

**ST. MARK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH  
OF MECHANICSBURG  
OCTOBER 12, 2025  
18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**



**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

**8:30 am - Sanctuary & Zoom Worship Service**

**9:45 am - Sunday Church School**

**9:45 am - Children's SS and Choir**

**11:00 am - First Sunday of each month**

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## Church Council

Calling all Members of St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church. Your Church Council would like to invite you to Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 12, following worship**. Our focus for this meeting is to update you on St. Mark's

current financial status and to find out if you have any questions. Currently, monthly financial reports are provided in *The ReMarker*. We hope this information is helpful to you and would like your feedback. In addition, this meeting could be a time to address any questions you may have in preparation for the upcoming budget meeting in November.

Refreshments will be provided by your Church Council. So please come with your questions and enjoy some goodies with your fellow members.

If you find this meeting helpful, we would like to offer additional meetings where we can keep you updated on what the Council is working on and address any concerns and or questions you may have. Your Church Council is here to serve you, the members of St. Mark.

As always, if you are interested in joining Council, please talk to a Council member.

### Current Church Council Members

Terry Shaner  
Jo Ann Novinger  
Amy Gimbel  
Ben Yost  
Denise Hirn  
Karen Fisher  
Pastor Marleen

### Non-Council

Barb Yost, Treasurer  
Phyllis Mihalich, Fellowship

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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**

*It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.*

**UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS**

**Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582  
Wednesday, October 15, 2025**

A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.

**Luke, Evangelist**

**Saturday, October 18, 2025**

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon.

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

**PRELUDE MUSIC**  
*Fuge in C Major*

D. Buxtehude

**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, ✙ 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.

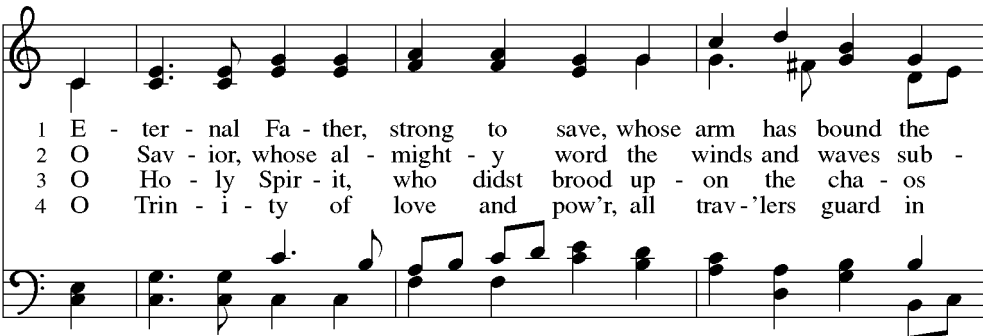
*Silence for reflection and self-examination. Please kneel or be seated.*

**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.**

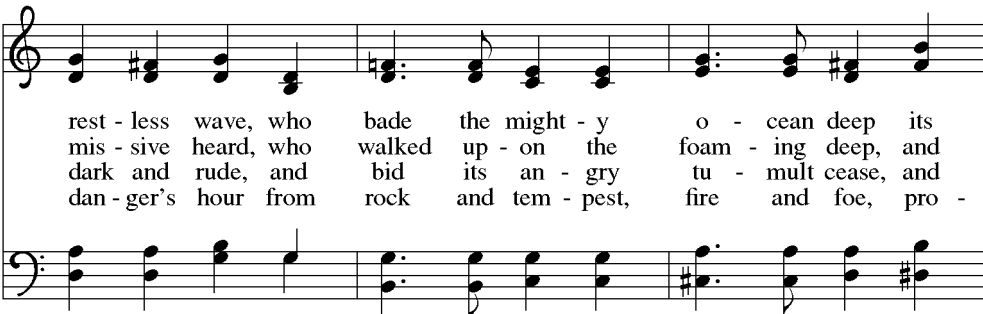
**P** Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ  
came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have  
been found. In the name of ✙ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**C** Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN

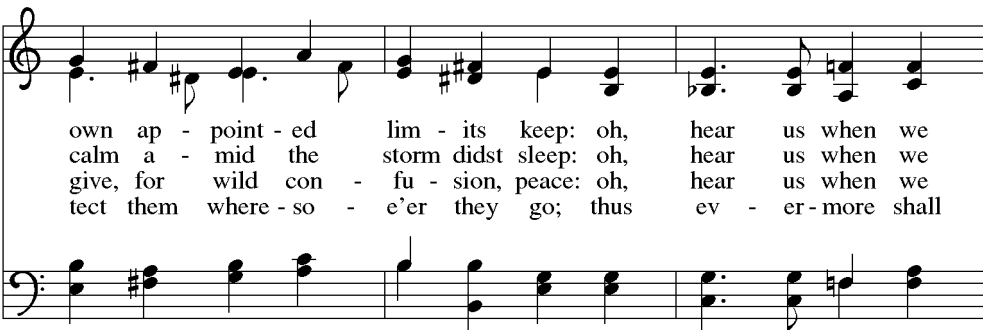
# Eternal Father, Strong to Save



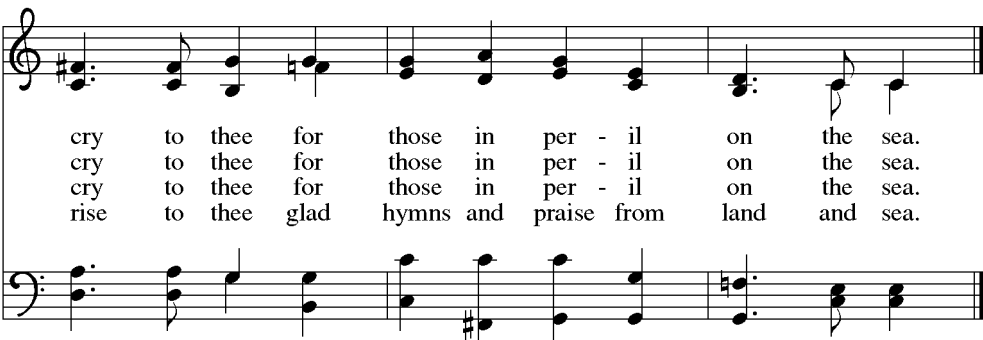
1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the  
 2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -  
 3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os  
 4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in



rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its  
 mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and  
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and  
 dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we  
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we  
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

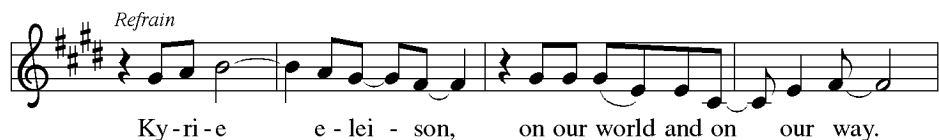


cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

## \*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



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



hun - gry and the poor; that

friends and fam - i - ly; for

wa - ter and the word; that you



we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,

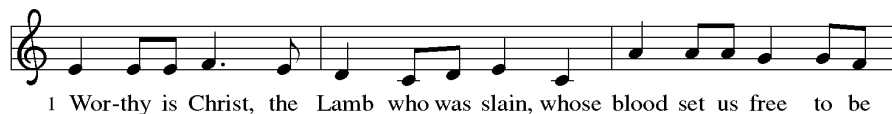
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,

nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

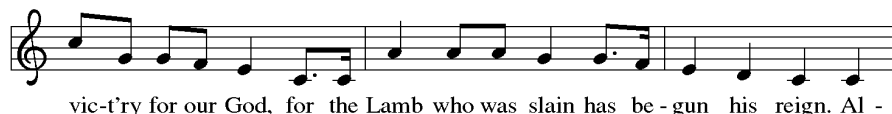


# \*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



*Refrain*



*Final refrain*



## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

P Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

## ANTHEM

*I Want to Thank You Lord*

M. Hogan/arr. B. Harlan

## FIRST LESSON: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

*Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.*

R A reading from 2<sup>ND</sup> Kings.

<sup>1</sup> Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.



<sup>8</sup> They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.

<sup>9</sup> He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is his name.

<sup>10</sup> The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;  
those who act accordingly have a good understanding. His praise endures forever.

## SECOND LESSON: 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:8-15

*Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.*

R A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy.

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

<sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

<sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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: Luke 17:11-19

*Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

# We Come to You for Healing, Lord

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

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

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

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

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764-1824

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## **\*APOSTLES CREED**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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      Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church,  
the world, and all creation.

A      God of grace,  
C      receive our prayer.

P      We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace  
and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
C      Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Cantilene from Sonata No XI, op.148*

J. Rheinberger

\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps). The melody is primarily in the Treble clef, while the bass clef provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the staves, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first system of music covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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

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

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **\*THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD**

**P** Holy God,  
mighty Fortress, loving Redeemer, steadfast Comforter,  
as vegetation matures in forests and fields, your living Word  
undergirds all that lives. We praise your eternal Word.

**C** **We praise your eternal Word.**

**P** In the words of the scriptures you offer us Christ:  
our refuge, our savior, our friend, accompanying us throughout  
our years and renewing us in love. We praise Jesus, your Word.

**C** **We praise Jesus, your Word.**

**P** We pray for power from your abiding Spirit.  
Strengthen us to stand firm in faith, in devotion to your Word,  
and in service to others. We pray for the Spirit of your Word.

**C** **We pray for the Spirit of your Word.**

**P** To you be honor and praise and glory, today 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 God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✚  
bless you now and forever.

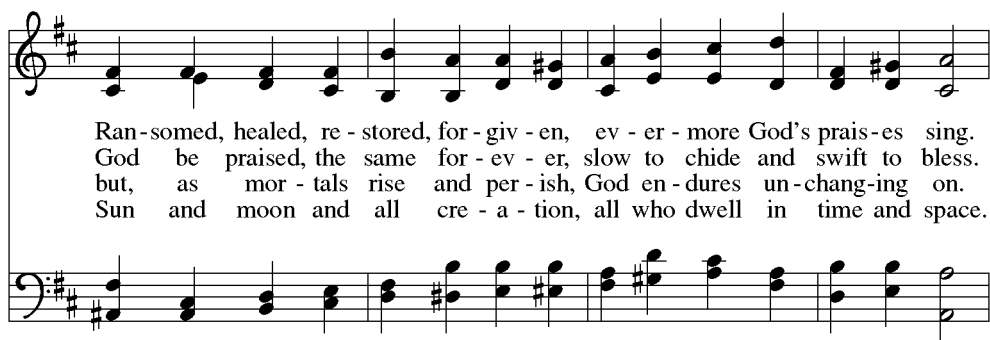
**C** **Amen.**

## \*CLOSING HYMN

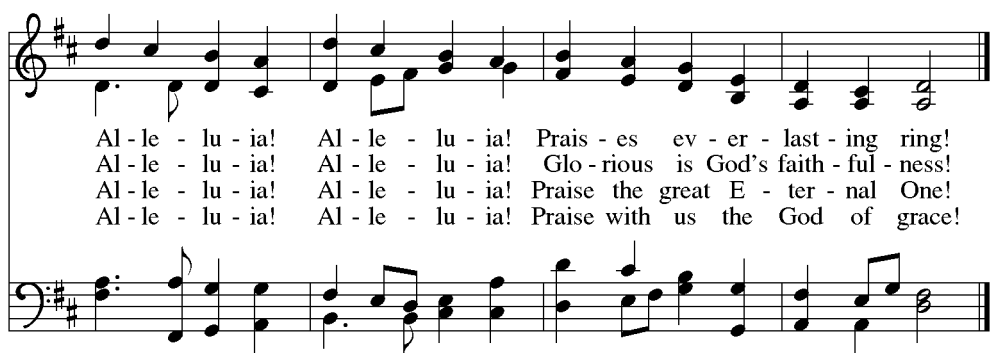
# Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; joy - ful - ly your trib-ute bring.  
2 God be praised for grace and fa - vor to our fore-bears in dis-tress.  
3 Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
4 An - gels sing in ad - o - ra - tion, in God's pres-ence, face to face.



Ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more God's prais-es sing.  
God be praised, the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.  
but, as mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.  
Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion, all who dwell in time and space.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es ev - er - last - ing ring!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious is God's faith - ful - ness!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the great E - ter - nal One!  
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847; alt. Walter R. Bouman, 1927–2005  
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*DISMISSAL

A      Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
C      Thanks be to God.

### \*POSTLUDE

*Count Your Blessings*

Oatman/Excell



### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of our daughter, Mitzi Imbo, by Ez and Andi Sassaman.

In memory of Nancy Kapp by Jack Kapp and Barbara Lehman.

### TODAY'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister:	Matt Yost
Lay Reader:	Scott Kreiger
Acolyte:	Katie Stull
Ushers:	Sara Jane Miller, Karen Heath
Altar Guild:	Michele Connor, Cindy Larkin
Money Duty:	Amy Gimbel, Karen Fisher

### 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.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK

**Sunday, October 12**

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

Worship Service

Council Connection-Fellowship Hall

Children's SS and Choir

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

**Monday, October 13**

2:45 pm

7:00 pm

**REMARKER DEADLINE**

Violin Lessons

German Group

**Tuesday, October 14**

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Soup on the Sidewalk

Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade

**Wednesday, October 15**

11:00 am

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Bible Study

Bell Choir

Adult Vocal Choir

**Thursday, October 16**

2:00 pm

6:45 pm

Violin Lessons

Church Council

**Friday, October 17**

2:30 pm

Violin Lessons

**Saturday, October 18**

8:00 am

Pancake Breakfast-Shepherdstown

UMC to benefit CROP Walk

**Sunday, October 19**

8:30 am

9:45 am

9:45 am

12:00 pm

1:00 pm

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**HARVEST HOME**

**CROP WALK**

Worship Service-Communion

Sunday Church School

Children's SS and Choir

Iglesia Dios Con Nosotros

CROP Walk at Mechanicsburg

Memorial Park

**LESSONS:**

**FIRST LESSON**

**PSALM**

**SECOND LESSON**

**GOSPEL**

**OCTOBER 19, 2025**

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

## -ANNOUNCEMENTS-

### COUNCIL CONNECTION

Please join your Church Council members in Fellowship Hall following this morning's worship service for important updates on our current financial status and answer any questions you may have. Refreshments will be provided by your Church Council members.

**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. Bring your soup no later than 5:45 pm on the night of the parade. 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 CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY


Please join our team of **St. Mark Keller St. Walkers** at the 2025 Mechanicsburg/West Shore CROP Hunger 5K Walk to feed the poor. The walk will take place rain or shine on **Sunday afternoon, October 19, 2025**, at **Memorial Park in Mechanicsburg**. **EVERY** dollar donated will benefit these local and global organizations who aid the most vulnerable: New Hope Ministries, Mechanicsburg Area Meals on Wheels, and Church World Service.

Walkers can join our team (**ST. MARK KELLER ST. WALKERS**) at [2025 CROP Hunger Walk - St. Mark Keller St. Walkers](#) or walk individually.

All walkers can donate generously on-line, collect dollars from sponsors (reminding them to make checks payable to CWS/CROP) and bring checks to the event on October 19.

Please contact Karen for questions or additional information.

*Karen Fisher, Team Captain*



Click this link to donate to a team member or to "sign-up" to walk.

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

1:00 PM - New Registrations

1:30 PM - Team Pictures

1:50 PM - Kick Off

2:00 PM - Walk Begins

**WOMEN IN GOD'S SERVICE**

This month, due to the Halloween Parade occurring on October 14, the WinGS will meet on **October 21 at 6:30 pm**. All women are invited to attend. Bring a friend!

**LADIES AND FRIENDS NIGHT OUT**

Our next Ladies Night Out will be held, Thursday, **October 23, 2025, 6:15 pm at Snappers in Mechanicsburg**. Please RSVP to Karen Fisher no later than Sunday, October 19. Hope to see you there!

<https://mechanicsburgrestaurant.com/>

**NEW HOPE MINISTRIES—HELPING THOSE IN NEED**

The Social Ministry Committee designates one Sunday per month to bring items in support of New Hope Ministries. Following are the items for October, November, and December:

**October 19** - Harvest Home including canned Meat and Fish.

**November 2** - Thanksgiving Food Items

Turkey, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

**December 7** - Christmas Food Items

Turkey or Ham, Potatoes, Stuffing, Canned Yams, Canned Corn, Canned Green Beans, Cranberry Sauce, Gravy, Aluminum Roaster pan, Pumpkin Pie Mix, Boxed Potatoes, Canned Fruit Cocktail, Boxed Stuffing, Dry Beans, or anything you would like to give.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**

On **Sunday, November 2, 2025**, we will remember the Saints who have died in faith since last All Saints' Sunday (November 3, 2024). **If you have a loved one whom you would like to remember this year, please contact the church office no later than Monday, October 20.**

## **BOOK CLUB**

The Evangelism Committee is hosting a book club read on **Thursday, November 4, at 1:00 pm in the parlor**. The suggested read is a book entitled, *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrik Backman. The book is available through the library, Thrift Books, or Amazon. Please join us for fellowship and discussion.

## **PARENTS' NIGHT OUT & YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT**

Mark your calendars for Saturday, **November 22, 2025**—it's going to be a fun-filled evening at St. Mark Lutheran Church!

### ***Parents' Night Out (5:00-7:00 p.m.)***

Need a break? We've got you covered! Parents of potty trained preschoolers through 5th grade children are invited to enjoy a night out while your kids enjoy a safe and fun evening right here at church. From 5:00-7:00 p.m., our Older Youth and Adult volunteers will provide babysitting, dinner, and engaging activities for the children. Please let us know how many children and their ages will be attending **NO LATER THAN Wednesday, November 19** by emailing:

[revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com)

### ***Youth Movie Night (7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.)***

The fun doesn't stop there! At 7:00 p.m., our Older Youth will stay for a special Movie Night. Popcorn will be provided, and each youth is asked to bring along a favorite snack to share with friends.

This evening is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, fun, and a little break for parents—while our young people build community together. Don't miss it!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>OCTOBER 2025</b>	<b>PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH</b>
<b>October 12</b>	<b>Council Connection - Fellowship Hall</b>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>Soup on the Sidewalk at Mechanicsburg Halloween Parade</b>
<b>October 18</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast-Shepherdstown UMC to benefit CROP Walk</b>
<b>October 19</b>	<b>CROP Walk at Memorial Park</b>
<b>October 21</b>	<b>WinGS</b>
<b>October 23</b>	<b>Ladies &amp; Friends Night Out 6:15 pm-Snappers, Mechanicsburg</b>
<b>October 25</b>	<b>Kid's Halloween Party</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>All Saints Sunday</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Book Club</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Congregation Meeting</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Parent's Night Out (5:00 pm-7:00 pm)</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Youth Movie Night (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)</b>
<b>December 13</b>	<b>Decorate church for Christmas</b>
<b>December 24</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Services &amp; Lighting of the Luminaries</b>



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Saturday, October 18th, 2025**

**8-11:00 a.m.**

Shepherdstown United Methodist Church

1934 S. York St., Mechanicsburg, Pa 17055

Fellowship Hall

The Mission Team invites you to join us for a

**Pancake Breakfast/Mission Meal**

**Menu:**

**Pancakes**

**Sausage Links**

**Scrambled Eggs**

**Fruit Cups**

**Coffee, Tea**

**Milk (Chocolate/White)**

**Orange Juice, Apple Juice**

**100 % of the Donations will be given to  
Mechanicsburg/ West Shore CROP Hunger Walk**



PUT ON YOUR COSTUME AND JOIN US FOR SOME FUN  
AT THE

ST. MARK LUTHERAN CHURCH  
**Halloween Party**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

3:00-4:30 P.M.

FELLOWSHIP HALL

117 W. KELLER STREET

MECHANICSBURG, PA 17050

SNACKS, DEVOTIONS, AND GAMES  
AGES PRESCHOOL-5TH GRADE

R.S.V.P. to [revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com](mailto:revmarleen@stmarkmburg.com) by October 22nd



## LECTIONARY 28

### ON COMMON GROUND

Ten people are healed by Jesus, but only one returns to thank him. That is the central tension of today's gospel story. But there is also a twist, one we may have missed if we were not listening closely: the one who thanked Jesus was a Samaritan.

The faithful of Jesus' time would have known all about the hostility between Judeans and Samaritans. The conflict between the two groups stretched back generations and generations. It was animosity so entrenched that people probably did not remember the specifics of the fight. They just knew they hated the other side. A Judean would never associate with a Samaritan, much less heal one of them.

But as we see in this story and others throughout the gospels, Jesus did not seem to care about the labels the world assigned to people: scribe or Pharisee, sinner or tax collector. Jesus also did not stop to consider whether the person was from Judea or Samaria. He looked into the eyes of all who came to him and saw directly to their humanity. He brought healing and wholeness to everyone.

Just as Jesus told the Samaritan, he could tell us, too, that our faith makes us well. God gives us faith that overcomes the destructive words of the world, allowing us to transcend barriers and labels and to recognize the humanity in each individual. God is also calling us as a whole community to go and seek out the Samaritans of our own time and place—anyone whom the rest of the world rejects and reviles—and show them the same compassion and mercy we have received.

God's love makes us whole. Words can hurt, but thanks to Jesus, words can heal too. More often than not, we will find common ground through God's power to heal, even among the Samaritans.

A handwritten phrase "Thank you ..." in a red, cursive script. The word "Thank" is written in a large, flowing style, and "you" is smaller and more compact. The phrase ends with three dots.

**We Appreciate You !!!**

## **RECOGNIZING OUR CHURCH FAMILY**

St. Mark would like to say “*Thank You*” to all of our 80 year old plus members for all they have done and continue to do for our congregation! If you are between 80 and 85, please contact Shannon Weaver at 717-691-1618 (leave a message) **no later than October 19** to share all the ways you have actively participated in our ministry over the years.

If you know someone who should be recognized, please contact Shannon to put them on our list! We don’t want to miss any of this valued group.

*Pastor Marleen and Shannon Weaver*



PASTOR  
APPRECIATION

*Thank You For All You Do!*

