

July 6, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Reader: Steve Snyder

**God is Still Speaking ...**

*"Nothing is impossible for the people of God, who trust in the power of God, to accomplish the will of God."*  
- David Platt

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE      "Faith of Our Father's"      Gail Hazard

\* SOLEMN DECLARATION AND SUNG AMEN

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Put away your hesitation to come before God; quiet your fears and anxieties, for God welcomes us.

**People: God is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?**

Pastor: Look to the heavens for inspiration and assurance; look around you, for God's presence is everywhere.

**People: God is the stronghold of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?**

Pastor: Let us watch and wait with our Creator; let us trust in the one who gives life and hope.

**People: Teach us your ways, O God, and lead us on a level path.**

\*HYMN #433 (Green Hymnal)      "Rise Up, O Church of God"

\* CALL TO CONFESSION

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We use a lot of words, Gracious God, but do little to turn them into deeds. Instead of being of one heart and soul, we choose sides and join groups of people who think like us. Blessed with great grace, we have trouble sharing it with those who need it the most. Forgive us, God of Love. Forgive us, as we step out of our shadows into your light. Restore us, as we reveal our brokenness. Hear us, as we proclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and our God.**

*Silent confession...*

\* KYRIE ELEISON

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

\* WORDS OF GRACE AND MERCY

This is the good news we have to declare: God leads us out of the shadows to walk in the light of Christ. This is the word we have heard: our faithful God forgives our sins and raises us to new life.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

SPECIAL MUSIC      "In The Garden"      C. Austin Miles  
Jim Conzelmann

CHILDREN'S SERMON

THE SCRIPTURES (insert)  
New Testament Galatians 6: 7 - 16  
\*Gospel Luke 9: 51 -62

\* THE GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

\* PROCLAIMING OUR FAITH - THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into Hades; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER RESPONSE "Hear Our Prayer"

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord.*

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, and grant us thy peace.*

SERMON

Pastor Morris Coleman

OUR OFFERING AND OFFERTORY "Reflections on "America"

Hugh S. Livingston, Jr.

\* THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\* LORD'S PRAYER (sung) (using debts and debtors)

\* BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

\* HYMN #690 (Green Hymnal) "He Leadeth Me"

\* SILENT MEDITATION

POSTLUDE "My Country Tis of Thee"

Samuel Smith

\*Please stand as you are able

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FOR WHATEVER ONE  
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**THAT WILL HE ALSO  
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**GALATIANS 6:7**



## **Galatians 6: 7 – 16**

Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

## **Luke 9: 51 - 62**

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and

John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



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### **ST. MARK'S PRAYER LIST**

Lauren Hallman (Kids Kamper's Mother)  
Ann Crouch (Deb Ellis' friend)  
Deb Winslow (Peg Scholl relative)  
Tia Carreras (Peg Scholl relative)  
Meg Nagel  
Carol Frankhouser (K. Andrew's friend)  
John Schieber  
Gladys Gettle  
Lowell Sherman  
Ed and Gayle Olden  
Chad Wenrich  
Juanita Fuhrman  
Joe Adams (Lois Smith's brother)  
Maggie Zeppos Brown  
Wayne Hartman (MJ's cousin)  
James Fenton (Kenny Brandt's co-worker)  
John Null  
Nolan Meyers (Kenny Brandt's co-worker)

### **Friends and Members with ongoing concerns**

Andy Shearer, Deb Weise, Lynn Balmer  
David Ansalvish (Cindy Johnson's Brother)  
Rod Nissley (Deb Ellis' son), Trudy Berkheimer  
Cindy Johnson, Stephanie Wagner (Faye Fox's niece)  
Eva Miller, Regine Halsall (Friend of Deb Ellis)  
Andrew Scholl, Megan, Jaxon and Ava Tilley  
Michael Worhach (Russ Scholl's son-in-law)  
Ken & Charlotte Wengert, Paul & Kay Peiffer  
Members from our church family who are shut-in or  
home bound, People living under the threat of war,  
and those recovering from natural disasters

### **ST. MARK'S CALENDAR**

#### **For the Week of July 6, 2025**

Sunday      Worship Service – 10 AM  
                Adult Sunday School – 11:15 AM

Wednesday Bible Study – 10 AM

Thursday    Spiritual Council Meeting – 6:30 PM  
                Consistory Meeting – 7 PM



## **ST. MARK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The bulletins are presented by Robert and Anita Eby to the Glory of God.

**Flowers and Bulletins** – Dates available for flowers are: September 7, 21, and 28. Dates available for bulletins are: August 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31. Please contact the office if interested in sponsoring any flowers or bulletins.

**Roof Repairs** – There are envelopes in the narthex labeled "Roof Repairs." We would appreciate your help with this project. Thank you to all who have donated.

**Sub Sale** – Fellowship and Hospitality Committee will be selling sub coupons today, July 6<sup>th</sup>. Today is the last day for sub coupons. They will be from DiNunzio's again this year and will be \$12.00 per coupon.

**Pine Acres Worship Service and Luncheon** – July 13, 2025. The luncheon will be commemorating the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kids Kamp. Most of the food will be provided by the Christian Ed Committee, with a few additions needed, such as hot dog buns, snack bags and condiments. There are sign up lists for attendance and food items needed in the narthex.

**Kid's Kamp – Celebrating 35 years** – Will be held July 14<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>. 9:15 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Thursday. Registration forms are in the narthex. Please return your form by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Forms can be given to Marilyn or emailed to Kathy (klfollett@juno.com)

**Online Offering Cards** - Cards are now in the pews. Please put cards in offering plates if you give online. You can also use the QR code on the back of the card to give online.

**Change of Address and Phone Numbers** – John Null, Lebanon VA Hospital, 1700 S. Lincoln Ave., Room 329, Building 1, Lebanon, PA 17042. Phone No. 717-272-6621, Ext. 5808.

**WARM Mission Trip** – Please see the non-perishable food slip board in the narthex for the mission trip. All items are due back by July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### **Save the Dates**

July 13	Worship Service and Luncheon – Pine Acres – 10 AM
July 14-17	Kid's Kamp (35 Years)
July 26	Community Picnic
August 2-9	WARM Mission Trip

Conference Call information:

Dial (215) 383-1625 Enter conference code: 569284

Press\* when asked for your attendee pin