



Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 2021

“Jesus said, ‘But God’s plan was seen from the beginning of creation, for ‘He made them male and female.’ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Since they are no longer two but one, let no one separate them, for God has joined them together.” (Mark 10:5-9)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The Pharisees were trouble-makers. Their greatest pleasure was to question Jesus on legalistic issues. In Mark 10:2-16, they tested Jesus on the question of divorce. Jesus granted that the law of Moses allowed for divorce, although this was not God’s desire for his people. God wants harmony and reconciliation between people, not discord and division.

Later in the passage, children came to Jesus, but the disciples tried to chase them away. Jesus said, “Let them come.” This is what Jesus says to all those who wonder if they have any value or worth: “Let them come.” Let children come. Let divorced people come. Everyone is welcome. What God has given them—namely, Jesus—let none of us take away.

- **Join us this Sunday, Worship Service . . . 9:30 A.M.**

Genesis 2:18-25

- **Scripture Readings**

Hebrews 2:1-13(14-18)

Mark 10:2-16

Pastor Martins Irbe will be here to lead worship

- **Happening Around St. James**

Children’s Sunday School is back ready to welcome all our students.

NEW Adult Forum underway (see details below). All are welcome.

- **Adult Bible Study lead by Tracy Guffey.** The title is “Waiting . . . a study on patience, hope, and trust as the Spirit works in our lives.” This is a timely topic that all of us will benefit from. Join us following worship.



2021 Heartland Mission District Convocation & Youth Gathering
Saturday, October 2, 2021 9:30a–3:00p
St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
16933 Thiele Rd, Fort Wayne, IN 46819
Cost: \$15/Adults or \$45/church Youth - free

Our Guest Our speaker will be Eric Riesen, who is our NALS Seminary President. He is engaging and inspirational. I will be leading a workshop on Healing Services. We as a church are register and paid the entrance fee for anyone from St James who would like to attend. All you have to do is go on line and register, so there is enough materials, refreshments, and lunch. Registration is simple – just email Linda Karlin at: livingfaithwabash@gmail.com **Thanks!**

- **Grief Share . . . is going well.** This a 13 week course that began August 11 and runs through November 3rd. This is a wonderful program of support for those who have lost a loved one and are struggling through the grief process. Time will be 6:30 PM every Wednesday. Questions? Contact Cindy Gregory.
- **Bible Studies**
 - **Women's Bible Study**..... Mondays at 11 A.M.
 - **Men's Bible Study Gathers** . . .at 9 A.M. on Tuesdays.
 - **Additional Bible Study Opportunity.** . . included with this weekly update is a bible study for you to use in the comfort of your home.
- **Looking for Volunteers**.....As part of Care and Prayer ministry we have been thinking there may be a need to offer transportation to and from church to local residents in the Greenfield area. If you would we willing to serve in this way contact the church office or Linda Hess.
- **Blood Drive is coming on Halloween.** Sunday October 31st 9:30 AM to 2 PM. Mark the date on your calendar. You are giving the gift of life. There will be a special gift for all who give. You can sign up in the narthex or online [here](#). Blessings to all.
- **Continue to Hold our Church in Prayer** as we await someone who can be a pastoral candidate. May the Holy Spirit move strong in our midst & in the heart of the person who will take the reins of pastoral leadership of St James. In the near future we will be sharing in a Bible Study on the Biblical understanding on the blessing and use of times of waiting.

Greetings from the HMD Council Here are prayer concerns to lift up to the throne of God as we join in prayer both individually and as a church family:

- Pray for the North American Lutheran Seminary (NALS) faculty as they form pastors and church leaders for the North American Lutheran Church who will faithfully preach, teach, and live God's eternal truth, through Word and Sacrament, proclaiming Christ's cross and resurrection, and making disciples who will renew and grow the church in Christ's name.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) congregation of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn Indiana including Pastor Jonathan Hunter.
- Pray for blessings for the Heartland Mission District (HMD) mission of Christ is Lord Ministries and Pastors Salome and Divaker Pathak as they bring Jesus and proclaim the Gospel to people.
- Pray for guidance, support and strength from the Holy Spirit for HMD seminarian Ben Black and Pastor Chris Wendel who are both currently at Ft. Jackson in Chaplain Officers Training.

Thank you all for your prayers.

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Yours in Christ,

Pastor Doug