

Bulletin -August 2, 2026

CONSIDER THIS

In today's first reading God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

Prelude *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

(Katholisches Gesangbuch arr. Berry)

Offertory *Come Let Us Eat (Kwillia arr Grime)*

Postlude *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Jamaican Folk Tune (arr. Potter, Carter)

Entrance Hymn #461 *All Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Hymn of the day #515 *Break Now the Bread of Life*



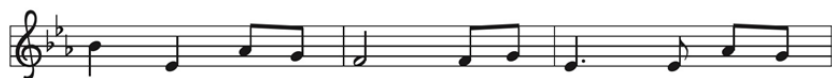
Communion Hymns

484 *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

ACS 966 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



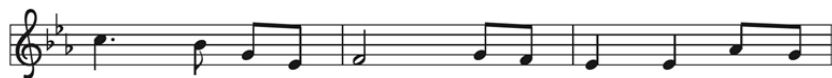
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Sending Hymn 674 *Let Us Talents and Tongues* *Employ*

PRAYER OF THE DAY...Let us pray.

A Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 55:1-5

God invites Israel to a great feast at which both food and drink are free. God also promises to make an everlasting covenant with all peoples, with promises that previously had been limited to Israel. As David was a witness to the nations, these nations shall now acknowledge the ways in which God has glorified Israel.

A reading from Isaiah

¹Hear, everyone who thirsts;
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and
nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of
the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has
glorified you.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE

VERSE) ⁸ The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹ **Lord, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹ **You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰ You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹ **My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Lesson: Romans 9:1-5

This begins a new section in Paul's letter in which he will deal with the place of Israel in God's saving plan. He opens by highlighting how Israel's heritage and legacy include being God's children, having God's covenants, being given God's law, participating in worship of God, and receiving divine promises.

A reading from Romans

¹ I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—² I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³ For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. ⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵ to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 14:13-21

After John the Baptist is murdered, Jesus desires a time of solitude. Still, his compassion for others will not allow him to dismiss those who need him, and he is moved to perform one of his greatest miracles.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 14th
Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

¹³ Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P The Gospel of the Lord
C Praise to You O Christ

Nicene Creed

C 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.

THE PRAYERS

A Merciful God,

C receive our prayer

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen



THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

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Bennett

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The staff of the Child Advocacy Center continues to appreciate your generous donations that help the children and families they serve. **In addition to the health care items, they are now in need of school supplies for the children.** There is a link to their Amazon Wish list or any general school supplies would be greatly appreciated.

Most needed health care items:

deodorant for men and women,
shampoo/conditioner for African American families
(Pantene Classic Clean 2 in 1), adult and child
toothpaste, alcohol free mouthwash

School supplies:

any bookbags, pencils, pens, notebooks, rulers,
boxes of crayons, pencil boxes/bags, binders, and
folders

"Stuffies" such as Squishmallows or other stuffed
plush are always welcomed.

Thank you for your continued generous support.
Here is a link to our Community Closet list on
Amazon, which includes a variety of the school
supplies and hygiene products that are helpful for
us to keep on hand.



[Amazon Gift List](https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2S91HJV9RNEX9)

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Like us on Facebook - St. Mark's is on Facebook - Follow our
page and share with your friends. It's a great way to let your
friends know about all the good things happening here!

Altar Flowers are in memory of my parents. Given
by Sandy Sherwood.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	08/02	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anonymous
MONDAY	08/03		
TUESDAY	08/04	8:00 am	Men's Breakfast
		9:00 am	Projects Day
		6:00 pm	Worship, Music & Arts Ministry
WEDNESDAY	08/05	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	08/06	1:00 pm	Craft Artisans
FRIDAY	08/07		
SATURDAY	08/08	8:00 am	Community Breakfast
SUNDAY	08/09	8:15 am	Worship
		9:45 am	Intergenerational Sunday School
		11:00 am	Worship
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gambler's Anon

Pastor Jim will be out of office this week.

A SEASON OF GIVING — EMMOR BOSLET

As we approach the holidays, our thoughts turn to giving — cookies to the postman, money to the paperboy, and gifts to friends and family.

Being a financial advisor, it was a busy time for us as well. Making sure our retired clients who were 70 1/2 (now 72) or older completed their RMD's (required minimum distributions).

Today, if they are retired and 72 and older...and have retirement accounts such as IRA's, 401K's or similar, you must start making withdrawals. The money counts as ordinary income and you pay federal income tax on the withdrawn money.

The custodian of your retirement accounts is required to notify you of that minimum amount you must withdraw but you can always take out more.

But you can avoid paying federal tax on the withdrawn amount if you donate all or part directly to a church or licensed charity.

What a wonderful way to tithe with tax free money.

MEALS-ON-WHEELS: Want to give back to your community and help seniors that are in need of meals. The Area Agency on Aging is looking for volunteers. Meal delivery is one day a month and only takes about 1 ½ hours. All homes are in the Colonial Park area. If you are interested, please call Rich Krampe at 717-307-1060. Help give seniors in our community a nutritious meal. Tell Rich you are a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.