

**ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
MAY 24, 2026
DAY OF PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION**



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Blended Worship Service

9:45 am - Sunday Church School

9:45 am - Children's SS and Choir

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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:

Pentecost derives its name from the Jewish festival celebrating the harvest and the giving of the law on Mount Sinai fifty days after Passover. Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the Holy Spirit as God’s presence within and among us. In Acts the Spirit arrives in rushing wind and flame, bringing God’s presence to all people. Paul reminds us that though we each have different capacities, we are unified in the Spirit that equips us with these gifts. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on his disciples, empowering them to forgive sin. We celebrate that we too are given the breath of the Holy Spirit and sent out to proclaim God’s redeeming love to all the world.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:

**Nicolaus Copernicus, died 1543; Leonhard Euler, died 1783;
scientists**

Sunday, May 24, 2026

These two men were both scientists who helped to explain the wonders of God’s universe. Copernicus is best known for promoting the idea that the sun, not the earth, is at the center of our solar system. Euler was one of the founders of pure mathematics, and contributed to many other fields.

Jiri Tranovský, hymnwriter, died 1637

Friday, May 29, 2026

Tranovský is considered to be the father of Slovak hymnody as well as an important reformer of the Slavic church. He translated the Augsburg Confession (the basis of Lutheran teachings) and published a collection of Slovak hymns.

PRELUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Gregorian Chant/arr. P. Manz

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 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.

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

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

(Please bring items for New Hope to the Altar during the singing of the hymn.)

Hail Thee, Festival Day!



Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;



day when the Ho - ly Ghost shone in the world with his grace.



1 Bright and in like - ness of fire, on those who a - wait his ap - pear - ing,
3 God the Al - might - y, the Lord, the rul - er of earth and the heav - ens
5 Spir - it of life and of pow'r now flow in us, fount of our be - ing,



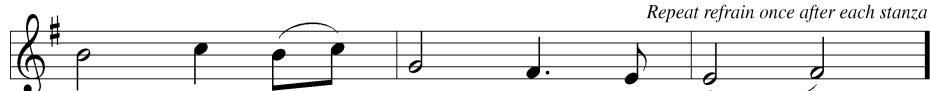
he whom the Lord had fore - told sud - den - ly, swift - ly de - scends:
guard us from harm with - out; cleanse us from e - vil with - in:
light that en - light - ens us all, life that in all may a - bide:



2 Dai - ly the love - li - ness grows, a - dorned with the
4 Je - sus, the health of the world, en - light - en our
6 Praise to the giv - er of good! O Lov - er and



glo - ry of blos - som; heav - en her gates un - bars,
minds, great re - deem - er, Son of the Fa - ther su -
Au - thor of con - cord, pour out your balm on our



fling - ing her in - crease of light:
preme, on - ly be - got - ten of God:
days; or - der our ways in your peace:

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Music: SALVE FESTA DIES, R. Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

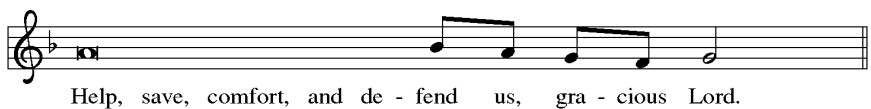
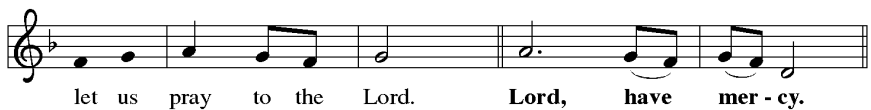
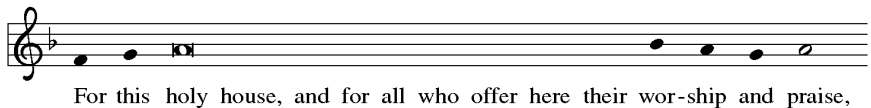
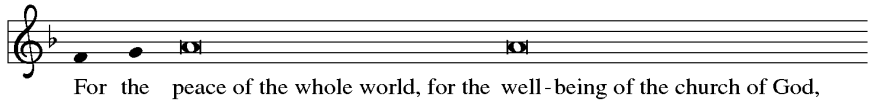
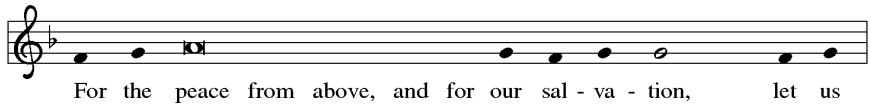
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*GREETING

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

Listen! You Nations



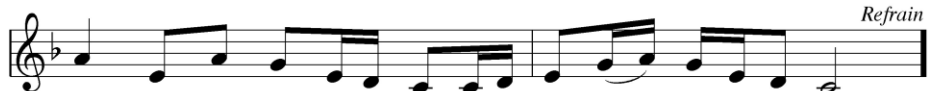
Refrain
Lis - ten! you na - tions of the world: lis - ten to the Word of the Lord. An -



nounce it from coast to coast; de - clare it to dis - tant is - lands.



1 The Lord who scat - tered Is - ra - el will gath - er his peo - ple a - gain; and



he will keep watch o - ver them as a shep - herd watch - es his flock.



2 With shouts of joy they will come, their fac - es ra - diant - ly hap - py, for the



Lord is so gen - 'rous to them; he show - ers his peo - ple with gifts.



3 Young wom - en will dance for joy, and men young and old will make



mer - ry. Like a gar - den re - freshed by the rain, they will nev - er be in want a -



gain. Break in - to shouts of great joy; Ja - cob is free a - gain! Teach



na - tions to sing the song: "The Lord has saved his peo - ple!"

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM

I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

H. Helvey

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

P Let us pray.

Bless O Lord, your servant, Matt, as he 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 2:1-21

Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival that marked the fiftieth day after Passover. Luke portrays the Holy Spirit being poured out upon the disciples before the gathered and astonished people assembled in Jerusalem for the festival. Filled with the Spirit, the disciples were able to witness to the power of Christ's resurrection

R A reading from Acts.

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and

residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,
¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans
and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s
deeds of power.” ¹² All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one
another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ But others sneered and said, “They
are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed
them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to
you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵ Indeed, these are not drunk, as you
suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶ No, this is what
was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸ Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰ The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,

before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹ Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON: 1st Corinthians 12:3b-13

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand the relationship between our God-given unity and Spirit-created diversity. The Spirit creates the unity of faith and gives all Christians diverse gifts for the common benefit of all. We need one another's diverse spiritual gifts because the same Spirit has given them to each person for the common good.

R A reading from 1st Corinthians.

^{3b} No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, ⁵ and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

⁸ To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

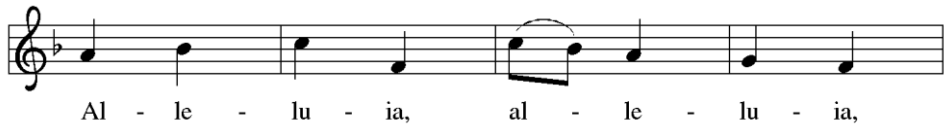
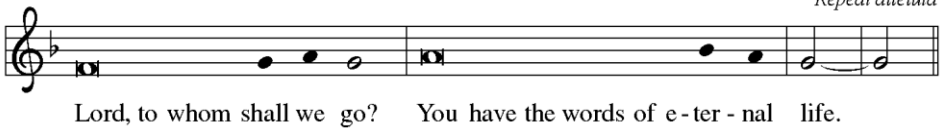
¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

R The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*ALLELUIA VERSE



GOSPEL: John 20:19-23

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

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

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

Repeat alleluia

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.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***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 Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A Merciful God,
C **receive our prayer.**

P God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through 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

Surely the Presence of the Lord is in this Place

L. Wolfe

*THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most Holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

A Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

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 - 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.

*EUCHARISTIC 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 Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is written in a simple, melodic style. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The second staff also begins with a quarter rest. The third staff begins with a quarter note. The fourth staff begins with a quarter note and ends with a double bar line.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love di - vine; seek thou this soul of mine
 2 Oh, let it free - ly burn, till world - ly pas - sions turn
 3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty mine out - ward ves - ture be,
 4 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;
 and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing—
 shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear
 and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the hum - bler part,
 no soul can guess Love's grace till it be - come the place

and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.

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COMMUNION

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.

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Music: BRIDEGROOM, Peter Cutts, b. 1937

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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 PRAYER**

A Let us pray.
A Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to
anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to
the nations. In the name of Jesus,
C Amen.

***BLESSING**

P God almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ,
the firstborn of the dead, and the spirit, our advocate and
peace, † bless you now and forever.
C Amen.

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 All a - round me looked so fine,
3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*POSTLUDE

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest

Gregorian Chant/arr. P. Manz



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TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:

Denise Hirn

Lay Reader:

Matt Yost

Acolyte:

Katie Stull

Ushers:

Sara Jane Miller, Dee Bernatos

Altar Guild:

Connie Kuntz, Muretta Yentzer,
Terry Shaner, Sara Jane Miller

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, May 24

DAY OF PENTECOST

(Wear red; bring red—ketchup & mustard)

Worship Service—Communion

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

Monday, May 25

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, May 26

Social Ministry

Plant Geraniums

1:00 pm

6:00 pm

Wednesday, May 27

Bible Study

Vocal Choir

11:00 am

6:30 pm

Thursday, May 28

Violin Lessons

Ladies Night Out at Angelinas

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

2:30 pm

6:30 pm

7:00 pm

Friday, May 29

Violin Lessons

2:30 pm

Saturday, May 30

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

6:30 pm

Sunday, May 31

THE HOLY TRINITY

Worship Service—Communion

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

LESSONS:

FIRST READING

PSALM

SECOND READING

GOSPEL

MAY 31, 2026

Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Psalm 8

2nd Corinthians 13:11-13

Matthew 28:16-20

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

GERANIUM PLANTING DATE SET—HELP NEEDED

Join us on **Tuesday, May 26, at 6:00 pm**, to plant the geraniums at our church. Please bring your own tools.

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 am 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 by **June 14** so we can appropriately plan ahead.

WE NEED YOU!

We are seeking a Church Council member to complete a term that ends this fall. Please contact any council member for details.

MONTHLY SUNDAYS TO BENEFIT NEW HOPE MINISTRIES

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee designates one Sunday a month to collect items for New Hope Ministries. Here are the items for May, June, and July:

May 24 (Pentecost)

Ketchup and Mustard

(Wear red and bring red)

June 14

Cleaning Products

July 19

Brownie and Cake Mixes and Icing



SURPRISE BIRTHDAY CARD SHOWER

One of our church members, **Dolores Ruth**, will be **91 years young on Saturday, May 30**. A surprise birthday card shower has been requested for her by her family. Please send birthday cards to:

Dolores Ruth
142 Blair Mountain Road
Dillsburg, PA 17019

Thank you for brightening her day by sending cards!

NEW HOPE SUNSHINE BAGS

The Women in God's Service (WinGS) are collecting **TRAVEL SIZE ITEMS** for New Hope Ministries Sunshine Bags. Please fill a gallon size Ziploc bag with **travel size items**. These bags are provided to individuals when they go to New Hope to take a shower. A container has been placed at the back entrance of the church. Please contact Tina Freidhof with any questions. THANK YOU!

Items for women: shampoo, conditioner, razor, shaving cream, soap, deodorant, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste.

Items for men: shampoo, razor, shaving cream, soap, comb, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste.

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Come and enjoy our worship service outside this summer on the **first and third Sundays of June, July, and August at 10:00 AM**. This will be a service of the word and will not include communion. The service will be held in the front yard of St. Mark. Please bring your own chair. Our regular worship service with communion will be held at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary.



SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR KIDS

Mark your calendars! Day Camp at St. Mark will return this summer for kids from K- 5th grade. Those who are older are encouraged to come and help during camp this summer. On **August 3 through August 7 from 8:30 am—3:30 pm**. This year we use the ELCA's National Youth

Gathering's theme: *Imagine More, Courage, Joy, Love, Welcome, and Grace*. We will learn how the Kingdom of God is a place of **more**. 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.

PURSE PROJECT

Again, this spring and summer, the Social Ministry Outreach Committee will be collecting items for their *Purse Project*. **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.

Roughly 29% of all people experiencing homelessness are women, and the transition out of homelessness can be difficult without support. Here are some items to consider when donating:

Large purses or totes—preferably new or gently used)

Full size bottle of shampoo
Wash cloth
Bar of soap
Body wash
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Any hygiene product
Make-up
Hand wipes
Bottled Water
Hand sanitizer
Hand lotion
Beef jerky
Applesauce

Mints
Deodorant
Comb
Razor
Scarf
Hat
Gloves
Small first aid kit
Thermal socks
Chapstick
Facial Wipes
Trail Mix
Gum
Other appropriate items

Containers have been placed at the back entrance of St. Mark for your donations. Please contact Karen Fisher, Chair, Social Ministry Committee, with questions.

DAY CAMP WISH LIST

Pastor Marleen has developed a Wish List for this year's Day Camp which will be held **August 3-7**. Please look over the following list and select something that you might be willing to donate. Keep checking, as well, because the list is sure to be updated as we get closer to August.

Toilet paper rolls
Paper towel rolls
Large bottles of acrylic glue
(assorted colors)
Large metal cans
Scrap paper—especially colored
paper

Balloons
Cardboard boxes
Masking tape
Colored cardstock
Old magazines
Ping pong balls

** children, grandchildren, neighbors!

** loving adults and older youth (Even 2 hours of your time that week helps!)

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: _____

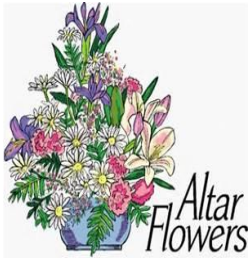
Sponsor Phone #: _____

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

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Please check any that apply!

- Flowers will be picked up by sponsors.
- 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 717-503-5244 with any questions.

THANK YOU!

# UPCOMING EVENTS

|                |                                                           |
|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| May 26         | Plant geraniums                                           |
| June 7         | Strawberry Festival*                                      |
| June 7 & 21    | Outdoor Worship-10:00-am                                  |
| June 7         | Mechanicsburg Community Dinner                            |
| July 5 & 19    | Outdoor Worship—10:00 am                                  |
| August 2 & 16  | Outdoor Worship—10:00 am                                  |
| August 3-7     | St. Mark Day Camp                                         |
| August 9       | Annual Church Picnic-Memorial Park                        |
| September 13   | God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday                             |
| September 20   | Peaches & Ice Cream following worship                     |
| October (TBA)  | In-Gathering for LWR                                      |
| October (TBA)  | Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg<br>Halloween Parade |
| October 18     | 55 <sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk-Memorial Park           |
| November (TBA) | Annual Meeting                                            |
| December 24    | Lighting of the Luminaries<br>Christmas Eve Services      |



## \*STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM

Date: June 7, 2026  
Where: Fellowship Hall  
When: Following worship Svc.

Join the Fellowship Committee on June 7 in Fellowship Hall as they serve fresh strawberries and ice cream to everyone. If you plan on attending, please sign up at entrances to St. Mark.

## -WORD SEARCH-



# Come Holy Spirit!

*And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

Acts 2:1-4

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T Q A A C C T L M U B E W C R U K Y L E  
H U C L O O Z Y K L A R F I R E S S L D  
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FEAST DAY  
HOLY SPIRIT  
TONGUES

BAPTISM  
JERUSALEM  
TRINITY  
VIRGIN MARY  
RED  
MIGHTY WIND

FIRE  
DISCIPLES  
WISDOM  
UNDERSTANDING  
COUNSEL  
FORTITUDE

KNOWLEDGE  
PIETY  
FEAR OF THE LORD  
DOVE  
TABERNACLE  
SHAVUOT

## DAY OF PENTECOST

### DEEP BREATH

In the world of the Bible, the word *breath* is synonymous with “life.” Breath is necessary for a creature to be considered alive; where there isn’t breath, there isn’t life. Breath from God animates—brings to life—the creature formed from dust, the first human. When Jesus dies on the cross, three of the four gospels describe the moment using the phrase “breathed his last.”

In today’s gospel reading, Jesus appears to the disciples after the resurrection and offers his body to them for inspection. His scarred hands and side reveal that he is, in fact, Jesus, who was crucified. He is not an impostor. The disciples rejoice at the recognition. Next, Jesus breathes on them, a clear physical and symbolic assurance that he is not just a body but a *living* body. The breath that was once spent and gone has returned. He is not reanimated; he is *resurrected*. He has life in him again!

When Jesus breathes on his disciples, he also invites them to receive the Holy Spirit. This moment is extraordinary. Jesus animates the disciples in the same way God animated Adam: by bestowing divine breath, which brings not only physical life but spiritual life as well. Moreover, Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit he promised to the disciples is, in fact, his own animating Spirit.

The earth-shaking wind of the Spirit at Pentecost is also an intimate breath of life. Through this divine exhale, there is the gift of life—body *and* spirit—and the enduring promise of resurrection.

Spend a few moments today doing some deep breathing as you give thanks for God’s gift of breath and for the Holy Spirit.

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