

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
JULY 6, 2025
4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY COMMUNION



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Worship Service

9:45 am - Summer Fellowship Hour

11:00 am - Indoor Worship Service (1st Sunday of each month)

11:00 am - Outdoor Summer Worship Service (2nd Sunday of June, 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

God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus’ invitation to “take and eat . . . take and drink” is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.

BAPTISM AT THE 11:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

Please join family and friends of Michele Jones and Ryan Musser for the baptism of their son, Elijah John Musser, at the 11:00 worship service.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, died around 540

Friday, July 11, 2025

Benedict is known as the father of the Western monastic movement. Educated in Rome, he went to live as a hermit and eventually gathered a community of monks around him. He wrote a rule for living in monasteries that is used by Benedictines and adapted by others.

Nathan Söderblom, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1931

Saturday, July 12, 2025

A winner of the Nobel Prize for peace for his efforts to unite peoples after the First World War, Söderblom also called attention to the revival of early church worship principles and helped to lay the groundwork for the World Council of Churches.

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

PRELUDE MUSIC

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

arr. H. Decou

***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.

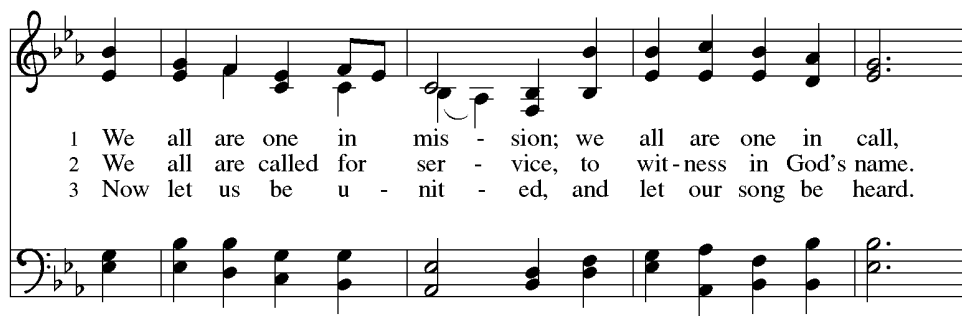
P Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin

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

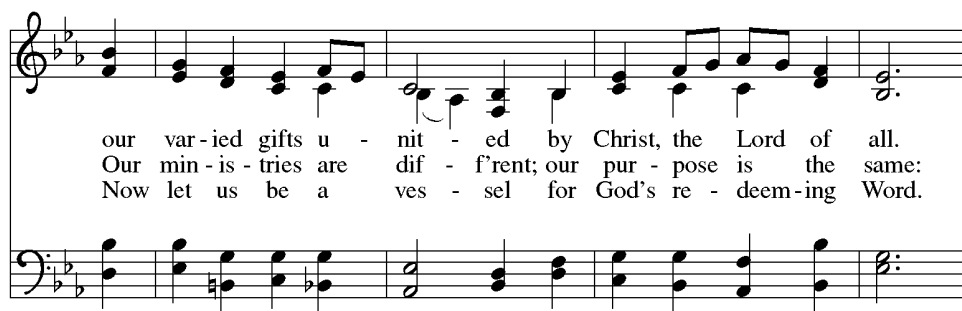
P Most merciful God,
C you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.
C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN We All Are One in Mission



1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.



our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.



A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,



to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune; arr. hymnal version

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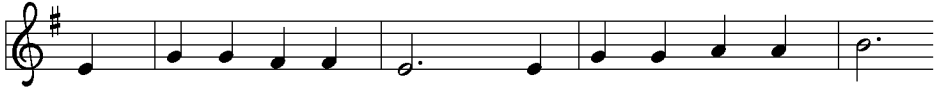
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*GREETING

- 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



- 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 O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Thine is the Glory from *Judas Maccabeus*
Angela Schlessman, Violinist

G.F. Handel

FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 66:10-14

Those who returned from the exile found that the hopes for the glorious restoration of Judah were not completely fulfilled. For these disappointed people, the prophet envisions salvation in the image of a nursing woman. Mother Jerusalem and a mothering God remind the community how they are sustained and supported.

A reading from Isaiah.

¹⁰ Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

¹¹ that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹² For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³ As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴ You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 66:1-9

(Please read the Psalm in unison.)

¹ Be joyful in God, all you lands; sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.

² Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

³ All the earth bows down before you, sings to you, sings out your name.”

⁴ Come now and see the works of God, how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

⁵ He turned the sea into dry land, so that they went through the water on foot, and there we rejoiced in him.

⁶ In his might he rules forever; his eyes keep watch over the nations; let no rebel rise up against him.

⁷ Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard,

⁸ who holds our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip.

⁹ who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

SECOND LESSON: Galatians 6:1-16

In the close of his letter to the Galatians, Paul encourages them to live as people made right with God through faith in Jesus Christ. Here Paul offers practical advice about how believers exercise common concern for one other in “the family of faith.”

R A reading from Galatians.

¹ My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ² Bear one another’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³ For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves.

⁴ All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor’s work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵ For all must carry their own loads.

⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



***GOSPEL: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

Jesus commissions harvesters and laborers to go where he would go and do what he would do. Risking hardship and danger in exchange for the experience of great joy, they offer peace and healing as signs that the reign of God is near.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house.

⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ ”

¹⁶ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” ¹⁸ He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

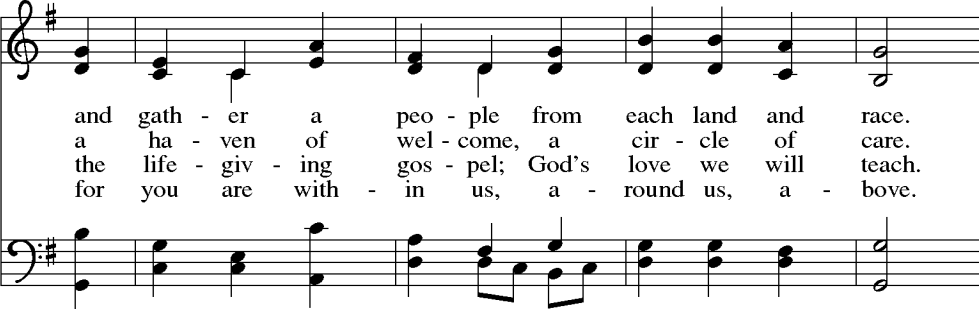
SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ Called to Baptize




1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise.
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional; arr. John Roberts, 1807–1876, alt.

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***APOSTLES CREED**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**A 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.**

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

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

Wayfaring Stranger

Traditional Spiritual

Angela Schlessman, Violinist

***THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains a melody of eighth and quarter notes. The bass staff contains a harmonic accompaniment of chords and single notes.

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

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment from the first line, ending with a double bar line. The treble staff shows the continuation of the melody, and the bass staff shows the harmonic support.

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; who on this
day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious
resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so,
with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the
hosts of heaven, 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.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

P 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.

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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We Come to You for Healing, Lord

1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through
 4 When nights are long with wake - ful - ness, through
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in

bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
 reached toward those in pain, come, ris - en Christ, a -
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our

Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.
 mong us still with pow'r to heal a - gain.
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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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.

*CLOSING HYMN

O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
 make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
 let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
 and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
 through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

(Continued next page)

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion, and re - lease.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834–1923
Music: ANGELIC SONGS, James Welch, 1837–1901

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*DISMISSAL

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

*POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

J.E. West



ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Florence and Aaron Harnish by
Dave Harnish.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

We are in need flower sponsors for July 20 and 27 and August 3, 24, and 31. If you would like to sponsor one or both vases, please complete one of the forms located in the newsletter, bulletins, or entrances to St. Mark or contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244.

TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	Denise Hirn
Lay Reader:	Matt Yost
Acolyte:	Brett Hirn
Ushers:	Sean Gimbel, Jonas Gimbel
Altar Guild:	Terry Shaner, Sara Jane Miller
Money Duty:	Ben Yost, Karen Fisher

-THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK-

Sunday, July 6

8:30 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Svc.-Communion

Fellowship Hour

Worship Svc.-Communion & Baptism

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

Monday, July 7

3:45 pm

7:00 pm

Violin Lessons

German Group

Tuesday, July 8

Wednesday, July 9

Thursday, July 10

9:00 am

6:45 pm

7:00 pm

Property Committee

Church Council

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

Friday, July 11

3:45 pm

Violin Lessons

Saturday, July 12

Sunday, July 13

8:30 am

9:45 am

11:00 am

12:00 pm

5th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Worship Service

Fellowship Hour

Worship Service-OUTDOOR

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

LESSONS:

FIRST LESSON

PSALM

SECOND LESSON

GOSPEL

JULY 13, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalms 25:1-10

Colossians 1:2-25

Luke 10:25-37

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-



This morning our special music will be performed by Angela Schlessman.

WELCOME ANGELA SCHLESSMAN
Director, Harmony Violin Studio

Angela started playing the violin when she was 3½ years old, under *Hwa Sun Loh* and then continued studies with *Pam deWall Wiley*.

When she was 7 years old, she had set her goal to be a violin teacher and not wavering from her decision, she started Suzuki teacher

training classes at age 15. Knowing she would have to repeat those classes because she was not 18, did not deter her from pursuing her dreams of becoming a violin teacher.

With those few classes behind her, she started teaching in Cumberland County, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, in September of 1993 right before her 16th birthday. She then added lessons in Adams County in 2011.

Below is her Suzuki education training after she turned 18 years old.

Education:

Every Child Can!

Suzuki Principles in Action

Violin Unit 1

Violin Foundation 1A

Violin Foundation 1B

Violin Unit 2

Violin Unit 2

Violin Unit 3

Violin Unit 3

Violin Unit 4

Violin Unit 4

Violin Unit 5

Violin Unit 6

Violin Unit 7

2007 Joan Krzywicki

2013 Nancy Jackson

2009 Liz Arbus

1996 Martha Shackford

1997 Martha Shackford

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2010 Elizabeth Stuen-Walker

1999 Martha Shackford

2010 Marilyn O'Boyle

2000 Ronda Cole

2010 Sharon Miller

2001 Thomas Wermuth

2002 Nancy Jackson

2004 Roger Stieg

In 2009 she was introduced to the O'Connor Method from its inception which incorporates music from the Americans that show different styles of music such as rags, folk tunes, and Americana. To give her students a

variety of music, she interjects this style along with other classical pieces not in the Suzuki repertoire into her teaching to give a variety to be well rounded musicians.

Other Accomplishments:

- Angela received as a child the Liberace Award in 1986.
- Played as a child under the direction of Pam deWall Wiley with the Harrisburg Symphony for their children's concerts.
- Played with Messiah College Orchestra from 1998-2000.
- Played with Vince Gill at his Hershey Christmas performance in 1998.
- Served 6 years on the board of CPSA (Central Pennsylvania Suzuki Association), and 6 years on the board of HAFSC (Harrisburg Area Flute and Strings Chapter).
- Served as Vice President for HAFSC for 2 years then an additional 2 years as President.
- Angela also has directed many shows not only for her studio performances but also in the community.

PASTOR VACATION

Pastor Marleen and family will be on vacation **July 19-22**. Pastor Karen Durbin is 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:

July 20 - Pastor Hal Fox

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Weather permitting, we will worship at 11:00 AM in the beautiful outdoors **on July 13 and August 10 on the Keller St. side of St. Mark**. Please bring your own chair.

BOOK CLUB

The Evangelism Committee is 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*. 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.

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.



ST. MARK DAY CAMP WISH LIST:

- 12 Pool noodles
- Large cardboard pieces
- Disposal table clothes
- Paper plates, napkins, utensils
- Thin ribbon
- Large colorful paperclips (to make bookmarks)
- Snacks both for afternoons and mornings
- Your Time: We can use a few hours of help to make Day Camp happen.
- Your family and friends who have kids!

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC
SOLDIERS & SAILORS MEMORIAL PARK
1 Memorial Park Drive
Mechanicsburg, Pa

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 2025

Arrive at park: 12:30 pm
Picnic Lunch: 1:30 pm
Games: 2:30 pm

We have reserved the “Baseball Pavilion” to the right of the restrooms upon entering the park. The Fellowship Committee will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, buns, ketchup, mustard, pink lemonade, and water. **Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert to share.** There are some electric outlets in the pavilion if you would like to bring a hot dish that needs plugged in. Hoping to see everyone there. **Sign-up sheets are located at entrances to St. Mark. Contact Phyllis Mihalich if you have any questions.**

NEW PICTORIAL DIRECTORY COMING

It's been over 5 years since our last pictorial directory was published. We are planning a new pictorial directory for members and friends of St. Mark. Photos will be taken on **Tuesday, August 19, beginning at 2:00 PM.** There will be opportunities to sign up in late July and early August. Mark your calendars now and save the date. Details will follow.

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
Wash cloth
Bar of soap
Body wash
Toothpaste
Toothbrush
Any hygiene product
Mak e-up

Mints
Deodorant
Comb
Razor
Scarf
Hat
Gloves
Small first aid kit



Hand wipes
Bottled Water
Hand sanitizer
Hand lotion
Beef jerky
Other appropriate items

Thermal socks
Chapstick
Facial Wipes
Trail Mix
Gum
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.

LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF—SCHOOL KITS

The Social Ministry Outreach Committee is collecting items listed below for Lutheran World Relief to fulfill their urgent need of School Kit requests. We will be collecting items **through September 21**. Gross's is again donating their truck to take our items to Maryland. We will be holding our in-gathering and blessing of school kits and quilts on **Sunday, September 28. St. Mark will serve as the collection point for designated churches on Saturday, October 4.**

Please place items in the containers marked "School Kits." Thank you so much for helping individuals who are in need.

- Four 70-sheet notebooks of wide- or college-ruled paper approximately 8" X 10½"; no loose-leaf paper
- One 30-centimeter ruler, or a ruler with centimeters on one side and inches on the other
- One pencil sharpener
- One blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
- Five unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers; secured together with a rubber band
- Five black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink); secured together with a rubber band
- One box of 16 or 24 crayons
- One 2½" eraser

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of backpacks, supplies, or shipping fund, please mark your contributions accordingly.



July 6	11:00 am-Baptism of Elijah John Musser
July 13	11:00 am-Summer Outdoor Worship
July 24	Ladies Night Out
July 31	Book Club
August 4-7	St. Mark Summer Day Camp
August 10 August 10	11:00 am Summer Outdoor Worship Church Picnic—Memorial Park, Mechanicsburg
August 17	Backpack Blessing
August 19	Photo Day at St. Mark
August 31	Peaches & Ice Cream Sunday
September 7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 28	Ingathering and Blessing of School Kits
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at 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: _____

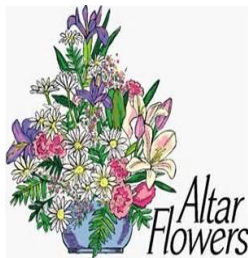
Sponsor Phone #: _____

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.

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Please check any that apply!

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

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

THANK YOU!

## LECTIONARY 14

### THE GIFT OF VULNERABILITY

A familiar adage says, “It’s better to deal with the devil you know than the one you don’t know.” The idea is that it’s safer to deal with something you’re familiar with than to take a risk with something new. This new thing can be scary, disarming, even harmful. On the other hand, although it takes work to let go of things that provide security and support self-reliance, vulnerability can also lead to connection, openness, and love.

Jesus asked the seventy disciples to enter the towns ahead of him to proclaim the good news that God’s kin-dom was coming near, to care for the sick, to stand with the weak and defenseless, and to love the brokenhearted. He knew he was asking them to make themselves vulnerable to the villagers they would encounter on their mission and that they’d likely receive both negative and positive responses. Although they might face rejection, hate, or dismissiveness, they might also be met with care, appreciation, and affirmation.

Gathering around God’s table in memory of Jesus’ full embodiment of love is also a vulnerable and tender moment together. The gift of free grace we receive in the holy sacrament of bread and wine is worth the risk to stand close to our neighbor. The gift doesn’t require perfection, but it allows for a moment to let go of whatever proverbial baggage and deep-rooted brokenness we live with. Jesus meant for all to be fed and welcomed with gracious hospitality at the table. And when the time comes to leave the gathering spaces, God’s hope is that all who gathered feel filled and affirmed so they can go out again into the world of unknowns.

May each one find the courage to embrace the gift of vulnerability as we enter both places of worship and living spaces, remaining in a state of holy wonder about the unknown.

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