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July 19, 2026
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

RINGING OF THE BELLS ~ WELCOME and GREETING

OPENING SONG: *"The Lion And The Lamb"*

(10:30) Baptism

Miles Thomas Mattmiller
son of Scott & Kim Mattmiller

INVOCATION

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG OF PRAISE: *"Waiting Here For You"*

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE: Romans 8:18-27

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 13th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the

enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ!

WE PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

P In a world filled with distractions and temptations we declare the truth to all those who will listen. What do you believe about creation?

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

P What do you believe about redemption?

C And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What do you believe about sanctification?

C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SERMON SONG: “What A Beautiful Name”

SERMON: “Breaking News: A World Gone Wild”

PRAYERS FOR THE FAMILY OF GOD

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.**)*

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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. Those of you who will not be communing are welcome to come up and receive a blessing by crossing your arms.

(The cups with white juice are for those who have requested them. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.)

COMMUNION SONG: "Holy Spirit"

BLESSING and BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Reckless Love"

DISMISSAL

BOUQUET

Today's bouquet is given by Bob & Mary Schultz in honor of Trevor's 40th birthday on July 23rd.

Please keep the following people in our prayers:

Medical / Health Concerns: Jenny Garcia, daughter of Andy & Mary Hoppe, Ella Holmes, Anne Raduechel, Raphael Klein, Cindy Barton, Marie Borchardt, Ava Downing, Lana Wilkinson, Carla Grulkowski, Sandy Flanagan, Lizzy Marciniak, Evelyn Mielke, sister in law to Carol Leopold, Judy Young, Jessie Myers, Marliss Fritz, Carol Leopold, Emily Ramthun, Jamesetta, daughter of Pastor Kollie, who is in need of a transplant, daughter-in-law of Ruby Phillips who had a stroke, Grace Kobs, Donna Schroeder, who is in hospice, Silas, age 17, mass on liver, Adam Menebroeker who is having minor surgery on Monday.

Battling Cancer: Brenda Barttelt, sister of Carla Haebig, Lee Seis, brother-in-law of Henry Jennejohn, Bill Kobs, Aissen Witter, Mike Ferry, brother of Scott, Jody Krieg, Rhonda Payne, Jean Majewski, niece of Sandy Cotey, son of Ruby Phillips who is battling cancer.

Military Service - SSGT Jacob Lang, deployed with the U.S. Marine Corp., PFC Ty Crisman who is base in Poland.

Son-Shine Bible Study

Just a mid-month check-in with our daily scripture reading challenge. Comments have included 'I'm reading more each day', 'It's reading like a novel', and 'I didn't know...'. Even if you have missed a few days or are having trouble getting started, we're encouraging one another to read daily. Chronological Bible reading plans are on the credenza. Pick one up and you can begin anytime.

We will get together for group study again on August 6th with Praying the Names of God, 'God Most High'. All are welcome to join us.

Share Your Musical Gifts in Worship



Do you enjoy singing or playing an instrument? We invite musicians of **all ages and experience levels** to share their God-given talents during our worship services. Whether you're a child, youth, or adult, we'd love to help you find an opportunity to participate.

If you feel called to glorify God through music, please contact Matt Rhyner Contemporary leader or Dan Page Worship Coordinator. We look forward to worshipping together as we use our gifts to praise the Lord!



Mission Corner: Hearts in Action

Connecting Our Church to Outreach Opportunities

Welcome to our Mission Corner—a dedicated space in our newsletter highlighting the outreach efforts and opportunities that connect our church family with our broader community and the world. Each month, we'll share updates, stories, and ways you can get involved in making a positive impact through missions.

Spotlight: Blessing Bags

Our Mission Corner shines a spotlight on those in need in our community with **Blessing Bags** for the homeless or those down on their luck. Feel free to take one to keep it in your vehicle to hand out to someone in need.

Spotlight: The Babies Place at The Neighbors Place

The Neighbors Place has a program for new mothers and their babies to provide diapers and products to help care for them. We are doing a summer diaper drive for babies and toddlers. Please bring in packages of diapers: **Newborn to Size 7 and Pull Ups Size 2T – 5T.**

Spotlight: Orphan Grain Train

ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN NEEDS:

Sewing Supplies, School Supplies, (used crayons, pencils, markers, ½ used notebooks), Gently Used Backpacks, Children's Summer Clothes, Men's Summer Clothes



How You Can Help

- Take a **Blessing Bag** to keep in your vehicle to give to a person in need
 - Bring in a package of diapers or pull ups for **The Babies Place**
 - Bring in items for **Orphan Grain Train**
- Pray for our mission projects and those we serve.

Let's continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, sharing love and hope through mission work.

Stay tuned to the Mission Corner for more ways to serve and stories of impact!

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." – Matthew 28:19

The Gathering-Mount View Care Center



On **Tuesday, July 28th**, The Gathering will be heading to Mount View Care Center for a morning of Bingo. **We will meet in the Mount View Care Center parking lot at 10:00 am.**

Monetary gifts to offset the cost of Bingo prizes will be greatly appreciated, monetary gifts can be placed in the offering plate in a sealed envelope, labeled "The Gathering-Bingo". If you would like to donate Bingo prizes, please contact Linda at (715)297-8605

for more information. Thank you for your support.

Everyone is welcome – grandparents, parents, children! Many hands are needed to make this a fun event.



The Built in Love campaign has two phases:

- 1 Gifts now to reach the initial goal of raising \$650K to proceed with permits and getting “shovels in the ground.”

We are 96.5% there in accomplishing this goal, needing just \$22K to start construction!

- 2 Pledges to give gifts over the next 3 years to pay off the building loan.

EVERY gift, regardless of the size, makes a difference, especially over 3 years! The giving chart below makes it easy to see how your pledge will **build** over time.

This expansion is designed to serve our entire congregation, as well as reach the community in new ways. As we look forward to launching phase 2, our goal is that 80% of the congregation would participate.

Monthly	Annually	3 Year Total
\$5	\$60	\$180
10	120	360
25	300	900
50	600	1,800
100	1,200	3,600
200	2,400	7,200
250	3,000	9,000

Pick up a pledge form at the Built in Love display in the narthex

St. Mark's Young Adult Ministry

Men & Women | Ages 18 - mid 30s
1st Thursday & 3rd Friday of the month 5:30-6:30 pm
Childcare provided as needed

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Due to the holiday, we
will not be meeting July
2nd!

For more information and
to stay updated on the
ministry's happenings!



Co-coordinators:
Emily Ramthun 715-409-6963
Melodie Witter Barker 715-571-1549
Brad Barker 715-551-7595

We would love for you to become a part of our vibrant community at St. Mark's. If you're looking for a place to grow in your faith, connect with others, and serve the community, then there are plenty of opportunities for you here.

Come join us for a service, learn more about our church, and discover how you can get involved. We welcome all who are seeking to deepen their spiritual journey and connect with a loving church family.

We look forward to welcoming you!

~ The next New Member classes will be October 1, 8, 15 ~

Please contact the office to sign up.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING FOR THE 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR



St. Mark's Lutheran Preschool offers 2-day, 3-day, 4-day 4K, and 5-day classes for three and four year old children in a caring, Christian environment. Before and After School Care is also available. **Enrollment for the 2026-2027 school year is now open.** Classes are expected to fill up quickly so don't wait! For more information, contact Preschool Director, Cathy Page, at cpage@stmarkslcms.org or 715-848-551.

We Are Hiring!

St. Mark's Lutheran School is hiring several teaching positions for the 2026-2027 school year. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming part of our wonderful St. Mark's Preschool staff, please contact Cathy Page at cpage@stmarkslcms.org for 715-848-5511 for specific information.

WE ARE HIRING

JOIN OUR TEAM

2026 St. Mark's Softball Schedule

Date	Home/ Visitor		Time	Field	W/L
5/17/2026	H	Christ Community Church	7:30PM	3	Won 10-1
5/31/2026	H	Cheeks Bar and Grill	6:30PM	3	Won 6-3
6/7/2026	H	The Garage II	7:30PM	2	Lost 4-7
6/7/2026	V	Falcon Valley Farm	8:30PM	2	Lost 7-19
6/14/2026	H	L&S Electric	6:30PM	2	Lost 12-17
6/21/2026	H	Family Insurance Center	7:30PM	3	Lost 0-15
6/28/2026	V	S.O.S.	5:30PM	3	Won 12-5
7/12/2026	V	The Garage	7:30PM	3	Lost 5-17
7/19/2026	V	Melonheads	5:30PM	3	
7/26/2026	V	Immanuel Baptist Church 2	7:30PM	2	

St. Mark's Scoop

July 19-26, 2026

- Sun, July 19** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible study
10:30 Worship
- Mon, July 20** 8:00 OGT
11:30 Noon Optimists
5:30 Governance Team at Leon's
- Tues, July 21** 6:30 MIA Bible study
- Wed, July 22** 2:30-6:00 Blood Drive
6:00 Worship
- Thurs, July 23** ~ Markings Deadline ~
6:00 Elder meeting
Pastor Eric returns
- Fri, July 24** **OFFICE CLOSED**
Pastor & Blaine's Family Day
- Sat, July 25** Fellowship Hall rented out
~ Blaine on vacation until 8/1 ~
- Sun, July 26** 8:00 Worship
9:15 Bible study
10:30 Worship
~ Pastor Eric on vacation until 8/3 ~

Pastor Eric Hauan / Senior Pastor:

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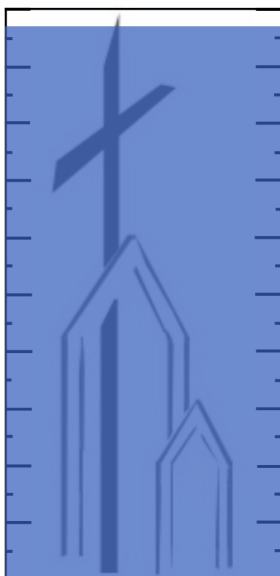
Dan Page / Worship Coordinator

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Pastoral Coverage

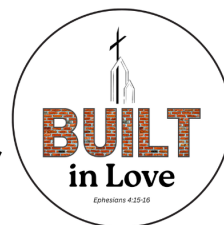
While Pastor Eric is gone, please call either Pastor Gary or Pastor Joe for emergencies.

Pastor Gary ~ 715-574-1650 or Pastor Joe ~ 414-779-1785



\$628K

**Help us reach our
initial goal of raising
\$650K to kick off our
expansion project!
Only \$22K left!!**



GIVE HERE!

