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Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *“Build My Life”*

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As an ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *“In Christ Alone”*

PRAYER

P We pray together.

C God, whatever it is that’s holding me back, I release it to You. Please deliver me as I battle against my selfish desires and thoughts. Show me how to love You above all else. I want to live my best life for You today. In Jesus name, Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the Lord, the God of your fathers, is giving you. You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the Lord your God that I command you. Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the

peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.' For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today? "Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Mark 7:14-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 7th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And he called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SERMON SONG: "Make Room"

SERMON - *Sword of the Spirit*

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS / OFFERING

RITE OF FELLOWSHIP

*(Please indicate if you are a member or visitor in the Rite of Friendship books and if you will be joining us for Holy Communion. **If visiting please leave us a means to contact you as we would love to follow up with you.**)*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ's body and blood are truly present in the bread and wine of this Sacrament for the forgiveness of sins to all who believe. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us. If you share this belief and practice, please join us in celebrating the meal of God's family – Holy Communion, please receive the wafer in the palm of your hand. (The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION SONGS:

“At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

“O Come To The Altar”

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: *“Goodness Of God”*

DISMISSAL

GREETERS

Michael Tatman

Janet Herring

READER

Pastor Gary

POWERPOINT

Nick Schoch

Michael Deedon

ALTAR GUILD

Sue Berndt, Rosann Tucker

COMMUNION

Ruth Tritten, Joan Crisman, Ken Berndt
Michael Tatman (CC)

Rachel Olson, John & Rita Woller
Brad Peck (CC)

USHERS

Ken Berndt, Kevin Schroeder, Todd Hass, Michael Deedon
Tyler Woller, Roger Block, Brad Peck, Jim Wilkerson

PRAISE BAND

Matt & Jody Duranceau, Julia Hauan, Dave Johnson, Dawn Schoch, Helaina Wills

BOUQUET

Today’s bouquet is given by Bob & Mary Schultz in honor of their 42nd wedding anniversary.

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

GREETER

Henry Jennejohn

READER

Pastor Bruce

POWERPOINT

Derek Emon

COMMUNION

Scott Werner

USHERS

Henry Jennejohn, Scott Werner, Mike Henrichs, Tim Klopstein

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Jean Rhyner, Anne Raduechel, Scott Prochnow, Raphael Klein, Marie Borchardt, Mary Ann Nielsen, Steve Dahlke, Vienna Haunschuld, granddaughter of Phyllis Koppa, Linda Graebel, Donna Schroeder, Ava Downing, AJ Saltzmann, Jerry Czeshinski, Erv Boehm, husband of Clarice, Janice Ambuhl, mother-in-law to Jan Feucht, Grace Kobs, Jason Borrero, Mary Utecht–Johnson, Lana Wilkinson, Marie Heinking, Sharon Schedler.

Battling Cancer: Ronald Haebig, brother of Kurt, Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Paul Michalski, Perry Redeker, Emmett Heindel, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Jim Wanish, Bill Kobs, Jerry Sams, friend of the Redeker’s, Aissen Witter, Susan Ohde, daughter of Linda, Bob Frickenstein, Randy Vande Boom, brother of Dale, Donna Iwen.

Grieving: Debra Wienke, the sister-in-law of Rita Woller, who recently passed.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Anna: How to Live a Life Devoted to God will be our focus for this week's Bible study based on Luke 2:36-38. Through these few, short verses, we see Anna's life as a prophet of God. She walked with God, listened to Him and spoke what she learned to others so they could also walk closely with the Lord. Join us as we learn from this amazing woman of faith. We meet in the Youth Room from 1:00 – 2:30 on Wednesday. All are welcome!

From the Sewing Room

Quilting will be our focus for September and October starting September 3rd. St. Mark's Comfort Quilters welcome all interested in joining in on the fun. We'll meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday mornings from 9:00-11:30. There are jobs for those who can't stand for lengthy times too, like pinning, cutting, sewing, and more.

Any questions, please call Joan Crisman at 715-573-9801.

New Women's Ministry Monthly Event coming this Fall:

"Meet Me at the Well Mondays"



We are so excited to offer a new monthly opportunity for women of St. Mark's to grow closer to God, fellowship with one another, and participate in community service events. We will be using a six part bible study series entitled: "What the Women Saw".

Our first event will take place on Monday, September 16th, from 7:00-8:30 pm at St. Mark's.

As always, you are also welcome to bring along a friend!

If this sounds like something you would like to be involved in, please see the sign-up board which will soon be displayed in the Narthex. (You aren't required to attend if you sign up, however, an approximate number of attendees will really help us with our planning!)

Questions regarding this event, please contact Kristen Novitch at 715-966-4172

Future Fall "Meet me at the Well Mondays" dates for your calendar: October 21st and November 18th.

The Hagar House Color Fun Run & Walk

Doepke Park - 9am

Please join us on **Saturday, September 14th, 2024**, at Doepke Park for our 5K Color Run/Walk through the beautiful streets of Rib Mountain! This event will help raise money to support The Hagar House and its mission to help free single mothers from cycles of crisis through a Christ-centered community. As always, this event will be kid & stroller friendly so please bring out the whole family to enjoy and help support a great cause, but please leave your furry friends at home. Thank you for your understanding and hope to see you on 9/14/24! Registration will be open until 9/12/24 however, if registering on or after 8/27/24, a T-shirt may not be guaranteed so please register early and reserve your appropriate size!

*More information on The Hagar House, can be found at www.thehagarhouse.org

Race packets must be picked up at Doepke Park (2200 S. Mountain Rd)
on the morning of **Saturday 9/14/24 ONLY**, starting at **7:00am**.

St. Mark's Scoop

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September 1 - 8, 2024

Sun, September 1	Contemporary 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 10:30 Worship
Mon, September 2	<i>We will be Closed on Labor Day</i>
Tues, September 3	6:30 MIA Bible study 9:00 Quilting Preschool Parent Orientation
Wed, September 4	Contemporary 9:00 1st day of Preschool 1:00 Son Shine Bible Study 6:00 Worship
Thurs, September 5	9:00 1st day of Preschool 5:00 PEW Sisters 6:00 Celebration Choir
Fri, September 6	Blaine's Family Day
Sat, September 7	_____
Sun, September 8	Traditional / Brass Rally Day 8:00 Worship 9:15 Bible Study 9:15 Parent orientation 10:30 Worship

RALLY DAY—September 8th

- Bibles being handed out to Grades K & 4th
- Blessings of the Backpacks
- Midweek & Confirmation Parent Meeting

UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

“Unlikely Heroes”
Sept. 15 - Oct. 27

Upcoming Bible Study Topics

- 9/1: Romans
- 9/ 8: Romans
- 9/15: “Ask Pastors Anything”
- 9/22: “The Truth Project” - going forward

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