

**+ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
MAY 31, 2026  
HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY  
NOISY SUNDAY  
HOLY COMMUNION**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom 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 THE DAY**

*Though the word trinity is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. In the gospel Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith: we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ and with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in word and sacrament, as we profess the creed, and as we are sent into the world to bear witness to our faith.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**Sunday, May 31, 2026**

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

**The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

**John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963**

**Wednesday, June 3, 2026**

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

## PRELUDE MUSIC

*Come Thou Almighty King*

arr. H. Willan

## GATHERING

### PSALM 118:24

P This is the day that the LORD has made;  
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### \*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, ✝ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.  
C Amen.

P Trusting in God's mercy, 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 Merciful and loving God,  
C we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.

P Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ✝ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
C Amen.

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

## \*GATHERING HYMN

# Come, Join the Dance of Trinity



1 Come, join the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun—  
2 Come, see the face of Trin - i - ty, new - born in Beth - le - hem;  
3 Come, speak a - loud of Trin - i - ty, as wind and tongues of flame  
4 With - in the dance of Trin - i - ty, be - fore all worlds be - gun,



the in - ter - weav - ing of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.  
then blood - ied by a crown of thorns out - side Je - ru - sa - lem.  
set peo - ple free at Pen - te - cost to tell the Sav - ior's name.  
we sing the prais - es of the Three, the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son.



The u - ni - verse of space and time did not a - rise by chance,  
The dance of Trin - i - ty is meant for hu - man flesh and bone;  
We know the yoke of sin and death, our necks have worn it smooth;  
Let voic - es rise and in - ter - weave, by love and hope set free,



but as the Three, in love and hope, made room with - in their dance.  
when fear con - fines the dance in death, God rolls a - way the stone.  
go tell the world of weight and woe that we are free to move!  
to shape in song this joy, this life: the dance of Trin - i - ty.

Text: Richard Leach, b. 1953

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

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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

*Refrain*




Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for  
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,  
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

*Refrain*

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

# Listen! You Nations

*Refrain*



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## ANTHEM

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

G. Sewell

## FIRST LESSON: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

*At the beginning of time, God the Creator, God the powerful Word, and God the life-giving Spirit form the earth and all its inhabitants. God sees that all this created work is good and then rests on the seventh day.*

R A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and

trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup>And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup>God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, “Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.”

<sup>27</sup>So God created humans in his image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup>God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” <sup>29</sup>God said, “See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup>And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup>God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

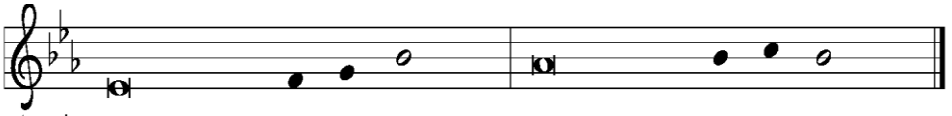
<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: Psalm 8

*(Please sing the Psalm responsively—Choir, the regular print; Congregation; the bold print.)*



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

<sup>2</sup> **Out of the mouths of in- | fants and children  
your majesty is praised a- | bove the heavens.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SECOND LESSON: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

*Paul closes a challenging letter to the Corinthians with an appeal to Christian fellowship grounded in the triune harmony of Christ's grace, God's love, and the Spirit's partnership.*

A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians.

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

R The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

**\*GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20**

*After his resurrection, Jesus summons his remaining disciples and commissions them to baptize and teach all nations in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**NOISY SUNDAY**

**SERMON**

## \*ATHANASIAN CREED

Please respond as follows:

*Italic Print:*

Regular Print:

**Bold Print:**

*Pastor*

Assisting Minister

**Congregation**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*This is the catholic faith.*

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

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church  
and the needs of the world.

A God of grace,  
C hear our prayer.

P Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken  
and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus 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**

*Breath On Me, Breath Of God*

E. Hach

## \*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 system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, while the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and moving lines.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the piece, ending with a double bar line. It maintains the same key signature and rhythmic patterns as the first system.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Loving God,  
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart  
in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can  
taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus through  
the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.

**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 God 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. You reveal your glory as the glory of the

Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your eternal glory. 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'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

**P** Holy, mighty and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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

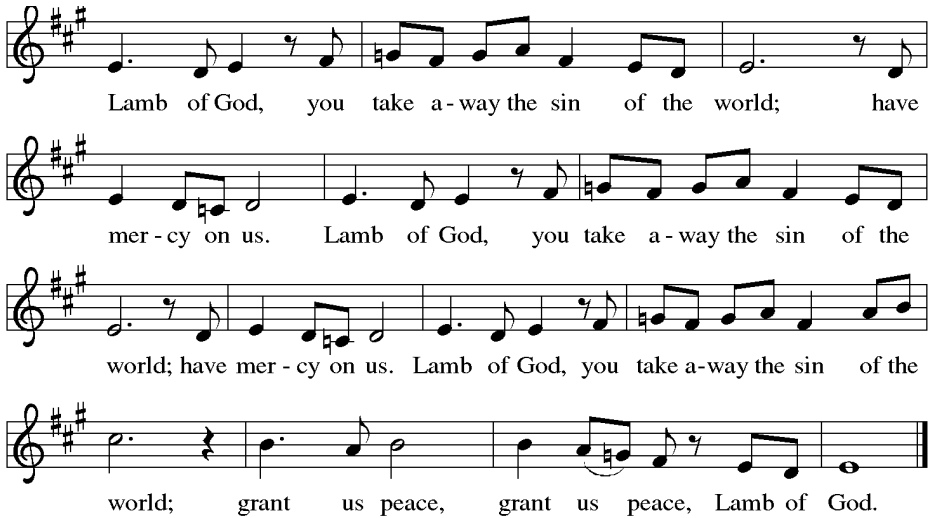
**C** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

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 Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.



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, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION

*All baptized, communion Christians are welcome to partake of the Holy Sacrament. We have gluten-free bread available and white grape juice (in addition to our traditional homemade bread and red wine) for those who need or prefer those. Simply let the pastor or assisting minister know if you prefer something other than bread and wine. Remember that we are promised that Christ is truly present in, with, and under each element.*

P The body of Christ, given for you.

C Amen.

A The blood of Christ, shed for you.

C Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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## COMMUNION HYMN

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



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



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



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

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

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*(Please stand as you are able.)*

- \*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** O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
**C** Amen.

**\*BLESSING**

- P** God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN

## Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;  
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful, might - y Lord;  
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear  
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be

help us to praise; Fa - ther all - glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -  
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy  
in this glad hour! Thou who al - might - y art, rule now in  
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - reign maj - es - ty may we in

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.  
ev - 'ry heart, nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.  
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

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Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716-1796

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go share the good news!  
C Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Katolisches Gesangbuch



In honor of Heath and Venn families by  
Karen Heath

### ALTAR FLOWER SPONSORS

Altar flower sponsors are needed for July through November.

### TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Assisting Minister: | Barb Yost  |
| Lay Reader:         | Karen Heath  |
| Acolyte:            | Caroline Stull   |
| Ushers:             | Ben Yost, Bev Weaver   |
| Altar Guild:        | Phyllis Mihalich, Sandy Brown,<br>Cindy Larkin, Barbara Lehman |
| Money Duty:         | Amy Gimbel, Terry Shaner                                       |

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, May 31

THE HOLY TRINITY

NOISY SUNDAY

Worship Service—Communion

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

Monday, June 1

Violin Lessons

German Club

2:00 pm

7:00 pm

Tuesday, June 2

Wednesday, June 3

Evangelism

Vocal Choir

12:00 Noon

6:30 pm

Thursday, June 4

Violin Lessons

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

2:30 pm

7:00 pm

Friday, June 5

Violin Lessons

3:00 pm

Saturday, June 6

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

6:30 pm

Sunday, June 7

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

Worship Service—Communion

Church Sunday School

Children's SS & Choir

Outdoor Worship Svc.

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

10:00 am

12:00 pm

LESSONS:

JUNE 7, 2026

FIRST READING

Hosea 5:15—6:6

PSALM

Psalm 50:7-15

SECOND READING

Romans 4:3-25

GOSPEL

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

## -ANNOUNCEMENTS-

### SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC:

As our choir takes its well-deserved annual summer break, we are seeking musicians of all shapes, sizes, and ages to add their talents to our 8:30 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.

### YOUR CHURCH COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

We are seeking a Church Council member to complete a term that ends at the end of 2026. 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 June, July, and August:

**June 14**

**July 19**

**August 16**

**Cleaning Products**

**Brownie and Cake Mixes and Icing**

**Canned Spaghetti-O's and Ravioli**

### NEW HOPE SUNSHINE BAGS

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

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

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

## SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

Come and enjoy our worship service outside this summer on the first and third Sundays of June, July, and August at 10:00 AM. This will be a service of the word and will not include communion. The service will be held in the front yard of St. Mark.

**Please bring your own chair.** Our regular worship service with communion will be held at 8:30 AM in the sanctuary.



# Vacation Bible School at Trindle Spring Lutheran Church

📅 Sunday, July 26, 2026 to Thursday, July 30, 2026

🕒 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

📍 14 State Road, Mechanicsburg, PA, USA

Sign up today for VBS! Throughout this program, we will go on a Tropical Trek and along the way be guided by our Savior, Jesus who is the way, the truth, and the life! Let's go on an unforgettable journey!

<https://vbsmate.com/students/trindlespringlutheranvbs/32028>

Register through the above web link for Trindle Spring Lutheran Church Vacation Bible School. Each night we'll serve a kid-friendly dinner beginning at 5pm, and VBS will run from 5:45-8pm. On Thursday evening, we'll have a big celebration open to the whole family with lots of activities, games, and more great food. Then, on Sunday, August 2, at 9:15am, all VBS participants and their families are encouraged to join our congregation for VBS Sunday - where we'll share pictures, songs and stories about our week together! So, mark your calendars now - we can't wait to see you!

## 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.

## DAY CAMP WISH LIST

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

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

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

\*\* children, grandchildren, neighbors!

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



### STRAWBERRIES & ICE CREAM

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

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

### CHURCHWIDE "LADIES and FRIENDS NIGHT OUT"

The Churchwide Ladies and Friends Night Out will be held on Thursday, June 25. Please watch your bulletin or ReMarker for details.





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|-----------------|---|
| June 7          | Strawberry Festival                                       |
| June 7 & 21     | Outdoor Worship-10:00-am                                  |
| June 7          | Mechanicsburg Community Dinner                            |
| June 18         | Mechanicsburg Jubilee Day                                 |
| June 25         | Ladies & Friends Night Out                                |
| July 5 & 19     | Outdoor Worship—10:00 am                                  |
| July 26-July 30 | Vacation Bible School at Trindle Spring                   |
| 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 13      | Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg<br>Halloween Parade |
| October 18      | 55 <sup>th</sup> Annual CROP Walk-Memorial Park           |
| November (TBA)  | Annual Meeting  |
| November        | Thanksgiving  |
| December 24     | Lighting of the Luminaries<br>Christmas Eve Services      |

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

St Mark has successfully established a non-profit Venmo account which enables electronic giving. Venmo has some fees, a 1.9% processing fee and a 10 cents per transaction fee. When you give, St Mark will pay these fees. Your donation record will reflect your full donation.

To give this way, you must have an active Venmo account. You can give using the charity name, St Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church of Mechanicsburg, @StMark-117 or using the following QR code.



If you have any questions, please contact Kevin Amos or Barb Yost.

## THE HOLY TRINITY

### MISSION PARTNERS

In Matthew 28:16-20, often referred to as “The Great Commission,” Jesus officially charges his disciples with tasks of teaching, discipling, and baptizing people of all nations and groupings. An assigned task or mission is the classic sense of the word *commission*. But what if we also considered Jesus’ charge to his disciples a *co-mission*—a mission together?

In John’s gospel, Jesus speaks plainly to the disciples about participating in, continuing, and even expanding upon Jesus’ work. Here in Matthew’s gospel, the resurrected Jesus declares his cosmic authority, having triumphed over even death, and then he immediately turns around to share that authority with the disciples. Their mission is Jesus’ mission: to build an inclusive community of compassion, mercy, and healing.

The work of Christ is shared work. We share it with one another, and we share it with Christ himself. The call to discipleship is always a community endeavor. In the liturgy for baptism, the gathered assembly affirms the newly baptized, saying, “We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God’s creative and redeeming word to all the world” (*ELW*, p. 231).

Not one of us is tasked with saving the world by ourselves. Only Jesus could and would bear that responsibility, and even he chose to invite others into the work. It is by grace that we are counted among Jesus’ disciples. And it is within the community of grace that we continue to proclaim and manifest God’s kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. We look to our community of faith for support, assurance, assistance, and solidarity as we partner with Christ and one another to bring God’s good news to the world.

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