

**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: SUNG BY THE CHOIR, “LOVING AND FORGIVING”**

**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! Alleluia! ***AMEN.***

**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.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

***Celebrant and People(S129)***

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**

**Celebrant:** Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:

**All:** Therefore let us keep the feast. ALLELUIA!

**The Breaking of the Bread**

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:** 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: 410 PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN**

**Post Communion Prayer and Blessing**

**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, ALLELUIA!

**PEOPLE:** THANKS BE TO GOD! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

**Recessional Hymn: 397 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD!**



**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.

**Prayers of the People ~ Form IV From the Book of Common Prayer**

**Intercessor:** Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Audrey, Bishop of the Diocese of The Susquehanna, Kevin- assisting Bishop, Fr. Tim, our Priest in Charge, --and for all the clergy and people, Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the Church- especially -St. John’s, Palmerton; and Christ Church, Milton from the Diocese of the Susquehanna; and St. Paul Bori Parish, Kajo Keji. Lord in your Mercy- ***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially- Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Nancy, Jim, Marilyn, Heather, Milton, Ilona, Kris, Alida, John U., Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Logan, Irene, David, Ray, Randy, Ron, Ed, Cheryl H., Adam, Kali, Josh, Glenn, Ivan, Patrick, Greg and Mary.- Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

We commend to your mercy all who have died, may your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy ***Hear our prayer.***

**Celebrant:** Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*St. Mark and St. John Episcopal Church*  
*September 13, 2026*  
*Pentecost 16*  
*The Rev. Timothy Griffin*

The Liturgy of the Word

Processional Hymn: 390 PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY

*The people standing, the Celebrant says*

**Celebrant:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People:** And Blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. 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 (S277)**  
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:*** O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lessons (see insert)

**HYMN: 516 COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE (VS 1-2) (VS 3)**

The Gospel

**The Sermon**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The 2027 Calendar is now open to take reservations for Bulletin and Flower Sponsorship.** There are still openings remaining for 2026. If you would like to reserve a specific date, see calendar located on the wooden table outside the Main Sanctuary, or 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). Altar Flower Sponsorship is \$28.00.

**LAY READER SCHEDULE**

| Date         | Reading      | 9:00 AM      |                  |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| September 13 | Pentecost 16 | Sue Urban    | Jill Perry       |
| September 20 | Pentecost 17 | Rose Douglas | James Pompa, Jr. |
| September 27 | Pentecost 18 | Sue Ellen    | Zachary Baker    |

**ALTAR GUILD SCHEDULE**

| Date:        | Set Up            | Clean Up     |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| September 13 | Laura Ferko       | Sue Urban    |
| September 20 | Karen Gasker      | Rose Douglas |
| September 27 | 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: [frtimgriffin@gmail.com](mailto:frtimgriffin@gmail.com)

**LAYING OF HANDS- HEALING- Will Take Place Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month following the 9am Service**

**Email Updates:** Fr. Tim will be comprising a newsletter and would like to send it electronically, via email. Please fill out form located on the wooden table outside the main sanctuary.

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

**Choir:** Choir practices are held on **Wednesdays at 6:15pm.** New members are welcome—bring a friend!

**Save the Date:** The Annual Parish Picnic will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup> at JT Memorial Park. Sign Up Sheets located on the wooden table outside the Main Sanctuary

**UTO-** The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that encourages a daily spiritual habit of gratitude and collects donations to fund innovative mission and ministry projects worldwide. The campaign ends on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Envelopes are provided for your donation. Please see Jonna Li for more information or to learn more of this ministry.

**Saturday Evening Services:** The Final Saturday Evening Service of the Year will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm (note the time change)

**Community Dinners:** Dates Scheduled- September 27, and November 11

**A Weekend with Presiding Bishop Rowe:** On October 16 and 17, we will welcome Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe for a pastoral visit to our diocese. All are invited to attend. On Friday, October 16, Bishop Sean will be at the Delta Hotels by Marriott, Breinigsville, and on Saturday, October 17, he will be at First Presbyterian Church in Allentown. Join us for one or both days to celebrate our new diocese with the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church. Registration is required. Learn more and register at [diosusquehanna.org/PBvisit2026](http://diosusquehanna.org/PBvisit2026) or call 717-710-4800.

**Blessing Box- Items most needed:** trial size toiletries, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes and women’s feminine products, Peanut butter, jelly, soup, canned pasta.

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND–** Please remember in your prayers: Cheryl, Monica, Don, Gloria, Carol, Nancy, Jim, Marilyn, Heather, Milton, Ilona, Kris, Alida, John U., Harry, Valerie, Livy, Samantha, Joyce, Jimmy, Logan, Irene, David, Ray, Randy, Ron, Ed, Cheryl H., Adam, Kali, Josh, Glenn, Ivan, Patrick, Greg and Mary.

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



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Parish office hours: PLEASE CALL TO SET UP APPOINTMENT

SERVICES

Sunday 9:00am- Main Sanctuary

Other services TBA

September – May

9:00am

Church School

CHRISTMAS, EASTER, AND HOLY DAYS AS ANNOUNCED

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CHURCH SCHOOL

Zachary and Melissa Baker

VESTRY

Senior Warden: Deborah Fry ('29)

Junior Warden: Karen Gasker ('28)

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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 13, 2026

Pentecost 16

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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