

**ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2025  
15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Worship Service**

**9:45 am - Sunday Church School**

**9:45 am - Children's SS and Choir**

**11:00 am - First Sunday of each month**

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***St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg***

A handwritten phrase "Thank you ..." in a red, cursive script. The word "Thank" is written in a large, flowing style, and "you" is written in a smaller, more compact style. The phrase ends with three dots.

**We Appreciate You !!!**

## **RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

St. Mark would like to say “*Thank You*” to all of our 80 year old plus members for all they have done and continue to do for our congregation! If you are between 80 and 85, please contact Shannon Weaver at 717-691-1618 (leave a message) **no later than October 19** to share all the ways you have actively participated in our ministry over the years.

If you know someone who should be recognized, please contact Shannon to put them on our list! We don’t want to miss any of this valued group.

*Pastor Marleen and Shannon Weaver*

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**GUESTS:**

*We would like to get to know you! Please complete a “Welcome to St. Mark Church” card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate at the time of the offering. Thank you!*

**INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*As we are invited today to consider what it means to be managers (rather than owners) of all that we have, it is crucial to recognize that we are bought with a price. “Christ Jesus, himself human, . . . gave himself a ransom for all.” Apart from the generosity of God we have nothing—we are nothing. By God’s gracious favor we have everything we need.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

**Sunday, September 21, 2025**

Matthew (or Levi) was a tax collector in Capernaum for the Roman government. Tax collectors were frequently despised for dishonesty and for assisting the occupiers. Jesus nevertheless showed love for them and chose Matthew to be a disciple.

Asterisk (\*) in the margin of this bulletin indicates the congregation shall rise as able.

**PRELUDE MUSIC**  
*Voluntary in D Minor*

W. Croft

**GATHERING**

**PSALM 118:24**

**P** This is the day that the LORD has made;

**C** let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper,  
and our keeper.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of  
God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or be seated.*

**P** Merciful and loving God,

**C** we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy.  
We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from  
the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over  
us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

**P** Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ  
came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have  
been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

**C** Amen.

**\*GATHERING HYMN**

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,  
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

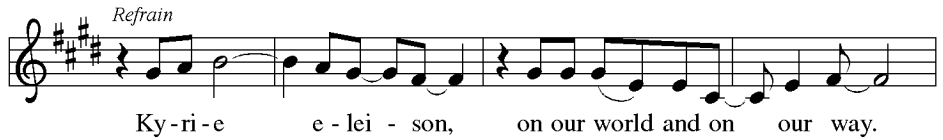
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Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

## \*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.

## \*KYRIE



2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the

3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for

4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



we may live out . . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,

life and for love, . . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



## \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

### *Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther,



we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you

### *Refrain*



for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high-



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 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.

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*Refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -



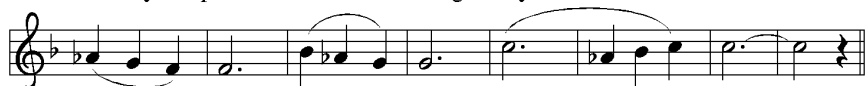
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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. A - men. A - men.

*Final refrain*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.

**P** God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **CHILDREN'S SINGING/RINGING ANTHEM**

*Trust and Obey*

## **FIRST LESSON: Amos 8:4-7**

*Amos was called by God to prophesy in the Northern Kingdom of Israel. Peace and prosperity in Israel led to corrupt business practices and oppression of the poor. The prophet declares that God will not tolerate such a situation.*

**R** A reading from Amos.

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy,  
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over  
so that we may sell grain,  
and the Sabbath,

so that we may offer wheat for sale?

We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier  
and practice deceit with false balances,

<sup>6</sup>buying the poor for silver  
and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

<sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

**R** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM: Psalm 113**

*(Please read the Psalm responsively—Women, the regular print; Men, the bold print.)*

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> **Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.**

<sup>3</sup> From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.

<sup>4</sup> **The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.**

<sup>5</sup> Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?

<sup>6</sup> **He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**

<sup>7</sup> He sets them with the princes, with the princes of his people.

<sup>8</sup> **He makes the woman of a childless house to be a joyful mother of children.**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 2:1-7**

*The pastoral epistles offer insight into how early Christians understood many practical matters, such as church administration and worship. The church's focused prayer for others is an expression of the single-minded passion God has toward us in Jesus.*

A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy.

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, <sup>6</sup> who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. <sup>7</sup> For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

R 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.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## \*GOSPEL: Luke 16: 1-13

*Jesus tells the curious story of a dishonest manager who cheats his employer and then is commended by him for having acted so shrewdly. Jesus wonders why his own followers are less creative and diligent in their stewardship given that they are managers of a far more valuable household.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup> So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' <sup>3</sup> Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup> I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' <sup>5</sup> So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' <sup>6</sup> He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.'

<sup>7</sup> Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’ <sup>8</sup> And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup> And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup> If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup> No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

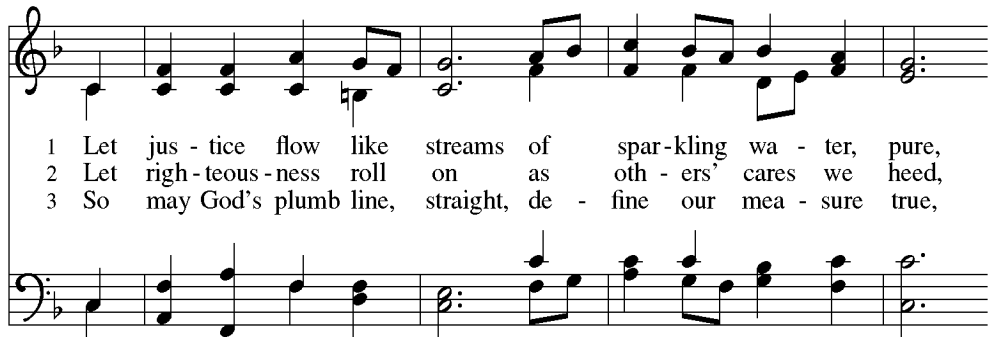
P        The Gospel of the Lord.  
C        Praise to you, O Christ.

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

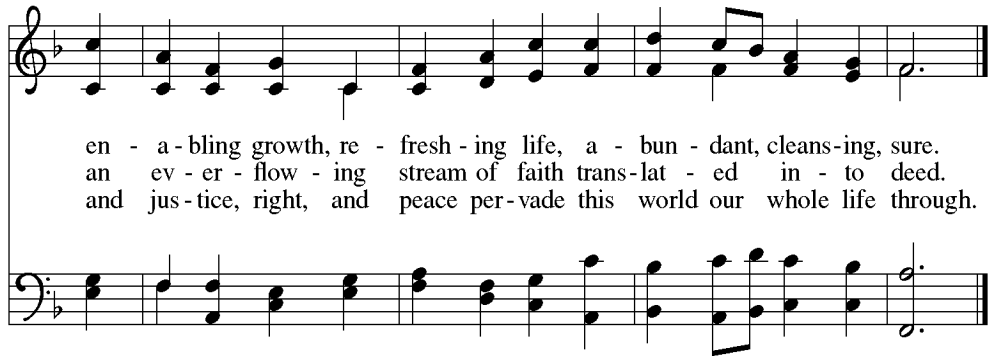
## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

# Let Justice Flow like Streams



1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar-ling wa - ter, pure,  
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,  
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans-ing, sure.  
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans-lat - ed in - to deed.  
and jus - tice, right, and peace per-vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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**

**A        Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the  
             world, and all in need.**

**A        God of grace,  
C        receive our prayer.**

**NOTE: Please read the BOLDED FIRST NAMES ONLY out loud down  
Each column when prompted by the Assisting Minister.**

<b>Charlene</b> Albert	<b>Diann</b> Foltz	<b>Chuck</b> Irvin	<b>Steve</b> Nelson	<b>Muretta</b> Yentzer
<b>Bob</b> Curll	<b>Ann</b> Gilbert	<b>Clairene</b> Jones	<b>Rachel</b> Nickle	<b>Garry</b> Zeigler
<b>James</b> Dobbs	<b>Rosie</b> Guarino	<b>John</b> Kuntz	<b>Alice</b> Park	
<b>Alice</b> Dunbar	<b>Alba</b> Halbleib	<b>Bartok</b> Lewczuk	<b>Karen</b> Priester	
<b>Derwood</b> Dunbar	<b>Doug</b> Hopkins	<b>Dorota</b> Lewczuk	<b>Dolores</b> Ruth	
<b>Carol</b> Fencil	<b>Rick</b> Hopkins	<b>Nina</b> McElwain	<b>Ez</b> Sassaman	
<b>Ed</b> Fencil	<b>Terri</b> Hopkins	<b>Regan</b> Moyer	<b>Dolores</b> Stevens	
<b>Karen</b> Fisher	<b>Duryea</b> Hummer	<b>Ryan</b> Musser	<b>Carol</b> Stolz	

**P** We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus  
Christ, our redeemer and friend.  
**C** Amen.

## OFFERING

## OFFERTORY

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

H.H. Lemmel

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise him a - bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

- P** Holy God,  
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,  
as vegetation matures in forests and fields, your living Word  
undergirds all that lives. We praise your eternal Word.
- C** **We praise your eternal Word.**
- P** In the words of the scriptures you offer us Christ:  
our refuge, our savior, our friend, accompanying us throughout  
our years and renewing us in love. We praise Jesus, your Word.
- C** **We praise Jesus, your Word.**
- P** We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.  
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith, in devotion to your Word,  
and in service to others. We pray for the Spirit of your Word.
- C** **We pray for the Spirit of your Word.**
- P** To you be honor and praise and glory, today and forever.
- C** **Amen.**



## **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

## **\*BLESSING**

**P** The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✝  
bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



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*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by

morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A        Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
C        Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

*Postscript on a Hymn Tune*

G. Martin



### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Kenneth and Mary Shaffer by Russell and Lydia Klick.

In memory of Robert and Rachel Klick by Russell and Lydia Klick.

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Altar flower sponsors are needed for the following remaining dates in 2025: November 2 and 9 (both vases), and November 23, (one vase).

### TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	Denise Hirn
Lay Reader:	Sara Jane Miller
Acolyte:	Phyllis Mihalich
Ushers:	Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos
Altar Guild:	Michele Conner, Andrea Sassaman
Money Duty:	Jo Ann Novinger, Denise Hirn

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

**Sunday, September 21**

8:30 am  
9:45 am  
9:45 am  
12:00 pm

**15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**TOILETRIES FOR NEW HOPE SUNDAY**  
Worship Service  
Sunday Church School  
Children's SS and Choir  
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Monday, September 22**

1:00 pm  
2:00 pm  
2:45 pm  
7:00 pm

Social Ministry  
Fellowship  
Violin Lessons  
German Group

**Tuesday, September 23**

**Wednesday, September 24**

11:00 am  
6:00 pm  
7:00 pm

Bible Study  
Bell Choir  
Adult Vocal Choir

**Thursday, September 25**

6:15 pm  
  
6:45 pm

**CROP ALL DAY AT HOSS'S**  
**LADIES & FRIENDS NIGHT OUT AT**  
**HOSS'S**  
Church Council

**Friday, September 26**

3:00 pm

Violin Lessons

**Saturday, September 27**

**Sunday, September 28**

8:30 am  
9:45 am  
9:45 am  
12:00 pm

**16<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOISY SUNDAY**  
Worship Service  
Sunday Church School  
Children's SS and Choir  
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**LESSONS:**  
**FIRST LESSON**  
**PSALM**  
**SECOND LESSON**  
**GOSPEL**

**SEPTEMBER 28, 2025**  
**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**  
**Psalm 146**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 6:6-19**  
**Luke 16:19-31**

## **-ANNOUNCEMENTS-**

### **MONTHLY NEW HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD COLLECTION:**

<b>October 19</b>	<b>Peanut Butter and Jelly</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Food Items (Including Turkeys)</b>
<b>December 7</b>	<b>Christmas Food Items (Including hams)</b>

### **GROW IN YOUR FAITH - BIBLE STUDY**

Bible Study continues **October 1** at **11:00 am**. Please join us as we study the gospel of Matthew.

### **HOSS'S CROP WALK RECRUITER'S RALLY COMMUNITY DAY FUND RAISER**

Please plan to eat at the Mechanicsburg HOSS'S (located on Old Gettysburg Pike) **anytime during the day on Thursday, September 25, 2025**. The coupon which must be presented at HOSS'S when you order your meals is available in the bulletins.

### **HELP WANTED—LOAD TRUCK FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

St. Mark is the collection point for Lutheran World Relief items. Lutheran churches from the Cumberland Conference drop their items off at the back of the church on **Saturday, October 4, 2025, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am**. We need your help to load Gross's truck. Please contact Karen Fisher if you are available to help. Goodies will be provided.

### **SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK - MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE**

Stop by St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, starting at **6:00 pm** for our ***Soup on the Sidewalk* event**. Please let Phyllis Mihalich know if you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup. **Bring your soup no later than 5:45 pm the night of the parade**. Help is needed serving the soup at this event. If you are available to volunteer, please let Phyllis Mihalich or Karen Fisher know.

### **MECHANICSBURG/WEST SHORE CROP HUNGER WALK**

You are invited to join the 100% all-volunteer Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Memorial Park** (Memorial Park Drive) in Mechanicsburg, PA. The 5K or 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk will take place rain or shine to raise critical funds to serve the most vulnerable in our local and global community. There is no cost to participate. Walkers are invited to generously **sponsor themselves and to solicit sponsors**.

**Make** checks payable to **CWS/CROP**. All proceeds benefit *New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, and the relief efforts of Church World Service*. Walk as an individual or register as part of a team. Last year, this walk raised over \$40,000 due to generous participants. Leashed dogs welcome! Refreshments and a live DJ add joy to this event which serves the needy.

**T-Shirts are guaranteed to all who register online by Friday, September 26, 2025! Make sure to indicate your T-Shirt size when you register! If you need help registering, contact Karen Fisher.**

**Our team name is St. Mark Keller St. Walkers.  
Register or donate here.**

  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks>

## **St. Mark Keller St. Walkers Sunday, October. 19, 2025 Schedule:**

1:00 PM - New Registrations  
1:30 PM - Team Pictures  
1:50 PM - Kick Off  
2:00 PM - Walk Begins

### **LOOKING AHEAD TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

On **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, we will remember the Saints who have died in faith since last All Saints' Sunday (November 3, 2024). **If you have a loved one whom you would like to remember this year, please contact the church office no later than Monday, October 20.**

### **BOOK CLUB**

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a book club read on **Thursday, November 4, at 1:00 pm in the parlor**. The suggested read is a book entitled, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The book is available through the library, Thrift Books, or Amazon. Please join us for fellowship and discussion.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25	HOSS's Community Day-CROP Walk
September 25	Ladies and Friends Night Out at HOSS's
September 28	Ingathering and Blessing of School Kits
October 4	Loading Truck-Cumberland Conference
October 5	Blessing of the Pets
October 12	Rain date-Blessing of the Pets
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
October 25	St. Mark Halloween Party
November 2	All Saints Sunday
November 4	Book Study
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries

## DISCLAIMER FOR RECORDING SERVICES

We are blessed to be able to record our worship services. By entering and by your presence here, you consent to be filmed and/or otherwise recorded for our congregation and on YouTube. Our cameras are generally directed at the front of the sanctuary.





**PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN  
AT THE**

**ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Halloween Party**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

**3:00-4:30 P.M.**

**FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**117 W. KELLER STREET**

**MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050**

**SNACKS, DEVOTIONS, AND GAMES**

**AGES PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE**

**R.S.V.P. to [revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com) by October 22nd**



**Hoss's Community Day** to benefit the  
Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk



**Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025**

**61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17055**

Present a copy of this flyer when ordering lunch, dinner or a  
take-out on Sept. 25, 2025 and Hoss's Mechanicsburg will  
donate up to 25% of your total check to feed the hungry.

**Group #132001**. Complete the CROP Walk Activity Page and  
spin to win a prize!

.....100% Volunteer-led.



**Mechanicsburg/West Shore**

**CROP Hunger Walk**

**Sun., Oct. 19, 2025**

**5K/1.5-mi. Fun Run/Walk**

**Rain or Shine**

**Memorial Park, Memorial Park Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA**

**1:00PM Check-In & New Registrations**

**1:30PM Team Pictures 1:50PM Kick-Off 2:00PM Walk Begins**

**T-Shirts guaranteed to walkers who register online by  
Sept. 26, 2025**

**Strollers & Leashed Dogs Welcome Live DJ Refreshments**

Use the **link below** or **QR code** to register as an individual and/or  
form a team or register in person on the day of the walk.

**<https://crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa>**

Walkers are invited to generously sponsor themselves and to  
solicit sponsors. Make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**.

**Facebook: CROP Hunger Walk - Mechanicsburg/West Shore**

**100% of proceeds benefit New Hope Ministries,  
Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels  
and the global relief efforts of  
Church World Service.**



For more info, contact **Ulli Klemm**, Coordinator  
**ulliklemm@yahoo.com 724.464.8748**

# Altar Flower Sponsorship Form

Please check the one that applies to your sponsorship and complete the following statements:

- ☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ In honor of \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ To the Glory of God

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

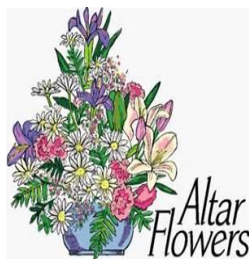
Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ Willing to Share

Circle Payment Enclosed:



\$25.00 One Vase of Flowers

\$50.00 Both Vases of Flowers

***Checks should be made payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and note "Altar Guild" in the memo line. Place in the offering plate or mail directly to the church office.***



Please check any that apply!

- ☐ Flowers will be picked up by sponsor.
- ☐ Deliver one vase of flowers to shut-in or hospital
- ☐ Deliver both vases of flowers to shut-in or hospital

Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-697-0436 with any questions.

THANK YOU!

## LECTIONARY 25

### TRUE RICHES

Being stuck in unjust systems is exhausting. Perhaps they are designed to frustrate and impede any efforts to undo their power. The manager in Jesus' parable does what he can to make the most of his precarious position, but his resolution still leaves a lot to be desired. Does the rich man remain in his wealthy and powerful position? What about all the others who still owe the estate? Why does the manager, and not the rich landowner who holds all the cards, become the object lesson?

It seems Jesus is getting serious here about our relationships with money, riches, and power: "You cannot serve God and wealth" (Luke 16:13). That much is clear. But perhaps Jesus is drawing our attention to the larger implications of God's economy and what it means to lean on one another for the sake of justice in our world. Luke's gospel began with Mary's song, after all, extolling the ways the poor will be lifted up in the kin-dom Jesus brings. In this new reign, all resources are brought into the service of those who need them most. Faithful living here and now might look different from what we're accustomed to when we consider what God has in mind, especially when we are used to unhelpful contemporary mantras like "Might makes right" and "Winner takes all."

True to Mary's song, Jesus indeed turns our world upside down, which distresses those of us who appreciate good order. But in the end, this turning does what is needed to make the world right. In our world today, we may struggle with the forgiveness of debts and the redistribution of wealth, but Jesus doesn't. God brings the true riches of justice and love for all and will not fail to do what is needed to make sure every last beloved person on earth has what they need to truly live.

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