ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
MAY 10, 2026
6th 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

Rev. Marleen Griffith-Stull, Pastor
Pastor's Cell Phone: 878-295-2173
Pastor's Email: revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com

Karen Fisher, Office Manager
Karen's Cell Phone: 717-580-7507
Church Office: 717-766-4482
Office Email: kfisher@stmarkmburg.com
Office Hours: 10:00 AM-1:00 PM – Monday through Thursday

Denise Hirn, Director of Children's Choir
Denise's Cell Phone: 717-802-1064
Email: denisehirn@hotmail.com

Brad Hull, Director of Music
Brad's Cell Phone: 202-738-2795
Email: bradleyjhull@gmail.com

www.stmarkmburg.com

Visit & like us on Facebook:
St Mark Lutheran Church Mechanicsburg

THANK YOU

Sincere thanks to men of St. Mark for presiding over the worship service this morning as a special gift for Mother's Day.

MOTHER'S DAY WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Leader: (L)	Sean Gimbel
Assisting Minister:(A)	Kevin Amos
Message: (A)	Kevin Amos
Acolyte:	Brett Hirn
Lessons Reader: (R)	Scott Kreiger
Gospel Reader: (GR)	Dave Harnish
Ushers:	Jonas Gimbel, Keith Hensel
Children's Message:	Shannon Weaver

ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF MECHANICSBURG
MAY 10, 2026
6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY COMMUNION

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:
Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS:
Matthias, Apostle
Thursday, May 14, 2026
Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.

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

PRELUDE
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain arr. R.B. Farlee

GATHERING
L CHRIST IS RISEN.
C HE IS RISEN INDEED. ALLELUIA!

(Please Stand)
***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
L In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

L 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.

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

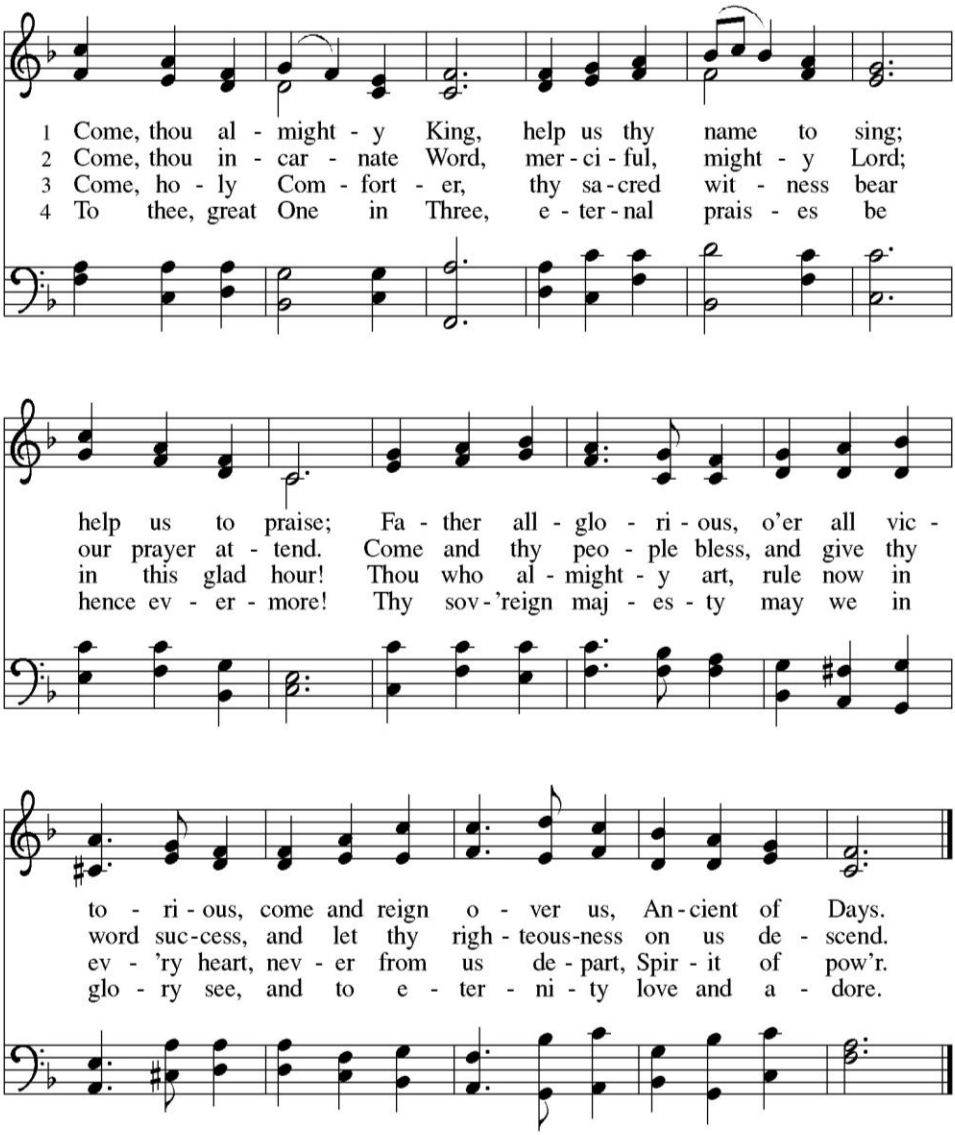
(Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or be seated.)

L 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.

L God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

Come, Thou Almighty King



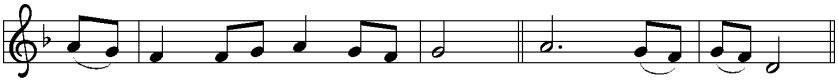
Text: source unknown, c. 1757, alt.
Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

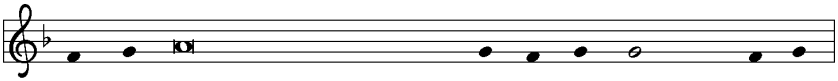
***GREETING**

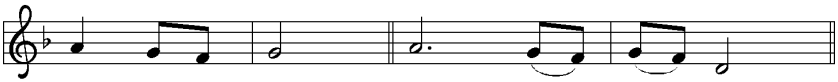
L The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

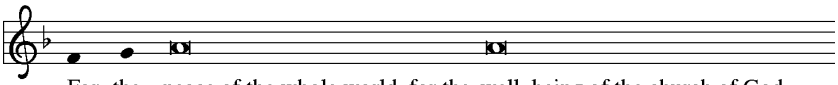
C And also with you.

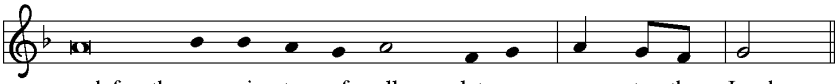
***KYRIE**

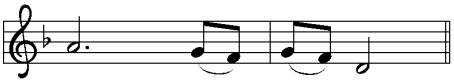


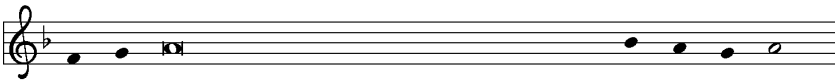


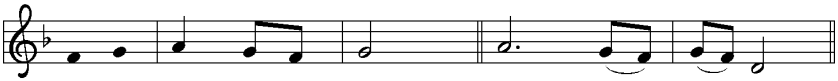


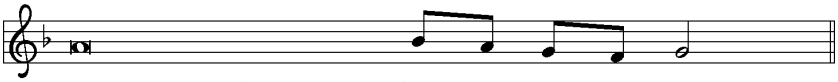


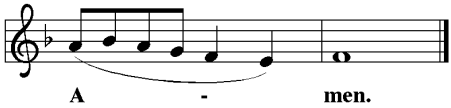




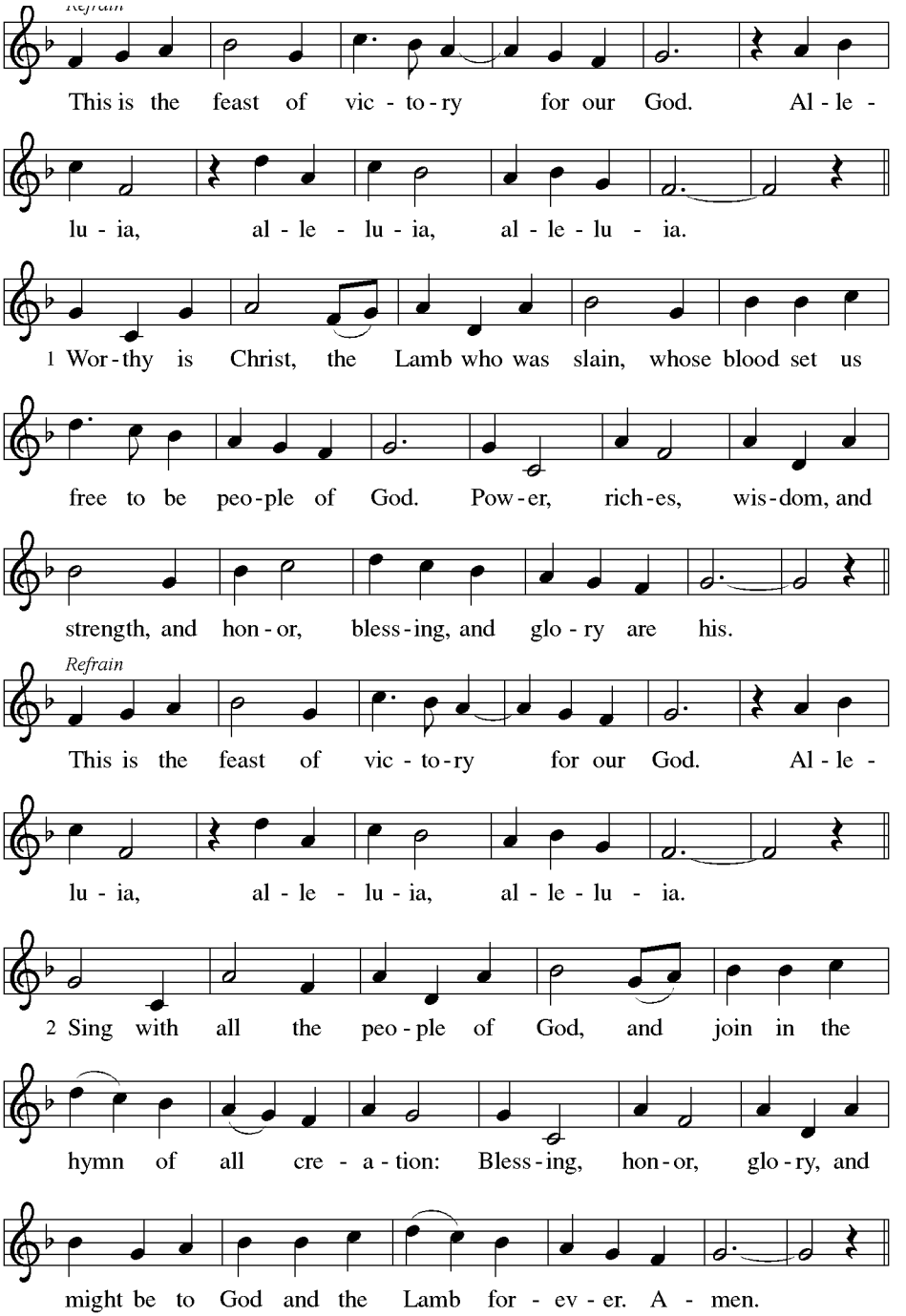




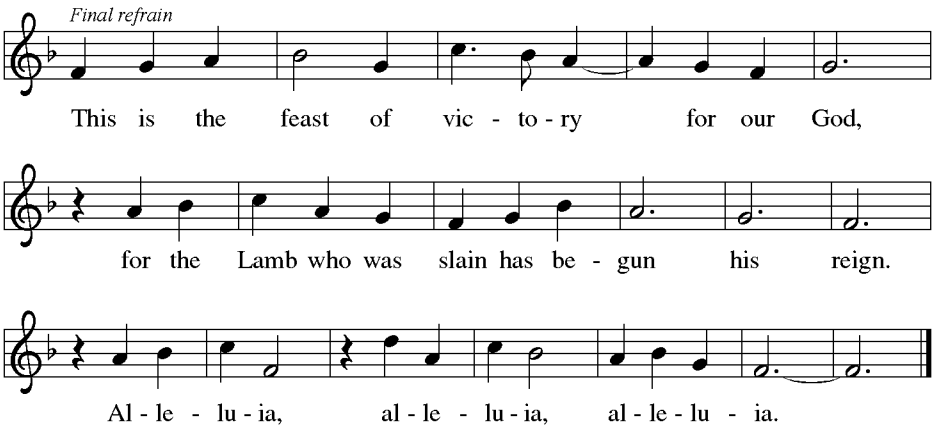




*HYMN OF PRAISE



(Continued next page.)



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy, receive the prayers of your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

ANTHEM

Easter Morn N. Johnson

BLESSING OF THE LECTOR

L Let us pray.
Bless O Lord, your servant, Scott, as he reads to us the Holy Word. May our hearts burn within us as you open to us the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

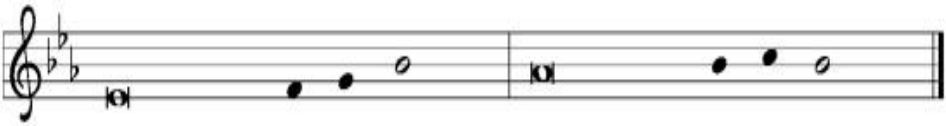
In Athens, Paul faces the challenge of proclaiming the gospel to Greeks who know nothing of either Jewish or Christian tradition. He proclaims that the "unknown god" whom they worship is the true Lord of heaven and earth who will judge the world with justice through Jesus, whom God has raised from the dead.

R A reading from Acts.

22 Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how
extremely spiritual you are in every way. 23 For as I went through the
city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among
them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What
therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. 24 The God
who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and
earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, 25 nor is he served
by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives
to all mortals life and breath and all things. 26 From one ancestor he
made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times
of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would
live, 27 so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for
him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. 28 For
'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your
own poets have said,
'For we, too, are his offspring.'
29 "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is
like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination
of mortals. 30 While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance,
now he commands all people everywhere to repent, 31 because he has
fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a
man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all
by raising him from the dead."

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

PSALM: Psalm 66:7-18
*(Please sing the Psalm responsively. Choir the regular print; congregation the **bold print**.)*



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

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

9 For you, O | God, have proved us;
you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

10 **You brought us in- | to the snare;**
you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

12 **I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will pay | you my vows,**
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.

14 **Come and listen, all you | who fear God,**
and I will tell you what he has | done for me.

15 I called out to him | with my mouth,
and his praise was | on my tongue.

16 **If I had found evil | in my heart,**
the Lord would | not have heard me;

17 but in truth | God has heard me;
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.

18 **Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,**
nor withheld his | love from me.

SECOND LESSON: 1st Peter 3:13-22

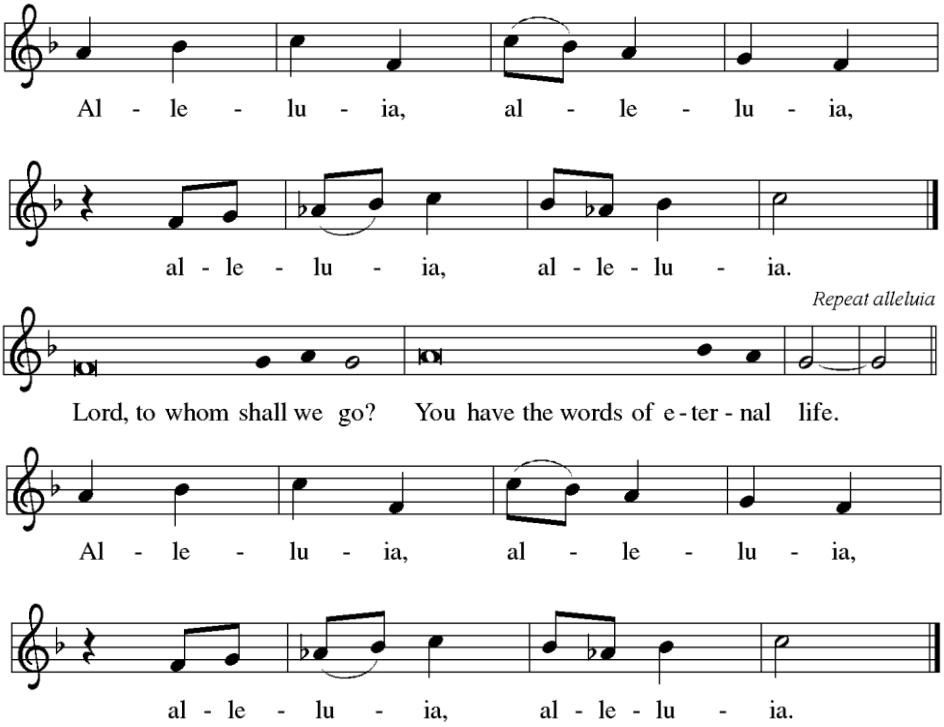
The author of 1 Peter encourages Christians to remain faithful even in the face of defamation and persecution. In baptism we are made clean to act in accordance with what is right.

R A reading from 1st Peter.

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? 14 But even
if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear
what they fear, and do not be intimidated, 15 but in your hearts sanctify
Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who
demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, 16 yet do it
with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when
you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ
may be put to shame. 17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if
suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. 18 For Christ
also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in
order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made
alive in the spirit, 19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to
the spirits in prison, 20 who in former times did not obey, when God
waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in
which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. 21 And
baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt
from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through
the resurrection of Jesus Christ, 22 who has gone into heaven and is at
the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made
subject to him.

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

***ALLELUIA VERSE**



GOSPEL: John 14:15-21
In final words to his disciples on the night of his arrest, Jesus encourages obedience to his commandments and speaks of the Spirit, who will be with them forever.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 15 "If you love me, you will keep my
commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you
another Advocate, to be with you forever. 17 This is the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows
him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

(Continued next page.)

[18] "I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. [19] In a little
while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I
live, you also will live. [20] On that day you will know that I am in my
Father, and you in me, and I in you. [21] They who have my
commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who
love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal
myself to them."

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE
Shannon Weaver

MESSAGE
Kevin Amos

***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.

L 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.

L The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C And also with you.

L Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY
Christ Arose R. Lowry

***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!

Text: Paul z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
Text © 1958 *service book and hymnal*, admin. Augsburg fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

***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.

(Pastor Marleen to preside at Communion)

***PREFACE**

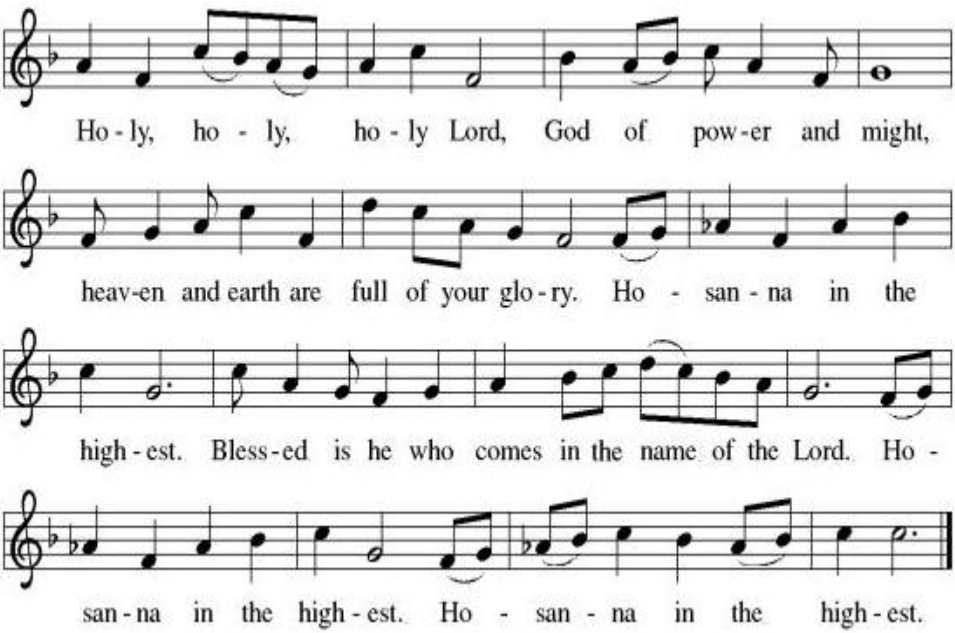
P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

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**



***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

C Come, Holy Spirit.

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

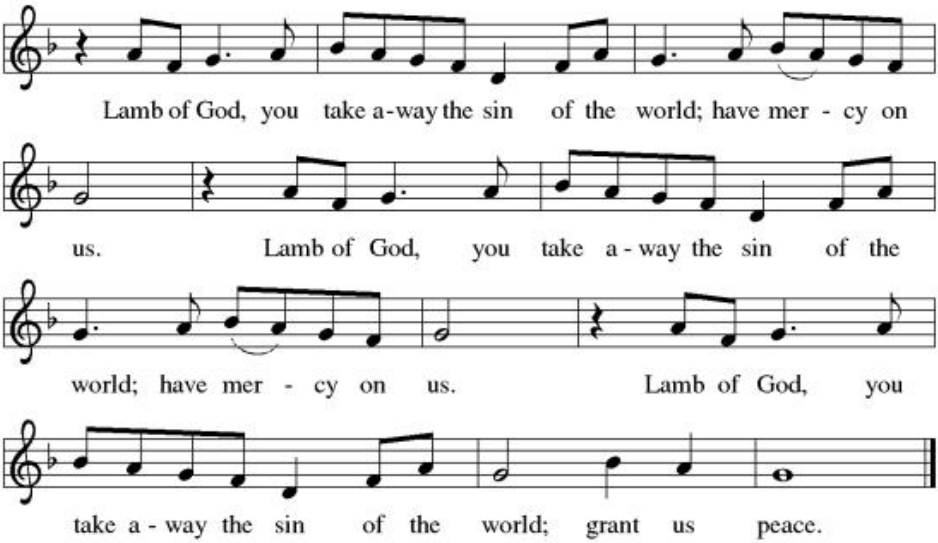
C Amen.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

***COMMUNION**

P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.



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.

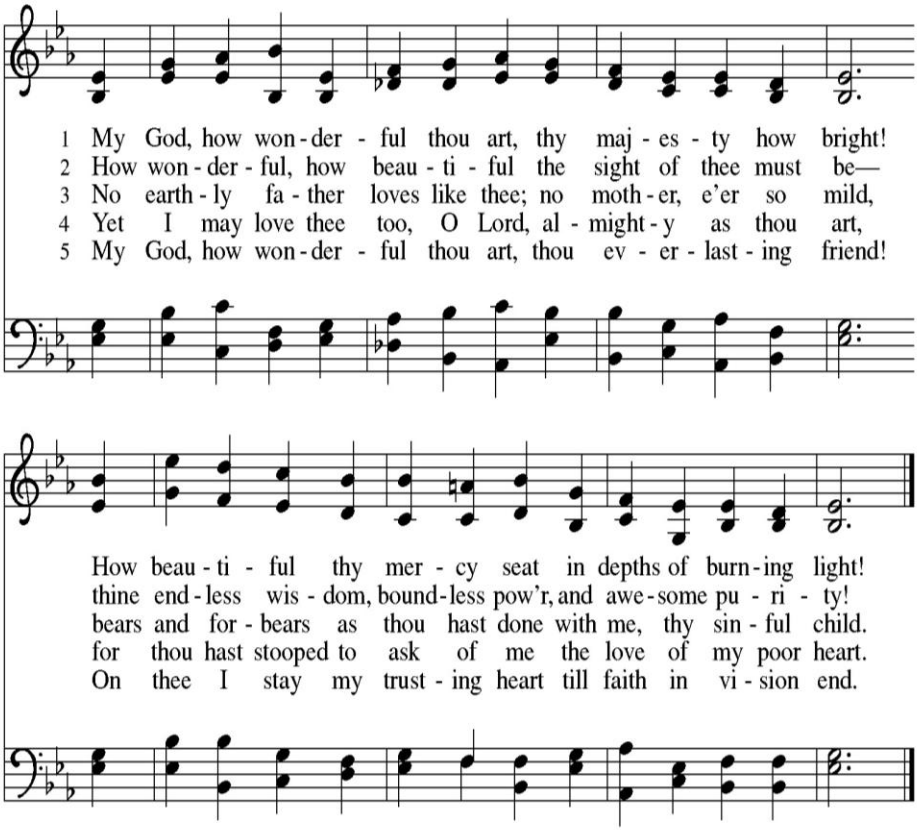
P The body of Christ, given for you.
C Amen.

A The blood of Christ, shed for you.
C Amen.

COMMUNION – PLEASE SING THE FOLLOWING HYMNS DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

HYMN OF THE DAY

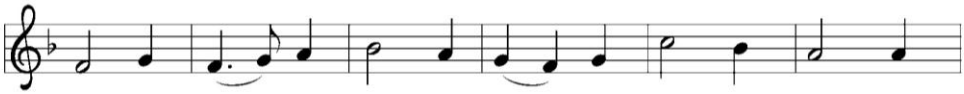
My God, How Wonderful Thou Art



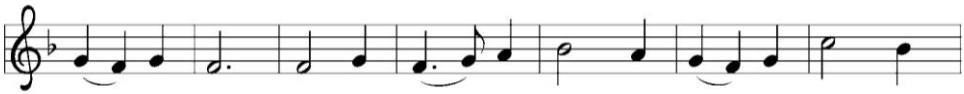
Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

COMMUNION

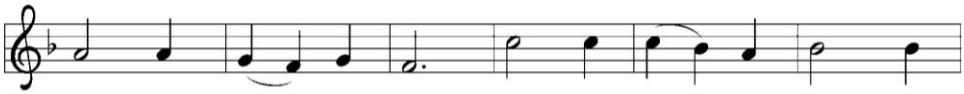
Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



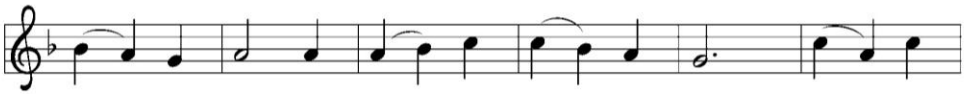
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



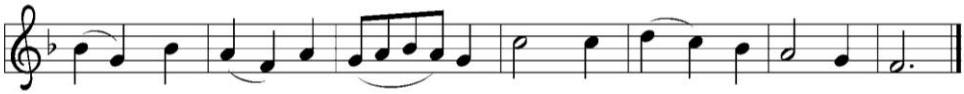
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his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

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*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**

L 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**

Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour - ish.
3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.

nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
his the lov - ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958
Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune
Text © 1925 Board of Publication, Lutheran Church in America, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

L **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**
Fantasia for Easter arr. A Whitworth

In loving memory of Dean Fisher by Karen Fisher and Family

In honor of granddaughter Julia's 22nd birthday (May 25) and her college graduation from the University of Texas in Austin by her Grammy, Karen Fisher

TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Altar Guild: Sandy Brown, Sara Jane Miller

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 no later than May 17** so that we may recognize them in the June ReMarker.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

Sunday, May 10	**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**
	MOTHER'S DAY (Men leading worship)
8:30 am	**Worship Service**
9:45 am	**Church Sunday School**
9:45 am	**Children's SS & Choir**
10:45 am	**Youth & Family Ministry**
12:00 pm	**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**
Monday, May 11	
2:45 pm	**Violin Lessons**
7:00 pm	**German Club**
Tuesday, May 12	
1:00 pm	**Book Club Meeting**
6:30 pm	**WinGS Ladies Night Out at Appalachian Brewing Company**
Wednesday, May 13	
11:00 am	**Bible Study**
1:00 pm	**Finance**
6:30 pm	**Vocal Choir**
Thursday, May 14	**REMARKER DEADLINE**
9:00 am	**Property Committee**
1:00 pm	**Fellowship Committee**
2:30 pm	**Violin Lessons**
7:00 pm	**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**
Friday, May 15	
3:45 pm	**Violin Lessons**
7:00 pm	**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**
Saturday, May 16	
8:00 am	**Spread Tan Bark**
6:30 pm	**Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros**
Sunday, May 17	**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**

LESSONS:	**MAY 17, 2026**
FIRST READING	**Acts 1:6-14**
PSALM	**Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35**
SECOND READING	**1st Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11**
GOSPEL	**John 17:1-11**

-ANNOUNCEMENTS-

BOOK CLUB
The next book club meeting is **May 12 at 1:00 PM**. The book is "*The Red Tent*," by Anita Diamont. The Red Tent (1997) is a compelling retelling of the biblical story from the perspective of Dinah, daughter of Jacob and Leah. The book explores Dinah's experiences as a woman in the biblical era, her time in the red tent, and her ill-fated love affair with Prince Shalem. The novel highlights family dynamics, female empowerment, and the lives of strong, distinct women within Jacob's household. Readers follow Dinah from childhood through her adulthood, including her work as a midwife in Egypt and her struggle to find independence from her family. Anita Diamant's narrative transforms a brief biblical account into a rich, intimate story of love, loss, and resilience.

We look forward to conversation and fellowship with you. We encourage you to share and invite a friend. The book is available through the library, Amazon, or Thrift books.

SPREAD TAN BARK—WE NEED YOU!!!
We will be spreading tan bark on **Saturday, May 16, beginning at 8:00 AM, rain or shine.** Shovels, pitchforks, rakes and/or wheelbarrows are helpful to bring, but are not required. Please let Ben Yost know if you plan to be there. The more, the merrier, and the quicker it gets done!

SPAGHETTI DINNER AND HYMN SING
Join your church family on **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. To ensure we have enough food prepared, please use the sign-up sheets located on the bulletin board by the parking lot door, on the table in the Narthex, or contact the church office to sign up.

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.

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!

SUMMER OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

Gathering's theme: *Imagine More, Courage, Joy, Love, Welcome, and Grace*. We will learn how the Kingdom of God is a place of **more. This FREE** camp is a great way for our youth and youth in our community to grow in their faith! If you know young people who would like to attend, invite them to join us. If you want to be part of sharing faith with the next generation, let Pastor Marleen know, and we will find ways for you to participate.

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: _____

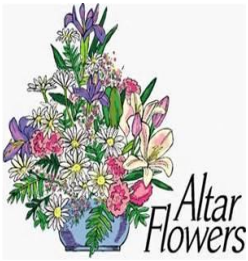
Sponsor Phone #: _____

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

c

Please check any that apply!

□ Flowers will be picked up by sponsors.

□ Deliver one vase of flowers to shut-in or hospital

□ Deliver both vases of flowers to shut-in or hospital

Please contact Connie Kuntz at 717-503-5244 with any questions.

THANK YOU!

UPcoming EVENTS

May 12	Book Club
May 16	Spreading of tan bark
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 Halloween Parade
October 18	55th Annual CROP Walk-Memorial Park
November (TBA)	Annual Meeting
December 24	Lighting of the Luminaries Christmas Eve Services

-WORD SEARCH-

Mother's Day Word Search

Children
Flowers
Caring
Mother
Kisses
Family
Dinner
Friend
Parent
Travel
Heart
Home
Shop
Birth
Love
Meal
Kind
Mom
May
Hug

E	S	J	Y	R	Y	M	E	R	K	I	Q	B	G	B
B	I	R	T	H	I	D	R	M	R	J	Z	C	Q	I
F	I	M	E	A	L	Z	B	U	Q	N	N	X	U	R
R	Z	D	O	W	N	P	I	P	K	Z	W	N	H	H
G	E	O	J	M	O	Z	S	G	F	P	P	D	B	M
C	W	H	A	T	H	L	P	P	O	H	S	O	J	G
Z	O	W	T	W	K	O	F	A	X	G	Q	Y	Y	J
P	G	B	K	O	H	I	M	R	D	F	A	B	S	H
T	N	K	F	R	M	D	A	E	V	O	L	T	C	Q
E	G	X	U	P	Z	A	Y	N	Y	P	I	U	S	V
Q	V	R	A	T	T	P	S	T	G	F	W	B	L	B
G	I	I	B	R	O	R	J	Y	R	Y	V	X	G	F
Q	W	F	Y	D	R	F	U	X	X	A	C	Q	H	R
O	D	F	B	L	D	K	L	D	P	J	V	J	E	V
T	K	P	S	D	I	I	S	V	G	T	J	E	V	L
Y	K	V	U	B	N	M	O	E	I	A	Z	A	L	G
R	W	L	Y	N	N	I	A	K	S	L	K	B	T	M
Q	D	K	E	I	E	P	K	F	W	S	P	T	R	L
K	I	I	X	P	R	R	N	D	N	E	I	R	F	F
Q	M	E	G	Y	T	Q	D	Q	J	W	H	K	Q	W
F	X	B	F	J	T	R	C	L	V	C	J	N	W	V
C	Z	S	X	E	B	C	A	R	I	N	G	N	O	I
Z	T	Y	X	P	A	Q	P	E	T	H	Z	U	K	J
U	Y	Z	S	E	H	G	E	W	H	Y	C	C	H	T
P	P	V	M	W	E	Z	O	O	A	N	W	F	B	C
T	R	E	R	D	G	E	U	E	P	Q	P	G	X	F

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

THE PERSPECTIVE OF LOVE

It has been said that, on our journey of discipleship, each of us receives new eyeglasses. These glasses have a prescription that filters out all the cobwebs and distractions, giving us the ability to see everything through love. If we wonder what a particular scripture passage means, we read and interpret it through love. If we wonder how to make a big decision, we discern it through love. If we wonder how to respond to a challenging person or situation, we consider responses through the perspective of love.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments,” Jesus says to his disciples (John 14:15). Loving Jesus means keeping his commandments and keeping his commandments means loving; loving God, loving our neighbors as ourselves, and seeing our neighbors and ourselves in the same way our God of grace and forgiveness sees us.

We are not left on our own to maintain this perspective of love in all that we see, think, say, and do. Jesus promises that he and the Holy Spirit will not only be alongside us but will also live in us forever.

Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS004360.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.