Bulletin -November 8, 2026

CONSIDER THIS

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Prelude *Sing to His Name! Gilbert M Martin*
Offertory *Canon Drive Johann Pachelbel*
(Arr. Carl Anderson)
Postlude *Finale in C Minor Stanley Saxton*
Entrance Hymn #441 *O Happy Day When We Shall Stand*
Hymn of the day #244 *Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*
Communion Hymns
#488 *Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness*
 # 785 *When Peace Like a River*
Sending Hymn #638 *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYER OF THE DAY…Let us pray.
A O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

First Lesson: **Amos 5:18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

A reading from Amos

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear or went into
the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn
assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings
and grain offerings, I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted
animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

[24] But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 70

READ RESPONSIVELY BY WHOLE VERSE

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O Lord, make haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great is the Lord!"**

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Some of the Thessalonians are worried that dead Christians will be excluded from the resurrection to eternal life when Christ comes again. Paul reassures them with the word of hope that all Christians, living or dead, will be raised into everlasting life with Christ.

A reading from 1 Thessalonians

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A The Word of the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th Chapter

C Glory to you O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish,

and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying,
'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P The Gospel of the Lord

C Praise to You O Christ

Apostles Creed

THE PRAYERS

A God, in your mercy

C hear our prayer

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

C Amen

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

CO-MINISTERS OF MUSIC - Jenny Sustak & Faith Smeck

YOUTH/FAMILY MINISTER - Kellen Michalowski

ALTAR CARE – Barb Heym; Sandy Dinger

USHERS - Doug Womer, Ed Shadle, Rick Frazier, Chris Bair, Joe Boslet, Dave Featherman

COMMUNION ASST Laurie Womer; Shelley Lindner

WORSHIP ASSISTANT 8:15 Laurie Womer

CANTOR

LECTOR - Laurie Womer; Susan Shultz

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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

Thank you to everyone who gave items for the animals at the Humane Society of Harrisburg. Your generosity is appreciated by the animals and the people at the shelter. If you still have items to be donated, they may be put in the narthex for the next week.

With the approach of Thanksgiving, a food collection will be held through November. For Nutripack, food will be collected through November 29th. Any non-perishable food can be placed in the bin in the narthex. Especially welcome are peanut butter, 23 oz plastic jars of applesauce and 6-8 count boxes of instant oatmeal."

Altar Flowers are in celebration of my daughter, Samantha Romanias's birthday. Given by Deb Banks.

Tithing

Tithing means giving one-tenth of one's income, produce, or resources as a contribution, tax, or voluntary offering to support a religious organization or place of worship. In modern practice today, tithing is most commonly practiced as a voluntary financial donation (via cash, check, or online giving) given to a local church or ministry.

OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. MARK'S THIS WEEK

SUNDAY	**11/08**	**8:15 am**	**Worship**
		9:45 am	Intergenerational Sunday School
		9:45 am	St. Mark's Mini Sunday School
		11:00 am	**Worship**
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous
MONDAY	11/09	6:30 pm	Lioness Board Meeting
TUESDAY	11/10	2:00 pm	Esther/Eve Circle
		2:00 pm	Men's Bible Study
		6:00 pm	Worship, Music & Arts Ministry
WEDNESDAY	11/11	10:00 am	Bible Study
THURSDAY	11/12	1:00 pm	Craft Artisans
		6:00 pm	Mission Bells Rehearsal
		7:15 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
FRIDAY	11/13		
SATURDAY	11/14	8:00 am	Community Breakfast
SUNDAY	**11/15**	**10:30 am**	**Worship**
		7:00 pm	AA
		7:00 pm	Gamblers Anonymous

Please Note Worship time changes:

Sunday, November 15th – 1 service at 10:30 am

Sunday, November 22nd – 1 service at 10:30 am

Luncheon & Congregational meeting following the worship service.