

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PEACHES AND ICE CREAM SUNDAY
NOISY SUNDAY
AUGUST 31, 2025



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)

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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!

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

We welcome and sincerely thank Rachel Brown; daughter of Marlin and Sandy Brown, for providing us with beautiful music during this morning’s worship service.

MEET RACHEL—

Rachel is a longtime educator, heading into her 20th year of teaching. She has a deep appreciation for the arts—from music and photography to design and visual creativity. When she’s not teaching, Rachel loves spending time with family and friends, discovering new places, and capturing meaningful moments along the way. She’s grateful for the opportunity to share her love of music with the church today.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS

Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, died 1872

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Grundtvig was, with Søren Kierkegaard, one of the two great Danish theologians of the nineteenth century. As a pastor, he battled the prevalent idea that Christianity was more a philosophy than divine revelation. He wrote over a thousand hymns.

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

PRELUDE MUSIC

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare

B. Marcello

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

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



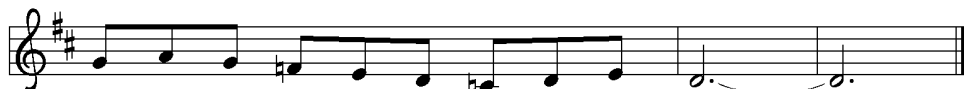
brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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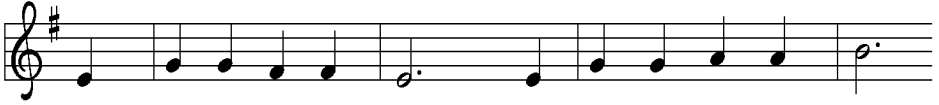
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*GREETING

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 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Rachel Brown

arr. J. Martin

FIRST LESSON: Proverbs 25:6-7a

The book of Proverbs is part of a collection of writings known as wisdom literature. Wisdom literature gave directions to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

R A reading from Proverbs.

⁶ Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,

^{7a} for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 112

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

¹ Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

² **Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last forever.

⁴ **Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**

⁵ It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

⁶ **For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the LORD.

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⁸ Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever; they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰ The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains suggestions for the conduct of a holy life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

R A reading from Hebrews.

¹ Let mutual affection continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. ⁵ Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶ So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁵ Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

*GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to imitate God's gracious hospitality to those in need.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14th chapter.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷ When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸ "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, ⁹ and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰ But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹ For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

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¹² He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³ But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. ¹⁴ And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

NOISY SUNDAY

SERMON

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ the Same



1 O Christ the same, through all our sto - ry's pag - es—
 2 O Christ the same, the friend of sin - ners, shar - ing
 3 O Christ the same, se - cure with - in whose keep - ing

our loves and hopes, our fail - ures and our fears;
 our in - most thoughts, the se - crets none can hide;
 our lives and loves, our days and years re - main;

e - ter - nal Lord, the king of all the a - ges,
 still as of old up - on your bod - y bear - ing
 our work and rest, our wak - ing and our sleep - ing,

un - chang - ing still a - mid the pass - ing years:
 the marks of love in tri - umph glo - ri - fied:
 our calm and storm, our plea - sure and our pain:

O liv - ing Word, the source of all cre - a - tion,
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heav - en—
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sor - rows,

who spread the skies and set the stars a - blaze;
 O Prince of life, in all your sav - ing power;
 for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;

O Christ the same, who wrought our whole sal - va - tion,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are giv - en:
 O Christ the same, be - yond our brief to - mor - rows,

we bring our thanks for all our yes - ter - days.
 we bring our thanks for this the pres - ent hour.
 we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926
 Music: LONDONDERRY AIR, Irish tune

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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 Let us pray for the church, the creation, and the whole
people of God, for God is near.

A Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P Confident in God's presence and promise, we entrust our prayers
to the one who always receives them; through Jesus Christ, our
wisdom and companion.

C Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

C. Gabriel

Rachel Brown

*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 for the offertory response. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

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. It also consists of a treble and a bass staff with the same key signature and time signature. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P O Holy One of wisdom, throughout human history and today among us here, you call us to walk the path of justice and peace. We praise you, O God of truth, for your precious words. Grant that sheltered under their richness as under the tree of life, we live in gratitude and faithfulness, through Jesus Christ, your Word and our Wisdom, 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.


***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

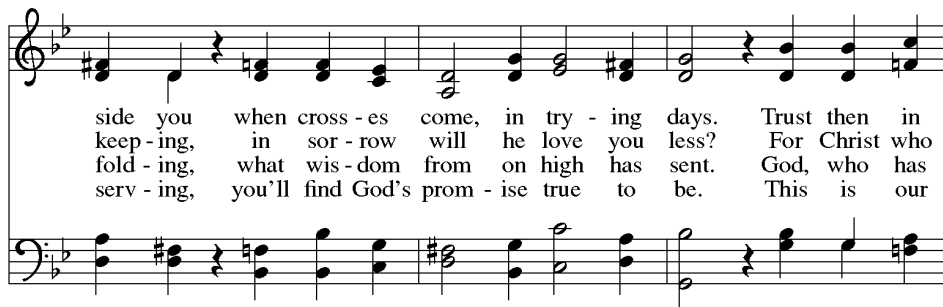
If You But Trust in God to Guide You



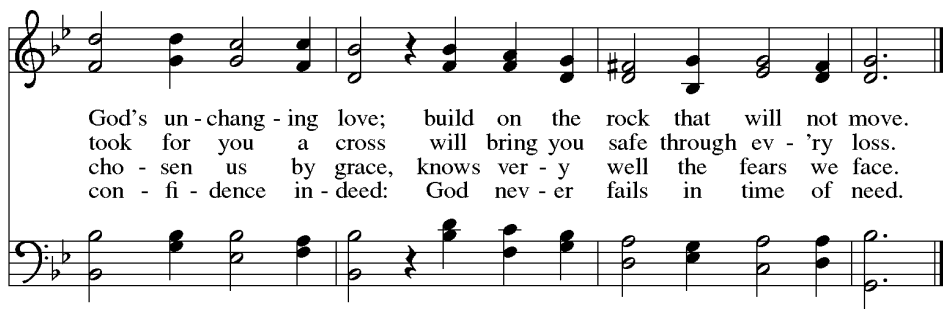
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav - en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

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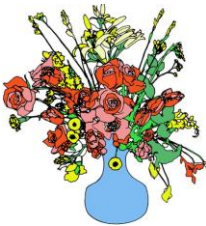
*DISMISSAL

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

*POSTLUDE

We've a Story to Tell to the Nations

H. Nichol



ALTAR FLOWERS

In honor of Matt Yost by Ben and Barb Yost.

In loving memory of my dad, David E. (Curly) Sanders, by Karen Fisher.

ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

We need flower sponsors for **September 28**. 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:	Dave Harnish
Acolyte:	Brett Hirn
Ushers:	Shannon Weaver, Bennett Sisolak
Altar Guild:	Jo Ann Novinger, Beverly Reihart
Money Duty:	Terry Shaner, Amy Gimbel

-THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK-

Sunday, August 31

**12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOISY SUNDAY
PEACHES AND ICE CREAM SUNDAY
Worship Service
Peaches and Ice Cream
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**

8:30 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

Monday, September 1

**LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, September 2

TBA

Fellowship Committee

Wednesday, September 3

12:30 pm

Evangelism

7:00 pm

Adult Vocal Choir

Thursday, September 4

7:00 pm

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

Friday, September 5

3:45 pm

Violin Lessons

Saturday, September 6

Sunday, September 7

**13th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS. SUNDAY
Worship Service
Sunday Church School
Children's SS and Choir
Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros
God's Work. Our Hands.**

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

2:00 pm

LESSONS:

FIRST LESSON

PSALM

SECOND LESSON

GOSPEL

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14:25-33

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-

PEACHES AND (ICE) CREAM

Please join us **THIS MORNING** following the 8:30 am service. We will meet in Fellowship Hall to enjoy peach treats and kick off Sunday School for the Fall.

ALL CALL FOR BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir enjoyed a very successful season last year and the congregation overtly shared their appreciation for its addition to St. Mark's worship. Bell choir is a unique form of music which is accessible to all levels of musical ability (including no musical ability). To select music for the bell choir, exact numbers of ringers are necessary. So, for this coming season, we are issuing an "all call." **If you are interested in being a part of St. Mark's bell choir, whether a former or new member, please email or talk to Brad (bradleyjhull@gmail.com) by Sunday, August 31.** Based on how many people express interest in being a part of a 2025-2026 bell choir, we will determine our plan for the year.

VOCAL CHOIR AUTUMN STARTUP

The St. Mark Vocal Choir will start rehearsals for the 2025-2026 season on **Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 pm**. If you are interested in being a part of this important ministry of the church in leading worship and providing music to facilitate our interaction with God, please come to the first rehearsal. We would love for you to sing with us. Questions should be directed to Brad Hull (Cell: 202-738-2795 or Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The start of Children's Choir for the fall is right around the corner. Children ages 3 ½ - 12 are invited to join us! Our first rehearsal will be **Sunday, September 7**. We'll meet downstairs in the first classroom on the left immediately after the church service. During each rehearsal, we praise God through music, practice our songs for the service, and play fun games. We sing or play bells at one service per month and at special events throughout the year. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. My email is denisehirn@hotmail.com and my phone number is 717-802-1064. *Miss Denise*

WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE (WinGS)

WinGS are holding their annual Potluck Dinner and first meeting of the 2025-2026 season. We invite ALL WOMEN to join us on **Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. The ROASTED TURKEY, GRAVY, MASHED POTATOES, and ROLLS will be provided by WinGS officers.** Everyone is requested to bring a dish to share. A special guest from the Joys of Life Scrapbooking will be there and will provide a special presentation. If you plan on attending, please contact Sandy Brown at 717-991-1121 (Sbrown8186@verizon.net) or Sara Jane Miller at 717-448-4777 (usersj42@yahoo.com). Our regular meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. You do not have to be a member of St. Mark to join the Women in God's Service.

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.

ITEMS NEEDED:

- Black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink)
- 2½" erasers

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

MONTHLY NEW HOPE MINISTRIES FOOD COLLECTION:

September 21	Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo)
October 19	Peanut Butter and Jelly
November 2	Thanksgiving Food Items (Including Turkeys)

“GOD’S WORK. OUR HANDS.” SUNDAY

On **Sunday, September 7**, the nearly 10,000 congregations of the ELCA will gather to serve communities in ways that share the love of God with all of God’s people. The Social Ministry Committee is repeating the project of preparing a spaghetti dinner, salad, bread, and dessert to take to our shut-ins and residents of group homes in the Mechanicsburg area. **We are requesting donations of spaghetti, desserts, as well as monetary donations to help defray the cost of the meatballs, salad, and bread.** Please use the sign-up sheets at entrances to the church to volunteer. Service projects beginning at 2:00 pm:



- Assembling school kits
- Assembling kits for Caitlin’s Smiles
- Making cards for the Cards for Kindness Program
- Clean up at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Park
- Prepare meal bags.
- Deliver meals to shut ins at 4:00 pm

GROW IN YOUR FAITH - BIBLE STUDY RETURNS

Take some time on Wednesday mornings to grow in your faith. Join us as we walk through the Bible together learning from one another and gaining a deeper understanding of God’s Word. On **September 10, 11:00 am** we will start studying the gospel of Matthew.

HOSS’S CROP WALK RECRUITER’S RALLY COMMUNITY DAY FUND RAISER

Please save the date and plan ahead to eat at the Mechanicsburg HOSS’S (located on Old Gettysburg Pike) anytime during the day on **Thursday, September 25, 2025**. Coupons, which must be presented at HOSS’S when you order your meals, will be available at all entrances of our church as soon as they are received.

HELP WANTED—LOAD TRUCK FOR LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF

St. Mark is the collection point for Lutheran World Relief items. Lutheran churches from the Cumberland Conference drop their items off at the back of the church on **Saturday, October 4, 2025, between 9:00 am and 10:30 am**. **We need your help to load Gross’s truck.** Please contact Karen Fisher if you are available to help. Goodies will be provided.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR—SOUP ON THE SIDEWALK MECHANICSBURG HALLOWEEN PARADE

Stop by St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg on **Tuesday, October 14, 2025**, starting at **6:00 pm** for our **Soup on the Sidewalk event**. Please let Phyllis Mihalich know if you are willing to donate a crockpot of soup. Help is needed serving the soup at this event. If you are available to volunteer, please let Phyllis Mihalich or Karen Fisher know.

MECHANICSBURG/WEST SHORE CROP HUNGER WALK

You are invited to join the 100% all-volunteer Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk on **Sunday, October 19, 2025, at Memorial Park** (Memorial Park Drive) in Mechanicsburg, PA. The 5K or 1.5-mile Fun Run/Walk will take place rain or shine to raise critical funds to serve the most vulnerable in our local and global community. There is no cost to participate. Walkers are invited to generously **sponsor themselves and to solicit sponsors**.

Make checks payable to **CWS/CROP**. All proceeds benefit *New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, and the relief efforts of Church World Service*. Walk as an individual or register as part of a team. Last year, this walk raised over \$40,000 due to generous participants.

Leashed dogs welcome! Refreshments and a live DJ add joy to this event which serves the needy. **T-Shirts are guaranteed to all who register online by Friday, September 26, 2025! Make sure to indicate your T-Shirt size when you register! If you need help registering, contact Karen Fisher.**

St. Mark Keller Street Walkers Sunday, October. 19, 2025 Schedule:

1:00PM - New Registrations

1:30PM - Team Pictures

1:50PM - Kick Off

2:00PM - Walk Begins

Hoss's Community Day to benefit the
Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger Walk



Thurs., Sept. 25, 2025

61 Gettysburg Pike, Mechanicsburg PA 17055

Present a copy of this flyer when ordering lunch, dinner or a
take-out on Sept. 25, 2025 and Hoss's Mechanicsburg will
donate up to 25% of your total check to feed the hungry.

Group #132001. Complete the CROP Walk Activity Page and
spin to win a prize!

.....100% Volunteer-led.



Mechanicsburg/West Shore

CROP Hunger Walk

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5K/1.5-mi. Fun Run/Walk

Rain or Shine

Memorial Park, Memorial Park Dr, Mechanicsburg, PA

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1:30PM Team Pictures 1:50PM Kick-Off 2:00PM Walk Begins

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Sept. 26, 2025**

Strollers & Leashed Dogs Welcome Live DJ Refreshments

Use the **link below** or **QR code** to register as an individual and/or
form a team or register in person on the day of the walk.

<https://crophungerwalk.org/mechanicsburgpa>

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Facebook: CROP Hunger Walk - Mechanicsburg/West Shore

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and the global relief efforts of
Church World Service.**



For more info, contact **Ulli Klemm**, Coordinator
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UPCOMING EVENTS

August 31	Peaches & Ice Cream Sunday
September 7	God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday
September 9	WinGS Pot-Luck Dinner & Meeting
September 25	HOSS's Community Day-CROP Walk
September 28	Ingathering and Blessing of School Kits
October 4	Loading Truck-Cumberland Conference
October 5	Blessing of the Pets
October 12	Rain date-Blessing of the Pets
October 14	Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade
November 2	All Saints Sunday
October 19	CROP Walk at Memorial Park
December 24	Christmas Eve Services & Lighting of the Luminaries

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Proverbs Word Search

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Trust worthy

Self Control

Disgraceful

Discerning

Falsehood

Blameless

Generous

Behavior

Friends

Patient

Mocking

Wealth

Wisdom

Honest

Gossip

Gold

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 22

## DID YOU GET THE INVITATION?

Choosing the invitation design for an important event can be nerve-wracking. But deciding whom to invite? Whittling down the list of desired attendees can be even more difficult than choosing the invitation itself. So much stress.

In today's gospel reading, Jesus uses a dinner party as a teaching opportunity. In the ancient world, being invited to such an occasion was an honor, but figuring out where to sit once you arrived required a whole other stress-inducing decision. How embarrassing it would be to choose a place of prominence, only to discover you're not that important and have to move down the table. How disappointing it would be to invite someone to your party but not receive an invitation to their next gathering. (Is that why you invited them, anyway?) So many of these social games we continue to play.

You might say that Jesus takes the stress out of party-planning because he encourages us to take an honest and humble view of it all: the view from God's vantage point. In the realm of God, the last in the eyes of the world are first, and the first, last.

In the kingdom of God, roles are reversed, orders are disrupted, and convention is thrown out the window so all may know the grace, peace, and love of God. The divine Host throws amazing parties and desires everyone, especially those overlooked by the party-throwers and powerbrokers of the world, to have a chance to enjoy them.

Today's gospel reading reminds us that at God's table, everyone is invited and no one goes away empty. The party is freely offered and not a setting for social games. The table has no head and no foot but, rather, is a cloud of witnesses gathered around the life of the Crucified and Risen One.

The eucharist is the prime example of this feast. Did you get the invitation? Because you're invited!

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