

**ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
THE HOLY TRINITY - HOLY COMMUNION  
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY  
JUNE 15, 2025**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

**9:45 am - Summer Fellowship Hour**

**11:00 am - Indoor Worship Service (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month)**

**11:00 am - Outdoor Summer Worship Service (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July, August)**

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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**

*"O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!" Today we celebrate the holy Trinity. Paul writes that through Jesus we have peace with God, whose love pours into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, giving us lasting hope. We celebrate the gracious One-in-Three, eternal Three-in-One, as we worship in community; as we share water and word, bread and wine; and as we bring God's love and hope to our neighbors.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015**

**Tuesday, June 17, 2025**

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Churchwide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019.

Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.

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

## PRELUDE MUSIC

*Come Thou Almighty King*

arr. H. Willan

### \*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, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

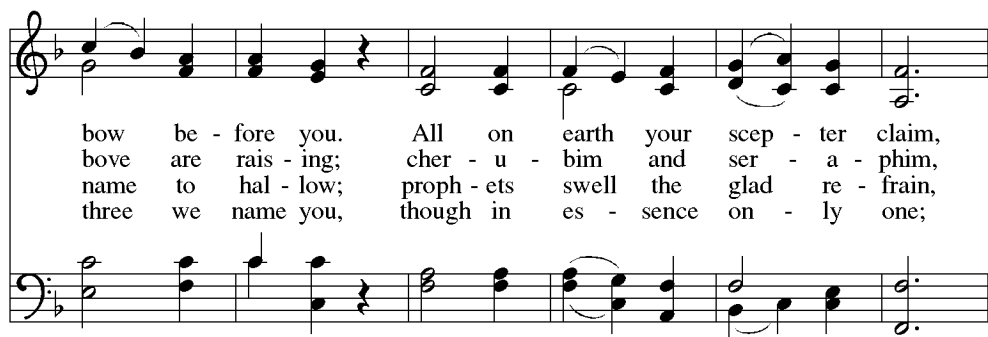
C Amen.

**\*GATHERING  
HYMN**

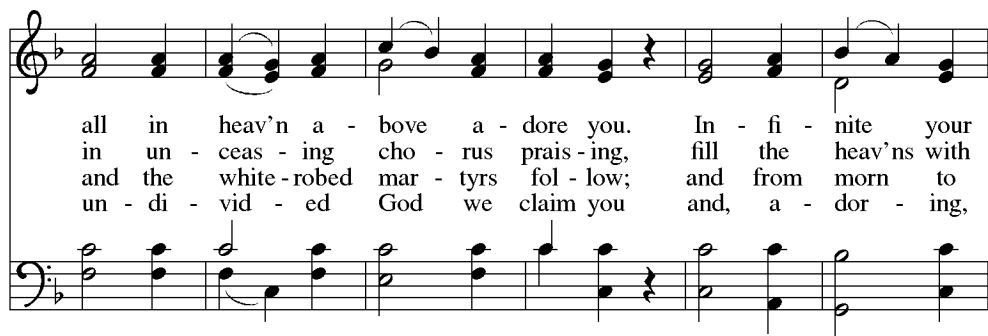
# Holy God, We Praise Your Name



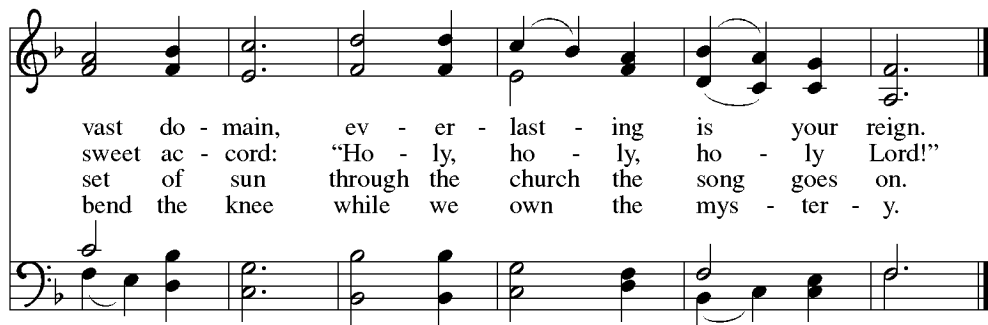
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred  
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,  
 bow are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,  
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your  
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with  
 and the white-robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to  
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,

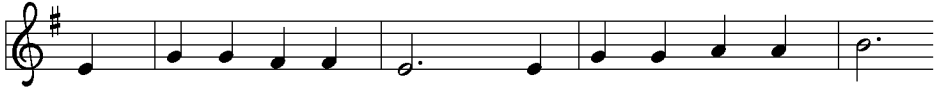


vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"  
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.  
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

## \*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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE



- 1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs with an - gels round the throne;  
2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "to be ex - alt - ed thus!"  
3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive hon - or and pow'r di - vine;  
4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one to bless the sa - cred name



ten thou - sand thou - sand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.  
"Wor - thy the Lamb," our lips re - ply, "for he was slain for us!"  
and bless - ings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for - ev - er thine.  
of God who sits up - on the throne, and to a - dore the Lamb.

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P God of heaven and earth, before the foundation of the universe and the beginning of time you are the triune God: Author of Creation, eternal Word of salvation, life-giving Spirit of wisdom. Guide us to all truth by your Spirit, that we may proclaim all that Christ has revealed and rejoice in the glory he shares with us. Glory and praise to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

*In the Bible, wisdom is portrayed in terms sometimes human and sometimes divine. Often, wisdom is personified as feminine. In this passage, Woman Wisdom is depicted not only as the first creation of God, but also as God's helper, rejoicing in God's creation, especially in human beings.*

R A reading from Proverbs.

<sup>1</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup> "To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup> The Lord created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world's first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command,  
when he marked out the foundations of the earth,  
<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;  
and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,  
<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.”

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: Psalm 8

*(Please read the Psalm responsively. Pulpit side the regular print;  
lectern side, the **bold print**.)*

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised  
above the heavens.**

<sup>3</sup> You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the  
enemy and the avenger.

<sup>4</sup> **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon  
and the stars you have set in their courses,**

<sup>5</sup> what is man that you should be mindful of him, the son of man that  
you should seek him out?

<sup>6</sup> **You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him  
with glory and honor;**

<sup>7</sup> you give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things  
under his feet:

<sup>8</sup> **all sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,**

<sup>9</sup> the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the  
paths of the sea.

<sup>10</sup> O LORD our Lord, how exalted is your name in all the world!

## SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-5

*Paul describes the life of faith with reference to God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Even now, we have peace with God through Jesus, and our hope for the future is grounded in the love of God that we experience through Christ's Holy Spirit.*

R      A reading from Romans.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

R      The word of the Lord.

C      Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION





## \*GOSPEL: John 16:12-15

*Jesus' ongoing presence with the disciples will be made known through the coming Spirit who will guide them and communicate to them Jesus' will and glory.*

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

Jesus said, <sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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



## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

### Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her  
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the  
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the  
vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our  
prayer, with the pow'r to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
midst as gift and sign: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.  
peace be - yond com - pare: come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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## \*ATHANASIAN CREED

Please respond as follows:

*Italic Print:*

Regular Print:

**Bold Print:**

*Pastor*

Assisting Minister

**Congregation**

*Whoever wants to be saved  
should above all cling to the catholic faith.  
Whoever does not guard it whole and inviolable  
will doubtless perish eternally.  
Now this is the catholic faith:  
We worship one God in trinity  
and the Trinity in unity,  
neither confusing the persons  
nor dividing the divine being.*

**For the Father is one person,  
the Son is another,  
and the Spirit is still another.**

But the deity of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
is one, equal in glory,  
coeternal in majesty.

*What the Father is,  
the Son is,  
and so is the Holy Spirit.*

**Uncreated is the Father;  
uncreated is the Son;  
*uncreated is the Spirit.***

**The Father is infinite;  
the Son is infinite;  
*the Holy Spirit is infinite.***

**Eternal is the Father;**  
eternal is the Son;  
*eternal is the Spirit:*  
*And yet there are not three eternal beings,*  
*but one who is eternal;*  
*as there are not three uncreated and unlimited beings,*  
*but one who is uncreated and unlimited.*

**Almighty is the Father;**  
almighty is the Son;  
*almighty is the Spirit:*  
*And yet there are not three almighty beings,*  
*but one who is almighty.*

**Thus the Father is God;**  
**the Son is God;**  
**the Holy Spirit is God:**  
And yet there are not three gods,  
but one God.  
Thus the Father is Lord;  
the Son is Lord;  
*the Holy Spirit is Lord:*  
*And yet there are not three lords,*  
*but one Lord.*

**As Christian truth compels us to acknowledge**  
**each distinct person as God and Lord,**  
**so catholic religion forbids us**  
**to say that there are three gods or lords.**  
The Father was neither made  
nor created nor begotten;  
the Son was neither made nor created,  
but was alone begotten of the Father;  
the Spirit was neither made nor created,  
but is proceeding from the Father and the Son.  
*Thus there is one Father, not three fathers;*  
*one Son, not three sons;*  
*one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.*

**And in this Trinity, no one is before or after,  
greater or less than the other;  
but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal;  
and so we must worship the Trinity in unity  
and the one God in three persons.**

*Whoever wants to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.  
It is necessary for eternal salvation that one also faithfully  
believe that our Lord Jesus became flesh.*

**For this is the true faith that we believe and confess:  
That our Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son,  
is both God and man.**

He is God, begotten before all worlds  
from the being of the Father,  
and he is man, born in the world  
from the being of his mother—  
existing fully as God,  
and fully as man  
with a rational soul and a human body;  
equal to the Father in divinity,  
subordinate to the Father in humanity.

*Although he is God and man,  
he is not divided,  
but is one Christ.  
He is united because God  
has taken humanity into himself;  
he does not transform deity into humanity.  
He is completely one in the unity of his person,  
without confusing his natures.  
For as the rational soul and body are one person,  
so the one Christ is God and man.*

**He suffered death for our salvation.  
He descended into hell  
and rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**At his coming all people shall rise bodily  
to give an account of their own deeds.**

Those who have done good will enter eternal life,  
those who have done evil will enter eternal fire.

*This is the catholic faith.*

*One cannot be saved without believing  
this firmly and faithfully.*

### **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A** Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers  
for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

**A** God of grace,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus  
Christ, our Savior.

**C** Amen.

### **\*PEACE**

**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**

*Creator of the Stars of Night*

Traditional Plainsong

## \*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

### Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in G major (one sharp). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, with the Bass clef providing harmonic support. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A** Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is  
plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the  
earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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'n 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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.

you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.

e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## 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 Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
 3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
 4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
 fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
 near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
 done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
 live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
 love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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# What Feast of Love



- 1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?
- 2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
- 3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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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**

**In Peace and Joy I Now Depart**



1 In peace and joy I now de - part as God is will - ing,  
2 Christ Je - sus makes the way for me, my gra - cious Sav - ior;  
3 The Lord is health and sav - ing light for ev - 'ry na - tion,



and faith fills all my mind and heart, calm - ing, still - ing.  
with eyes of faith and trust I see God's great fa - vor.  
dis - pel - ling shad - ows of the night with sal - va - tion:



God the Lord has prom-ised me that death is but a slum - ber.  
When this life comes to an end, my hope is God's em - brac - ing.  
Is - rael's praise and hope's de-light, my trea-sure, joy, and glo - ry.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546, based on the Nunc dimittis; tr. composite

Music: MIT FRIED UND FREUD, Martin Luther

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**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.

**A** Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

**C** Amen.

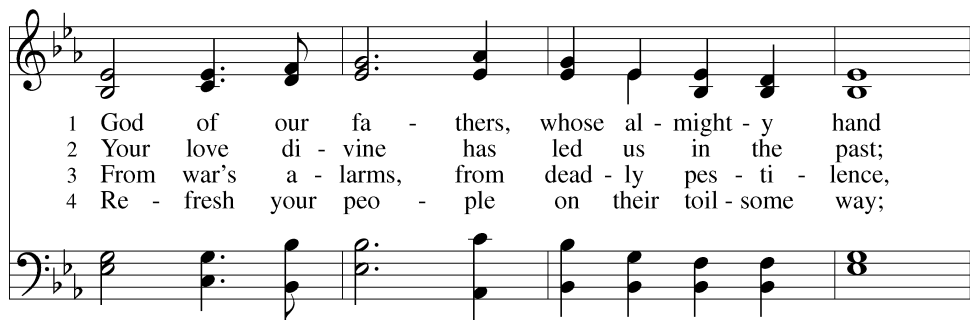
**\*BLESSING**

**P** The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ☩ bless you and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

\*HYMN

# God of Our Fathers



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
 2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense,  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A        Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
C        Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Katolisches Gesangbuch



### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Patti Vogelsong by George Vogelsong.

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS NEEDED

*Altar flowers are needed for every week in July and August with the exception of August 17. The form is in bulletins, the newsletter, and at entrances to St. Mark. For questions, please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244.*

### TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	Karen Heath
Lay Reader:	Connie Kuntz
Acolyte:	Alma Gimbel
Ushers:	Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos
Altar Guild:	Connie Kuntz, Cindy Larkin
Money Duty:	Amy Gimbel, Terry Shaner



## **-THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK-**

**Sunday, June 15**

**8:30 am**

**9:45 am**

**12:00 pm**

**1:00 pm**

**HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY**

**Blended Worship Service-Communion**

**Fellowship Hour**

**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**

**FUSE Meeting at St. Stephen**

**Monday, June 16**

**8:00 am**

**7:00 pm**

**Garden Club**

**German Group**

**Tuesday, June 17**

**Wednesday, June 18**

**Thursday, June 19**

**7:00 pm**

**JUNETEENTH HOLIDAY**

**(CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)**

**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**

**Friday, June 20**

**Pastor Vacation**

**Saturday, June 21**

**Sunday, June 22**

**8:30 am**

**Following 8:30 svc.**

**9:45 am**

**12:00 pm**

**Pastor Vacation**

**Blended Worship Service**

**Strawberries & Ice Cream**

**Fellowship Hour**

**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**

**LESSONS:**

**FIRST LESSON**

**PSALM**

**SECOND LESSON**

**GOSPEL**

**JUNE 22, 2025**

**Isaiah 65:1-9**

**Psalm 22:19-28**

**Galatians 3:23-29**

**Luke 8:26-39**

### **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.

## -ANNOUNCEMENTS-

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC

As our choir takes its well-deserved annual summer break, we are seeking musicians of all shapes, sizes, and ages to add their talents to our 8:30 a.m. service. Your contribution in helping us connect with God during the service would involve two to three minutes of music during the Prelude or Offertory. Do you feel called to explore this possibility? Or perhaps you could reach out to a friend or family member that is musically inclined? If you know someone or would like to provide music yourself, please contact Brad at [bradleyjhull@gmail.com](mailto:bradleyjhull@gmail.com) by **June 15** so we can appropriately plan ahead. Also, if you would like to provide an additional gift to the church that would enable honorariums for outside musicians to provide music for our worship services, please mark "Music Memorial" on your offering envelope. Brad will use this money to bring in special musicians as funding allows.

### PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Marleen and family will be on vacation **June 20-July 2 and July 19-22**. Pastor Karen Durbin will be on call for pastoral care and emergencies.

### PHONE NUMBER FOR PASTORAL CARE AND EMERGENCIES:

Pastor Karen Durbin - 717-649-7832

### OFFICIATING at 8:30 AM Service:

June 22 - Barb Yost, Leader; Amy Gimbel, Sermon

June 29 - Sean Gimbel, Leader; Alma Gimbel, introduction of hymns

July 20 - Pastor Hal Fox

### NEW DATE AND TIME—STRAWBERRIES, & ICE CREAM

**When: SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025**

**Time: FOLLOWING THE 8:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE**

**Where: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Come on up to Fellowship Hall following worship on **June 22** as the Fellowship Committee serves fresh delicious **strawberries**, **shortcake**, and **ice cream** to everyone.



### SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Weather permitting, we will continue to worship in the beautiful outdoors on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of July, and August (July 13, and August 10)** on the Keller St. side of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair.

## CHURCHWIDE “LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT”

The Churchwide Ladies and Friends Night Out will be held on **Thursday, June 26, 6:15 pm**, at Pizza Grille, 3817 Gettysburg Rd., Camp Hill, PA. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher at [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) or 717-580-7507 if you are planning on attending.

## SUMMER DAY CAMP

This **FREE** CAMP IS A GREAT WAY FOR OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY TO GROW IN THEIR FAITH! If you know young people who would like to attend, invite them to join us. If you want to be part of sharing faith with the next generation, let Pastor Marleen know, and we will find ways for you to participate.



A colorful poster for St. Mark Lutheran Church Day Camp. At the top left is a yellow sun with the word "FREE" in a black circle. The title "ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP" is in large, bold, teal letters. Below the title, it says "Lunch & Snacks Provided" in a blue circle and "BIBLE STORIES, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MUCH MORE" in green. To the right, it says "August 4-7" in a yellow circle and "8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m." below it. At the bottom, there are six cartoon children of various ethnicities and ages, some holding beach balls, standing on a green grassy field. At the very bottom, it says "FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 (2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)".

**FREE**

# ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH DAY CAMP

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August 4-7

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES K-5 (2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR)

	Registration by phone	(717) 766-4482		Address	117 West Keller Street
	Registration by email	<a href="mailto:revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com">revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com</a>			Mechanicsburg, PA 17055



## BOOK CLUB

The Evangelism Committee will be hosting another book club read on **Thursday, July 31, at 1:00 PM in the parlor.**

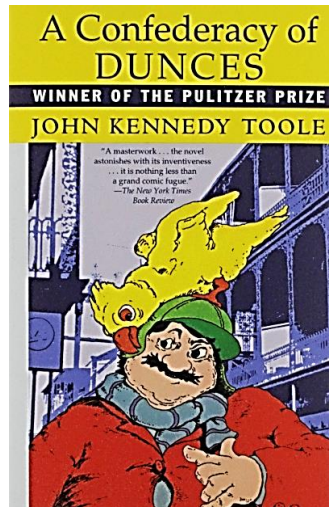
The suggested book is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel by John Kennedy Toole, *A Confederacy of Dunces*.

"A Confederacy of Dunces" follows the misadventures of Ignatius J. Reilly, a lazy, obese, and self-proclaimed scholar who lives with his mother in New Orleans. Forced into the workforce after his mother's accident, Ignatius navigates a series of jobs, using his intellectual and social ineptitude to "save the world through degeneracy" and impress his love interest, Myrna Minkoff. The novel satirizes the modern world through Ignatius's unique perspective and his chaotic attempts to revolutionize society.

We look forward to conversation and fellowship with you. Please share and invite a friend.

The book is available through the library, Thrift Books, or Amazon.

Thank you,  
*Jo Ann Novinger, Chair*  
*Evangelism Committee*



## PURSE PROJECT

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is continuing this project, and **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Our Purse Project is aimed at supplying women with some of the little things they need to get back on their feet.

Here are some items to consider when donating:

### Large purses (preferably new or gently used)

Full size bottle of shampoo	Mints
Wash cloth	Deodorant
Bar of soap	Comb
Body wash	Razor
Toothpaste	Scarf
Toothbrush	Hat
Any hygiene product	Gloves
Make-up	Small first aid kit
Hand wipes	Thermal socks
Bottled Water	Chapstick
Hand sanitizer	Facial Wipes
Hand lotion	Trail Mix
Beef jerky	Gum
Other appropriate items	Applesauce cups

We thank you and welcome your help. Containers will be placed at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee with questions.

*And the King will answer them, truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."*  
Matthew 25:40





June 22	Strawberries and Ice Cream Day
June 23	Vacation Bible School at Trindle Spring
June 26	Ladies Night Out - Pizza Grille
July 13	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
July 31	Book Club Event
August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship
August 10	Annual Church Picnic
August 31	Peaches & Ice Cream Day
September 8	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk-Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

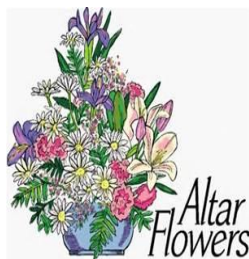
Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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!

## THE HOLY TRINITY

### BEYOND THE KNOWN LIMIT

Telescopes provide a whole new way to see the cosmos, and over the centuries since their invention, we have expanded our understanding of the known universe. For example, we keep increasing our estimate of just how many galaxies are out there. In another hundred years, that number will no doubt be even greater. Will we ever find a fixed boundary?

We might view love as we do the universe. We might experience a limit to love today, but as we embrace the truth that God is love, we continually discover another truth: there is no limit to love. Jesus says all is contained in the two great commandments—love God, and love neighbor as self.

On Pentecost, the church was given the profound gift of love by the Holy Spirit, flowing and very much alive. The church is encouraged to dive deep into that love, to experiment with and experience the reality of love, as shown to us by the God who created us.

One practical way to know God's love is to acknowledge there is so much more to learn about it. We allow for the possibility of infinity in how God expresses love, whether for the person we see in the mirror or for the person who angers us the most.

The Trinity is often shown in ancient art as the Holy Triune gathered around a table in deep and honest conversation. This conversation began way before the beginning, continues in the present, and lives forevermore. The ancient art often offers the viewer a space in the holy circle for one more person. That "one more" is each one of us.

When Jesus says, "I have many things to say to you" (John 16:12), we give thanks that at the holy table, the triune God invites us to sit together and then gifts us with all the time in the universe for each one of us to listen to the loving words God has to say.

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