto:brendag1comcast.net)) for information.

**Sunday, October 16, “Harvest Home Sunday; Thanking the Lord for All Good Gifts”**

Consecration Sunday at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

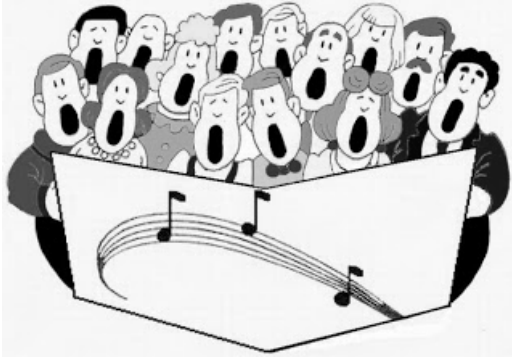
**Saturday, October 22, “Pumpkin Carving” in Fellowship Hall, 5 p.m.**

All are welcome. See October Newsletter for more details.

**Sunday, October 30, Reformation Sunday.**

Martin Luther will “make an appearance” at both our 8 and 10:30 Services. Come and witness “Pastor Luther” nailing his 95 Theses to the Church Door proclaiming the “just shall live by faith”.

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2022 HYMN SING



The Old Immanuel Lutheran Church Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2022, 2:30 p.m. Old Immanuel is located at 2633 Lime Bluff Road, Muncy Creek Township, Muncy. Diane Booth Bubb, Synod Authorized Minister, will lead the hymn sing and Jeff Harvey will be the accompanist. Refreshments will be served following the hymn sing and all are welcome.

## YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

GOD IS FAITHFUL; BY HIM YOU WERE CALLED INTO THE FELLOWSHIP  
OF HIS SON, JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. (1 COR. 1:9)

### Attention Young Adults!

You're a young adult. You feel disconnected from the church. You want a community of people close to your own age who love Jesus and know what Tik Tok is. If any of these things are true for you, then we have good news. Jim Vitale, Camp Mount Luther's new outreach director, is starting a Young Adult Fellowship and we want you to be a part of it! We will gather on the last Wednesday of each month, (starting September 28 on Zoom) to talk about life, faith, and whatever we want! You may have heard that the new *Lord of the Rings* series is out on Amazon, and it signals, so Jeff Bezos hopes, the beginning of a new extended universe to rival Marvel or Star Wars. While fans wait to see if *Rings of Power* can top the *Fellowship of the Ring*, why don't we go ahead and start a fellowship of our own? We'll see you Wednesday, September 28th at 8 p.m.! Email [jim@campmountluther.org](mailto:jim@campmountluther.org) for the link!



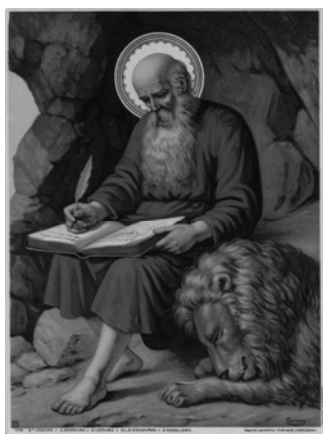
## COMMEMORATIONS



### **Michael and All Angels**

*Thursday, September 29, 2022*

Michael the archangel, captain of the heavenly hosts, is remembered on this day along with the other angels and archangels. The word "angel" means messenger, and in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, these beings have a fully spiritual nature and no physical body.



### **Jerome, translator, teacher, died 420**

*Friday, September 30, 2022*

Jerome was a biblical scholar and translator, but rather than translating the original Hebrew and Greek scriptures into classical Latin, he worked in the commonly-spoken Latin of the day, creating a version called the Vulgate.