

**ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
MAY 4, 2025
HOLY COMMUNION**



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Blended Worship Service

9:45 am - Sunday Church School and Children's Choir

11:00 am - Quiet Service

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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 TODAY:

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

**Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416
Thursday, May 8, 2025**

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.

Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760

Friday, May 9, 2025

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf's land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.

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

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune On "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

D. Lasky

***GATHERING**

P CHRIST IS RISEN.

C HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

P 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 Most merciful God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to 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

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,

his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the

vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful

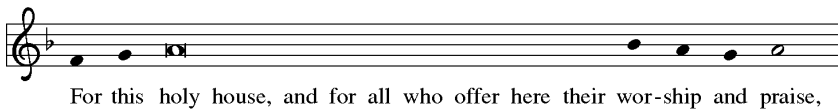
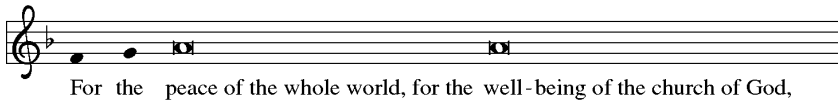
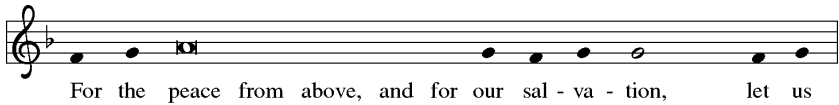
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus

out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

*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



*HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

(Continued next page.)

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray.
 P Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
 C Amen.

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

- P Let us pray.
 Bless O Lord, your servant Amy as she reads to us the Holy Word. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
 C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-20

Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

- R A reading from Acts.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from

heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

R Word of God, word of life,
C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

(Please sing the Psalm responsively. Choir the regular print; congregation the bold print.)



- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-¹ ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph¹ over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried¹ out to you,
and you restored¹ me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD,¹ from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down¹ to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing to the LORD, you ser-¹ vants of his;
give thanks for the remembrance¹ of his holiness.
- ⁵ For his wrath endures but the twinkling¹ of an eye,
his favor¹ for a lifetime.
- ⁶ Weeping may¹ spend the night,
but joy comes¹ in the morning.
- ⁷ While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never¹ be disturbed.
You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong¹ as the mountains."
- ⁸ Then you¹ hid your face,
and I was¹ filled with fear.
- ⁹ I cried to¹ you, O LORD;
I pleaded with¹ the Lord, saying,
- ¹⁰ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down¹ to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or de-¹ clare your faithfulness?
- ¹¹ Hear, O LORD, and have mer-¹ cy upon me;
O LORD,¹ be my helper."
- ¹² You have turned my wailing¹ into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed¹ me with joy.
- ¹³ Therefore my heart sings to you¹ without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you¹ thanks forever.

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is “the Lamb who was slain.”

R A reading from Revelation.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” And the elders fell down and worshiped.

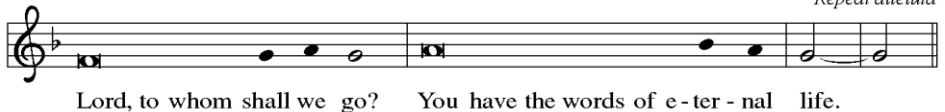
R Word of God, word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

*ALLELUIA VERSE



Repeat alleluia



***GOSPEL: John 21:1-19**

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 21st chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the

third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P **The Gospel of the Lord.**

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

(Please sing the following hymn twice.)

Goodness Is Stronger than Evil

Good-ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;

light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is
Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Oh,

ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.
vic - t'ry is ours, vic - t'ry is ours, through God who loves us.

Text: From *An African Prayer Book*, Desmond Tutu, b. 1931

Music: GOODNESS IS STRONGER, John L. Bell, b. 1949

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***NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A Hear us, O God.

C **Your mercy is great.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C **Amen.**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Easter Morn

N. Johnson

*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Now The Green Blade Rises

To the tune of: Sing We Now Of Christmas

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been;
love is come again like wheat arising green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

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*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

A Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and

Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***SANCTUS**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

P O God of resurrection and new life:
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.
 Bless this feast.
 Grace our table with your presence.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
 Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
 Breathe new life into us.
 Send us forth,
 burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
 with the earth and all its creatures,
 with sun and moon and stars,
 we praise you, O God,
 blessed and holy Trinity,
 now and forever.

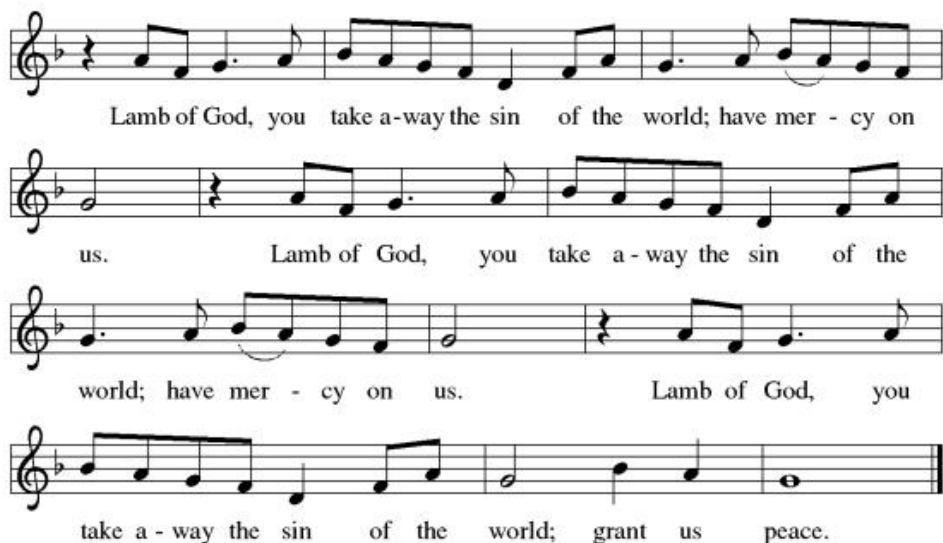
C **Amen.**

*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.

*COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the
bread. Come and eat at God's table.



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.

COMMUNION

All baptized, communion Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. We have gluten free bread available and white grape juice (in addition to our traditional homemade bread and red wine) for those who need or prefer those. Simply let the pastor or assisting minister know if you prefer something other than bread and wine. Remember that we are promised that Christ is truly present in, with, and under each element.

P The body of Christ, given for you.

C Amen.

A The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best

of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain

I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo-ry

to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911
 Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.

Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835; arr. Paul J. Christiansen, 1914–1997, alt.

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

C Amen.

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of musical notation for 'Be Not Afraid' is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The bottom staff is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on the top staff, and the accompaniment is on the bottom staff. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A You have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

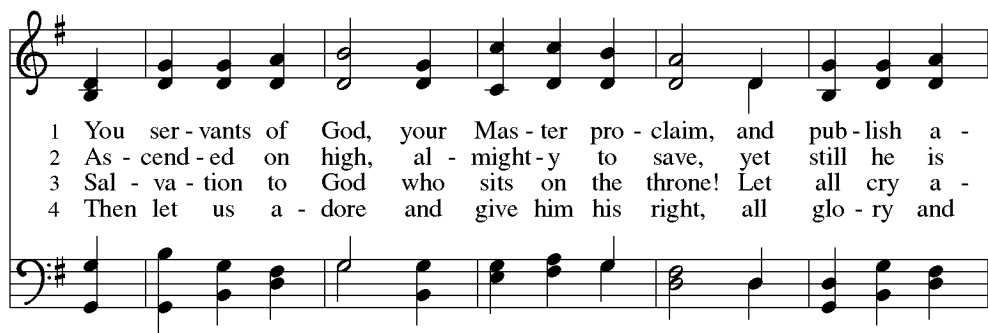
***BLESSING**

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

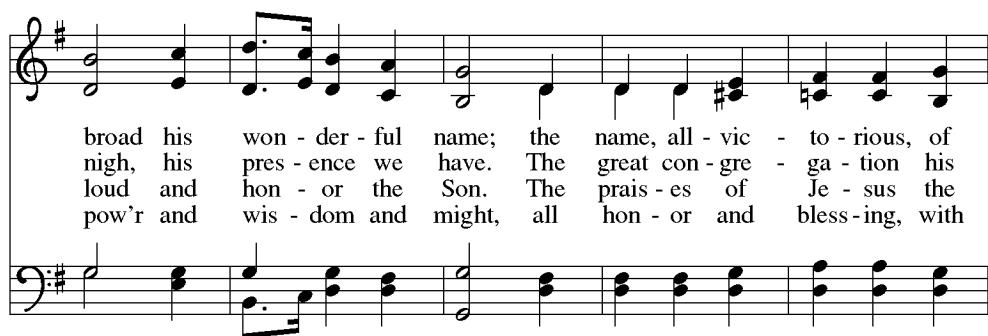
C Amen.

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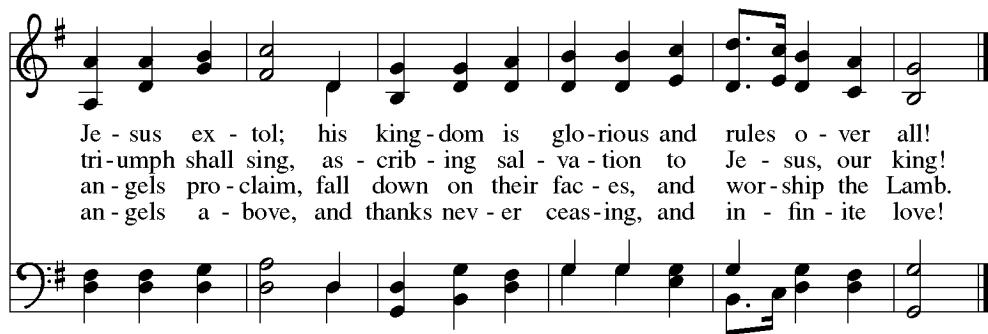
You Servants of God



1 You ser - vants of God, your Mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -
2 As - cend - ed on high, al - might - y to save, yet still he is
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.
C Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Victory in Jesus

E.M. Bartlett



In memory of loved ones by Darlene Kreiser.

To the Glory of God by the Altar Guild.

TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

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|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Assisting Minister: | Alma Gimbel |
| Lay Reader: | Amy Gimbel |
| Acolyte: | Joan Murphy |
| Ushers: | Scott Kreiger, Deb Kreiger |
| Altar Guild: | Michele Connor, Sara Jane Miller |

-THIS WEEK AT ST MARK-

Sunday, May 4

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Blended Worship Service-Communion

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Worship Svc.-Communion

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

Monday, May 5

2:45 pm

7:00 pm

Violin Lessons

German Group

Tuesday, May 6

6:00 pm

Fellowship

Wednesday, May 7

11:00 am

12:30 pm

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Bible Study

Evangelism

Bell Choir

Adult Choir

Thursday, May 8

9:00 am

7:00 pm

Property Committee

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

Friday, May 9

3:45 pm

Violin Lessons

Saturday, May 10

Sunday, May 11

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Blended Worship Service

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Worship Svc.

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

LESSONS:

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING

GOSPEL

MAY 11, 2025

Acts 9:36-43

Psalms 23

Revelation 7:9-17

John 10:22-30

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

MOTHER'S DAY SERVICE

Please join us on **Mother's Day, May 11, at the 8:30 am service** for a special treat. Several men from St. Mark will be conducting the worship service that morning as a gift to the women of the church.

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE—WinGS—INVITATION

Please join the Women in God's Service (WinGS) at Snappers in Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday evening, May 13, at 5:30 pm** for their annual *Ladies Night Out*. Please RSVP to Sandy Brown at 717-991-1121 if you plan on attending.

BOOK CLUB READ

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a book club read on **May 15, 2025, at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall**. Suggested book is a novel by Elizabeth Berg, *The Story of Arthur Truluv*.

SPREAD TAN BARK—WE NEED YOU!!!

We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 17, beginning at 8:00 a.m., rain or shine**. Shovels, pitchforks, rakes and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring, but are not required. Please let Ben know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it gets done!

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION

We hope you will join us on **Sunday, May 18, at the 8:30 a.m. service** to celebrate the Affirmation of Baptism/Confirmation of Jonas Gimbel. Then, following the service (or come early for the 11:00 a.m. service), please join us in Fellowship Hall for light refreshments.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Weather permitting, we will worship in the beautiful outdoors at 11:00 am on the **2nd Sunday of June, July, and August (June 8, July 13, and August 10)** on the Keller St. side of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair.

PLANT GERANIUMS

Please join us on **Monday, June 9, at 6:30 pm** as we plant the geraniums at the church. Please bring your own tools.

St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Mechanicsburg



Community Yard Sale

- What:** Community Yard Sale
- Who:** Anyone who would like to sell their “stuff” or come and buy “stuff”!
- Where:** Back lawn of St. Mark at 117 W. Keller St., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055
- When:** Saturday, May 24, 2025
- Time:** 7:00 AM—Set Up (We need YOU to help set up tables).
9:00 AM—(Start selling “stuff”)—till ?????
- Refreshments:** Hot dogs and drinks (free will offering)





May 11	Mother's Day Service - 8:30 am
May 13	WinGS Ladies Night Out at Snappers
May 15	Book Club Read of <i>Arthur Truluv</i>
May 17	Spread Tan Bark at St. Mark
May 18	Geranium Order Deadline
May 20	Election Day
May 24	Community Yard Sale
June 8	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
June 9	Plant geraniums at church
June 12	Ladies Night Out (TBA)
July 13	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
September 8	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
November 27	Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries



Geraniums for

Geraniums for Pentecost

If you would like to sponsor a geranium for Pentecost on **June 8**, please complete the form below.

The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Please place the form with your payment in the offering plate or mail to the church office.

The deadline for ordering is Sunday, May 18.

Please make checks payable to St. Mark Lutheran Church and put "Altar Guild" on the memo line.

The geraniums will be planted in the flower beds of the church on Monday, June 9.

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

☐ To the Glory of God

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Presented by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Total number of geraniums ordered

Amount of Check: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### GRACE UPON GRACE

The risen Christ is difficult to recognize at first. According to today's gospel reading from John, even as he approached his disciples on the beach, they "did not know that it was Jesus" (John 21:4). Neither did Mary Magdalene recognize him outside the tomb on Easter morning. She assumed he was the gardener (20:14-15). Apparently, resurrection changes Jesus to the extent that he appears a stranger even to his closest friends.

That is, until he makes himself known to them again. In Mary's case, he simply speaks her name. "Rabbouni! Teacher!" she replies, newly hopeful as she carries the good news to the others (20:16-18). For the disciples in the fishing boat, it is a miraculous catch that brings Jesus' identity to light. "It is the Lord!" the beloved disciple says to Peter, who promptly dives overboard to reach Jesus on the shore (21:7).

As the story draws to a close, Jesus returns to his disciples with signs that he will continue to be with them. He calls them by name, feeds them with abundance, and invites them again into lives of purpose: "Do you love me? . . . Feed my sheep" (21:17). In this way, the end of the Gospel of John recalls the beginning. Jesus, crucified and risen, continues to grant his followers "grace upon grace" (1:16).

Moreover, the end of John signals the beginning of Jesus' ministry alongside disciples through the ages. The risen Jesus is a mystery to us too. We may not readily recognize him in the course of daily life. Yet even as he is hidden from view, he is also revealed. In baptism, he calls us by name. At his table, he feeds us with abundance. At the doorways of our gathering places, he invites us again and again into lives of purpose. Grace upon grace.

Christ is risen indeed. Come, follow him!

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