

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says:
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

the Priest, stands and says
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace
All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you

-Announcements-

Offertory Hymn:

Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Alleluia!
Alleluia; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
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The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. AMEN.

Officiant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Officiant and People Together:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: HAVE MERCY ON US.

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Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: GRANT US PEACE.

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

All: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with Thanksgiving.

**ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN
HOLY EUCHARIST AT GOD’S TABLE**

Communion Hymn:

After Communion-Blessing and Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us pray;

Celebrant and People: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen

CELEBRANT: GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD;

PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD!

Recessional Hymn:

The 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.

The Prayers of the People -Form I From the Book of Common Prayer

Intercessor: **With** all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord, saying "Lord, have mercy."

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, we pray for- St. Joseph’s, Pen Argyl; St. Mary’s, Wind Gap, from the Diocese of Bethlehem, and St. Mark Merguga Parish, Kajo Keji - let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Kevin our bishop, and Audrey, bishop of Central Pennsylvania, -and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to conserve it, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Frieda, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, and Logan - let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may end our lives in faith and hope, without suffering and without reproach, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

In the communion of St. Mark and St. John- and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God. **To thee, O Lord our God.**

Celebrant: Lord, hear the prayers of *your* people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of *your* Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church
September 21, 2025
15 Pentecost
The Rev. Timothy Griffin
Mr. Kris Hartenstine-Director of Music

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn:

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and for ever, AMEN.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, And worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria (S280)
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people
Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

The Celebrant says the Collect: Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons (see insert)
HYMN:
The Gospel
The Sermon

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 2025 Book has opened to take reservations for Bulletin, Communion Cup Sponsorship and Flower Sponsorship. If you would like to reserve a specific date, please contact the office. The Bulletin Sponsorship fee is \$10 for Sunday Services, Ash Wednesday, and Holy Week Services and \$20 for Holidays (Christmas & Easter). Communion Cups Sponsorship- \$15 per week or \$50 per month. Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

Sponsorship
Altar Flowers: In Loving Memory of Billie Sue and James Catrini, by Jonna Li Catrini

LAY READER SCHEDULE

Date	Reading	9:00 AM	
September 21	CHURCH PICNIC 10AM	Deb Fry	Diane Lager
September 28	16 Pentecost	Sue Urban	Jill Perry

ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE

Date:	Set Up	Clean Up
September 21	CHURCH PICNIC	Karen G. and Rose Douglas
September 28	Tom & Diane Lager	Shelly Pompa

Pastoral Needs: Fr. Tim Griffin is available for all pastoral needs. If you should need assistance, please contact him at 215-796-4602 or email: ftimggriffin@gmail.com

LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2nd Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service

FALL FOLIAGE FOOD SALE- Once again, the parish will be holding a food sale during Fall Foliage Weekends. More details and sign-up sheets will be posted. Please consider either volunteering your time or providing food donations for this important fundraiser.

UTO (United Thank Offering) – Beginning on September 7th and ending September 28th- Please consider giving to the Episcopal Diocese United Thank Offering-a ministry of The Episcopal Church that encourages a daily spiritual discipline of gratitude, collects thank offerings from members, and distributes 100% of the funds to innovative mission and ministry projects throughout the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Offerings can be placed in the plate. If writing a check, please make it payable to St. Mark & St. John Episcopal Church and write UTO in the MEMO portion of the check.

Cleaning Volunteers: Those interested in cleaning should contact Deb Fry 484-866-6111 or Dfrybikes81@gmail.com Cleaning Orientations will be held on Tuesday evenings beginning at 6pm.

Choir Rehearsals: Choir resumes October 1st- Practices will be held Wednesday Evenings beginning at 6pm. New members welcome!

COMMUNITY DINNERS: are back! Volunteers needed- sign-up sheets located on the Vestibule Door. Dates scheduled: September 28th, and November 16th from 4pm – 6pm in the Great Hall.

Blessing Box- Items most needed: Canned tuna, Canned chicken, Peanut butter, Jelly, Fruit cups, Canned fruit, Small mayonnaise, Hamburger Helper, Breakfast cereal (individual serving), Evaporated milk

SICK AND HOMEBOUND– Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Anna, Carol, Fr. John, William, Tim, Nancy, Jim, Doris, Bill, Luan, Frieda, Valerie, Chris, Mary Ann, Marilyn, Ben, Greg, Tom, Jesse, Lisa, and Logan

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the parish office

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Parish office hours: Monday- Wednesday 10am – 2pm, Thursday & Friday- By appointment

SERVICES

Sunday 9am- Main Sanctuary
Other services TBA
9:00am September – May Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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CHURCH SCHOOL

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VESTRY

Senior Warden: Deborah Fry ('26)
Junior Warden: Karen Gasker ('28)
Sue Ellen Andreas ('27)
Jonna Li Catrini ('28)
Michael Leonetti ('28)
Sam Strohl ('28)
Robert Muscovitch ('28)

Clerk of the Vestry

Sue Urban

Treasurer

Bill Diehm



St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church

Sunday, September 21, 2025

15 Pentecost

Parish Mission Statement

Our parish will be energetic, effective, and loving as we seek to be inclusive and diverse in accomplishing God's work in the Church and Community.



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