

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
MAY 17, 2026  
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
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:**

*In these days between Ascension and Pentecost, we gather with the disciples in the upper room, waiting for the Spirit to transform the church around the world. In today’s gospel Jesus prays for his followers and for their mission in his name. Amid religious, social, and economic divisions, we seek the unity that Jesus had with his Father. Made one in baptism, we go forth to live our faith in the world, eager for the unity that God intends for the whole human family.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:**

**Erik, King of Sweden, martyr, died 1160**

**Monday, May 18, 2026**

Erik is considered the patron saint of Sweden. As king of that nation, he tried to bring peace in the region, and to spread Christianity in Scandinavia. He was also known for his attempts to make fair laws and to protect those who were poor or sick.

**Helena, mother of Constantine, died around 330**

**Thursday, May 21, 2026**

Influenced by her son to become Christian, Helena (or Helen) lived an exemplary life of faith. She is also remembered for traveling through Palestine building churches on the sites she believed to be associated with Christ’s life.

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

## PRELUDE

*Nicaea (Holy, Holy, Holy)*

arr. R.B. Farlee

## GATHERING

P CHRIST IS RISEN.

C HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

## \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

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

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

P Most merciful God,

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

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

\*GATHERING SONG

# Low in the Grave He Lay

## *Up from the Grave He Arose*

1 Low in the grave he lay, Je - sus my Sav - ior,  
2 Vain - ly they watch his bed, Je - sus my Sav - ior;  
3 Death can - not keep its prey, Je - sus my Sav - ior;

wait - ing the com - ing day, Je - sus my Lord.  
vain - ly they seal the dead, Je - sus my Lord.  
he tore the bars a - way, Je - sus my Lord.

*Refrain*

Up from the grave he a - rose, with a  
he a - rose,  
might - y tri - umph o'er his foes; he a -

rose a vic - tor o - ver death's do - main, and he

lives for - ev - er, with his saints to reign. He a -

rose! He a - rose! Hal - le - lu - jah! Christ a - rose!  
He a-rose! He a-rose!

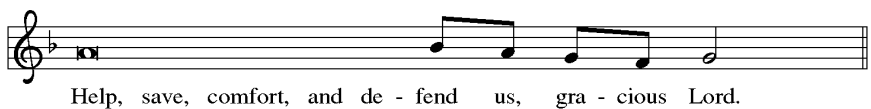
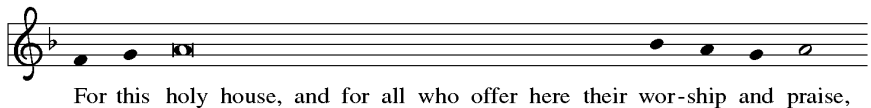
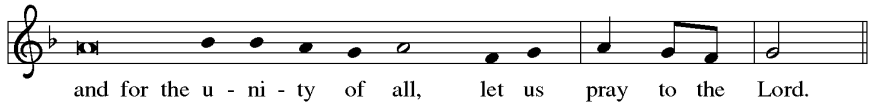
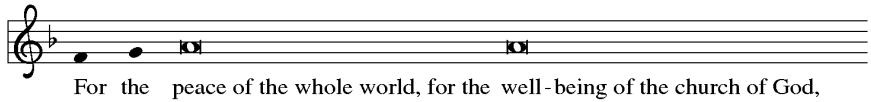
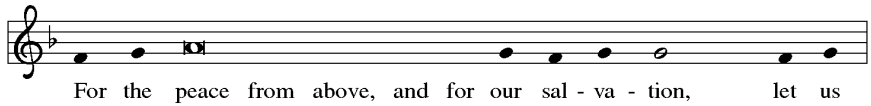
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## \*GREETING

**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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

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*Final refrain*



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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray.  
 O God of glory, your Son, Jesus Christ, suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**CHILDREN'S ANTHEM**

*Up Up to Heaven*

**BLESSING OF THE LECTOR**

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

**C** Amen.

**FIRST READING: Acts 1:6-14**

*Today's reading is part of the introduction to the narrative of the outpouring of the Spirit on Pentecost. These verses tell of the risen Lord's conversation with his disciples on the eve of his ascension, in which he promises that they will receive the power of the Holy Spirit.*

**R** A reading from Acts.

<sup>6</sup>When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by

his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup> When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup> While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup> They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup> Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup> When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup> All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36**

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

<sup>1</sup> Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

<sup>2</sup> **Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

<sup>3</sup> But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

<sup>4</sup> **Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

<sup>5</sup> Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

<sup>6</sup> **God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

<sup>7</sup> O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

<sup>8</sup> **the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; you refreshed the land when it was weary.

<sup>10</sup> **Your people found their home in it; in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

<sup>33</sup> Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

<sup>34</sup> **He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.**

<sup>35</sup> Ascribe power to God; his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

<sup>36</sup> **How wonderful is God in his holy places, the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!**

## **SECOND LESSON: 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**

*Our faith in Christ does not make us immune from the scorn of others. Nevertheless, we are to resist the designs of evil when we experience disparagement from others because we trust God's grace will strengthen and guide us.*

R        A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Peter.

<sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup> But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup> If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

<sup>5:6</sup> Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. <sup>7</sup> Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. <sup>8</sup> Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone


to devour. <sup>9</sup> Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. <sup>10</sup> And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. <sup>11</sup> To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

R The word of the Lord.  
C Thanks be to God.

**\*ALLELUIA VERSE**

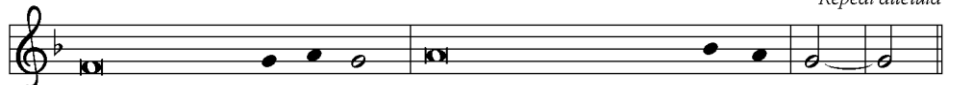


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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.

## **GOSPEL: John 17:1-11**

*On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus prays to his heavenly Father, asking that those who continue his work in this world will live in unity.*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup> since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup> I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup> So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup> “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup> Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, <sup>8</sup> for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup> I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup> All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup> And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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

*Go Ye Therefore*  
(Vocal Choir)

M. McDonald

## \*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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

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

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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

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

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

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C     **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C     **Amen.**

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

C     Our Father, who art in heaven,  
          hallowed be thy name,  
          thy kingdom come,  
          thy will be done,  
          on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
      as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
      but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
      forever and ever. Amen.

## \*COMMUNION

P 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.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized, communion Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. We have gluten free crackers 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

### Oh, Love, How Deep



1 Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, be - yond all  
2 God sent no an - gel to our race, of high - er  
3 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
4 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his



thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
or of low - er place, but wore the robe of  
fast and hun - gered sore; for us tempt - ta - tion  
dai - ly works he wrought, by words and signs and



God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake!  
hu - man frame, in Christ our Lord to this world came.  
sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er o - ver - threw.  
ac - tions thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.

- 5 For us by wickedness betrayed,  
for us, in crown of thorns arrayed,  
he bore the shameful cross and death;  
for us he gave his dying breath.
- 6 For us he rose from death again;  
for us he went on high to reign;  
for us he sent his Spirit here  
to guide, to strengthen, and to cheer.

7 All glory to our Lord and God  
for love so deep, so high, so broad:  
the Trinity whom we adore  
forever and forevermore.

# COMMUNION

## This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and  
2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son  
3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in a B-flat major key signature. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

sprung to life this mor - - row.  
wake the dead in num - - ber.  
pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

The third system concludes the page's musical notation. The lyrics are aligned with the notes.

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*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our  
 faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

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

**C** Amen.

## \*CLOSING HYMN

### Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



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



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



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



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



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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!  
C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

### \*POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune on "Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise"*

D. Lasky



In honor of great granddaughter Molly's 2nd birthday  
by Connie Kuntz

In honor of granddaughter Rachel's college  
graduation by Connie Kuntz

## TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	Karen Heath
Lay Reader:	Beverly Reihart
Acolyte:	Phyllis Mihalich
Ushers:	Cindy Larkin, T.J. Larkin
Altar Guild:	Joan Murphy, Phyllis Mihalich

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

**Sunday, May 17**  
8:30 am SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Church Sunday School  
9:45 am Children's SS & Choir  
12:00 pm Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros  
5:00 pm Spaghetti Dinner & Hymn Sing

**Monday, May 18**  
8:00 am Garden Club  
2:45 pm Violin Lessons  
7:00 pm German Club

**Tuesday, May 19** ELECTION DAY

**Wednesday, May 20**  
11:00 am Bible Study  
6:30 pm Vocal Choir

**Thursday, May 21**  
2:30 pm Violin Lessons  
6:30 pm Church Council  
7:00 pm Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Friday, May 22**  
3:45 pm Violin Lessons  
7:00 pm Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Saturday, May 23**  
6:30 pm Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Sunday, May 24**  
8:30 am DAY OF PENTECOST  
8:30 am Worship Service  
9:45 am Church Sunday School  
9:45 am Children's SS & Choir  
12:00 pm Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**LESSONS:** MAY 24, 2026  
**FIRST READING** Acts 2:1-21  
**PSALM** Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
**SECOND READING** 1st Corinthians 12:3b-13  
**GOSPEL** John 20:19-23

## -ANNOUNCEMENTS-



### UPCOMING 2026 GRADUATES

If you are a graduate or know of one who will be graduating from high school or higher education in 2026, please submit the graduate's name, from where they are graduating, where or what they will be doing next, and the degree received to [kfisher@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:kfisher@stmarkmburg.com) no later than TODAY so that we may recognize them in the June ReMarker.

### SPAGHETTI DINNER AND HYMN SING

Join your church family **THIS EVENING, May 17, at 5:00 PM** for a **Spaghetti Dinner followed by an Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing!** The dinner will include Spaghetti (both regular and gluten free); sauce (plain and meat); salad; bread, and dessert! This is your opportunity to come and sing all the classic hymns that you love! There is no charge for the meal but a free-will offering will be accepted.

### 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](mailto: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 a.m.** 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- 5<sup>th</sup> 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	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
Applesauce	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.

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

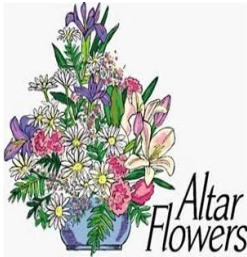
Sponsor Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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.

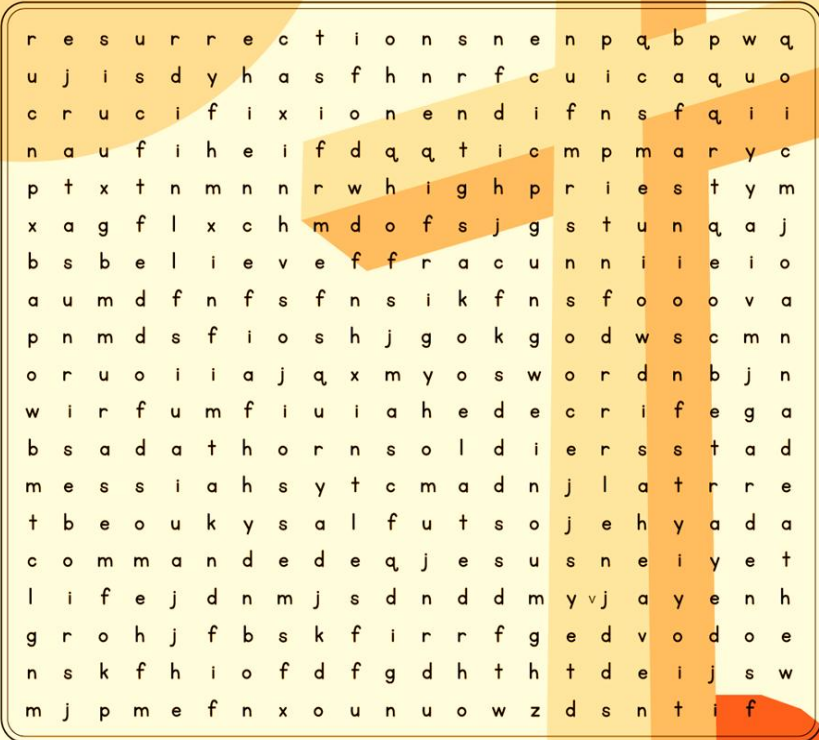
THANK YOU!



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|----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| May 17         | Spaghetti Dinner & Hymn Sing—5:00 pm                      |
| 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      |

-WORD SEARCH-

# The Death and Resurrection of Christ



- commanded
- garden
- joanna
- thorns
- messiah
- crucifixion
- god
- high priest
- resurrection
- believe
- heaven
- soldiers
- sunrise
- betrayed
- life
- mary
- sword
- death
- jesus

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### A FOCUS ON RELATIONSHIP

The prayers of Jesus in today's reading come at the conclusion of what is called the "Farewell Discourse" in John's gospel, which takes place prior to Jesus' arrest in the garden. In this discourse Jesus repeatedly emphasizes themes of relationship, mutual love, and service as he teaches, gives final instructions, and prays for the disciples.

In John, more than in the other three gospels, *relationship* is the ultimate focus of the life of faith. Jesus' mission on earth is to bring people into knowledge of and relationship with God the Father. Jesus exemplifies perfect relationship with the Father and wants all people to know this same intimacy with God. He also prays that his disciples might live in such a loving and mutual relationship with one another. Moreover, he prays that we might be one, so that our unity reflects the unity of the Father and the Son.

Our relationship with God is strengthened and refreshed in faith communities that worship together, attend to each other's needs, and serve others and creation in acts of love and compassion. In the Bantu languages and philosophy of Africa, *ubuntu* refers to the moral conviction that "I am because you are," or "I am because we are." Ubuntu recognizes that our well-being and our futures are bound up in the well-being and the future of others.

Christianity is a religion of relationship, not of self-efficacy. In an increasingly individualistic and fragmented world, our faith in Christ demonstrates a bold witness to the power and beauty of community. How might Jesus be leading us and the church in this subversive work? How might mutual love and interdependence be signs of our faith, forging a path of healing for our broken world?

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