

ST.MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

PENNSBURG, PA

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

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Please take time during the prelude to prepare your heart and mind for worship

**Indicates Congregational Standing*

PRELUDE

Ein Feste Burg ist unser Gott

Dietrich Buxtehude

WELCOME

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen**

***GATHERING HYMN**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

***KYRIE (spoken)**

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

***HYMN OF PRAISE (spoken)**

Glory to God in the highest

And peace to God's 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

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 8: 4-11 [12-15] 16-20; 11: 14-15

God has settled the Israelites in the promised land and has appointed judges to govern them. But they want to be like the nations around them. By asking Samuel for a human king, they reject the kingship of God and open themselves to oppression at the hands of the human king.

⁴All the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, ⁵and said to him, “You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.” ⁶But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to govern us.” Samuel prayed to the LORD, ⁷and the LORD said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. ⁸Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. ⁹Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.”

¹⁰So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. ¹¹He said, “These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; [¹²and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plow his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. ¹³He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. ¹⁵He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers.] ¹⁶He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. ¹⁸And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.”

¹⁹But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, “No! but we are determined to have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.” [¹⁴Samuel said to the people, “Come, let us go to Gilgal and there renew the kingship.” ¹⁵So all the people went to Gilgal, and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal. There they sacrificed offerings of well-being before the LORD, and there Saul and all the Israelites rejoiced greatly.]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

(please join in reading the psalm responsively)

PSALM: Psalm 138

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

²I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness; for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

³When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

**⁴All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways of the LORD, that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly, perceiving the haughty from afar.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your purpose for me;**
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 4: 13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture —“I believed, and so I spoke”— we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (spoken)**

Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

***GOSPEL: Mark 3: 20-35**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that

kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." ³³And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Russ Crouthamel

***APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit especially **Buddy, Elsie, Lillie, Lisa, Jack, Wilbert, Marilyn, Randy, Andrew, Renae, Charlie, Marie, John, David, Harold, Marie, Lisa, Dennis, Steve, Barbara, Pat, Kenneth, Deb, Barbara, Lenny, June, Mary Jane and Charlene.** Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray; trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Come Let Us Eat

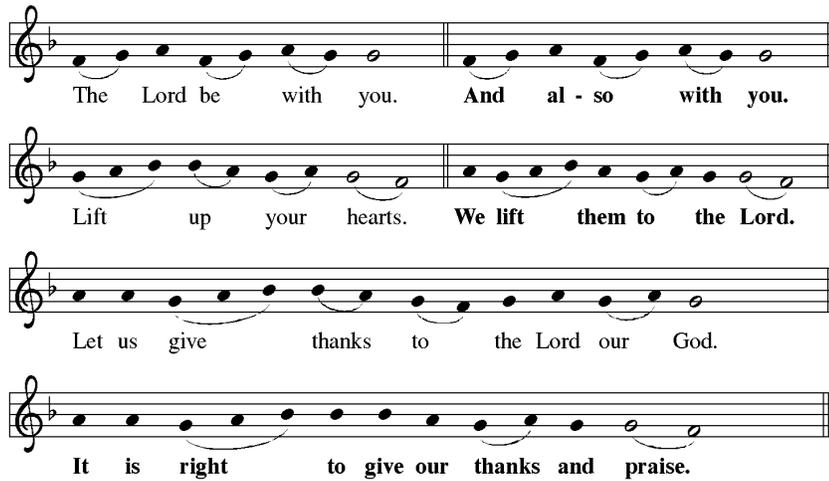
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***OFFERING PRAYER**

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

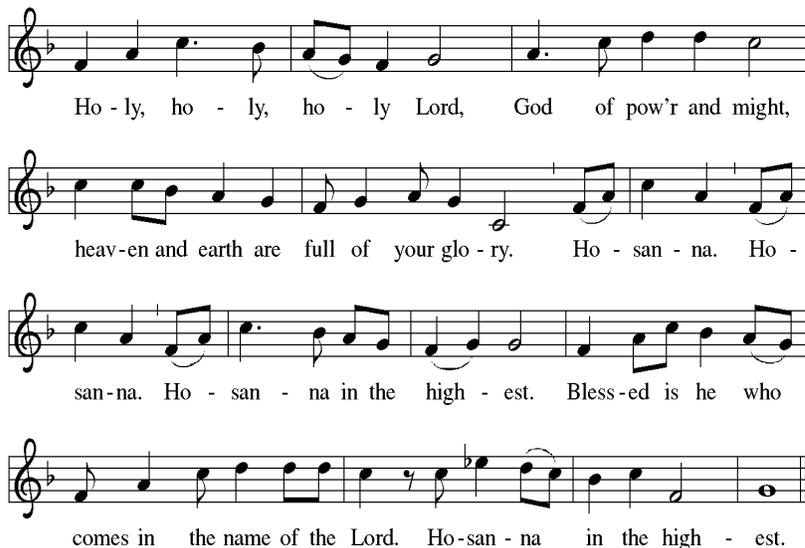
*DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

***THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy,
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us –

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Music during distribution: *Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness* Donald Busarow

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Jesus, Bread of life,
we have received from your table
more than we could ever ask.
As you have nourished us in this meal,
now strengthen us to love the world with your own life.
In your name we pray.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

The blessing of God,
who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
✠ be upon you now and forever.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

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DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Sent Forth By God's Blessing

John A. Behnke

We welcome everyone to worship on this second Sunday after Pentecost.. Holy Communion is offered to all baptized Christians. If you would like more information on baptism, Pastor Russ would love to speak with you!

THANK YOU

The altar flowers are presented by Bonnie Gillespie in celebration of worshipping in the Sanctuary.

The bulletins are presented by Buddy & Gail Allen in memory of loved ones.

The car wash held by the Youth Outreach Group was a terrific success because of you! Thank you for all your support!

ABOUT THE FIRST READING

We're going to be doing something a little bit differently with the First Reading this Season-After-Pentecost. Starting right after Trinity Sunday, the lectionary (the schedule of readings for each Sunday) that we use has two different options for the first reading during the season after Pentecost. The more commonly-used one has the first reading chosen to reflect or echo themes in the Gospel reading for the day. Instead of that one, we're going to use the second track this summer and fall. That track offers a mostly-sequential reading through a portion of the Old Testament. This year's first readings look at the story of King David, from the books of First and Second Samuel, as well as some of the writings from the book of Proverbs commonly credited to David and Solomon, and finishes with a look at the book of Job. Those books are from parts of the Bible that aren't as commonly read through or preached on in Lutheran traditions. I am very excited to dig into them in the coming weeks, and hopes that you'll find your faith strengthened by these stories of God's work with the people of God over the centuries.

Pastor Russ

HOMETOWN HERO BANNERS

Right across the street from church, you will see Harold Schultz on a banner back when he was in the Navy! You definitely need to check it out.

There's another Hometown Hero Banner for Ellsworth B. Rapine. He was Harriet Rapine's husband. It's located at 135 Main Street in East Greenville. Harriet's brother, Harold B. Moffett, has a banner on the 800 block in Red Hill.

CALENDAR NOTES

Tuesday, June 8 Worship Committee Meeting – 6:30PM

Wed., June 9 Al-Anon (multi-purpose room) 1:00 PM

Thursday, June 10 June hoagie orders due (see order form at the end of this bulletin)

Friday, June 11 Friday Fun Night – 6PM to 8PM

COUNCIL NEWS

Are you interested in learning and participating in discussion of the myriad matters that come before Church Council? Projects, maintenance, community, worship, stewardship, finance, direction, and the list goes on. There's something for every interest! Church Council has openings which need to be filled. Please contact a current Council member or call the church office (215-679-9015) We would love to speak with you!

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

Outreach is holding a Friday Fun Night! It happens on June 11th and runs from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM. Some of the activities being planned for this are rock painting, sidewalk chalk art, bird houses, popsicle sticks bird feeders, God's Eyes using popsicle sticks and yarn, tile painting for a future youth project, homemade bubbles. So many different things – and no previous experience needed! There will be ice cream and toppings to make a delicious dessert. So come check out all the activities, get creative, have fun and kick off summer in a terrific way!

Oh – yes. Admission. This fun-filled night comes with a cost. **IF** you can, please bring a box of cereal (medium size) we can donate to The Open Link. It will be extremely helpful if you can let us know if you are planning to attend so we have an adequate amount of supplies on hand. Just call or email the church office (215-679-9015 or stmarks@stmarkspennsburg.com) Thanks!

GRADUATION 2021

If you have someone graduating this year, please send in the name and information about the next steps, or the field of study, or degree attained. We would like to share their accomplishments and plans with our St. Mark's family

GRAB & GO SUMMER MEALS

The Open Link is again providing Grab & Go Meals this summer. The program runs from June 14 to August 20. It's for all kids 18 and under – the meals are **free**, no registration or ID required. The food will be available at 5 locations:

Mondays & Thursdays: Treichler's Mill Park, Hereford @ 11:30 – 12 Noon
Bieler Park, East Greenville @ 12:15 – 12:45 PM

Tuesdays & Fridays: Pennsburg Commons, Pennsburg @ 11:30 – 11:55AM
Hope Valley Church, Red Hill @ 12 Noon – 12:25 PM
Isaac Smith Park, Green Lane @ 12:30 – 1 PM

OTHER NEWS

The link for viewing our live service over the internet is on our website.

This week Major League Baseball is celebrating Lou Gehrig and raising awareness about ALS. The Phillies have worked with the ALS Association for over 30 years. Although there has been some improvement in treatment, there is still no cure. One of our members, Lenny Rafalko, was diagnosed

with ALS almost two years ago. During this part of his journey, he came to St. Mark's and then, thanks to Zoom, he is now an active participant in Adult Bible Study and Outreach. He hopes you will consider supporting the work of the ALS Association.

Make Music Upper Perk is all outdoors. St. Mark's is one of 13 venues hosting music throughout the Valley. We will be hosting the Red Hill Band at 7:30PM that day! So mark your calendars – Monday, June 21st for a truly musical day!

Update on Charlene Wilson: Charlene has been moved to Lehigh Center, 1718 Spring Creek Road, Macungie, PA 18062 I am sure she would love to receive a card or note from you.

Update on Elsie Antonio: Elsie had recently suffered a broken ankle. She is in the process of moving into Pennsburg Manor.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Buddy Allen, Elsie Antonio, Lillie Bosler, Lisa Clark, Jack Cross, Wilbert Derr, Jr., Marilyn Donis, Randy Dotter, Andrew Erb, Renae Fosbenner, Charlie Greulich, Marie Grubb, John Gruver. David Haines, Harold Hieter, Marie Jones, Lisa Krause, Dennis Laubach, Steve Law, Barbara Lehmann, Pat Matthews, Kenneth Miller, Deb Mullen, Barbara Opachinski, Lenny Rafalko, June Reigner, Mary Jane Schaeffer and Charlene Wilson.

Please contact the church office with changes. Thank you.

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Mon: Psalm 74; 1 Samuel 16:14-23; Revelation 20:1-6

Tues: Revelation 20:7-15; 1 Kings 18:17-40

Wed: Luke 11: 14-28; Isaiah 26:16—27:1

Thur: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; Genesis 3:14-24; Hebrews 2:5-9

Fri: Acts 11:19-30, 13:1-3; Psalm 112; Isaiah 42:5-12; Matthew 10:7-16

Sat: Mark 4:1-20; 2 Kings 14:1-14

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Name _____ Phone: _____

Italian w/onion _____ # Italian NO onion _____ Peppers yes / no _____ \$7.00 Each

Turkey w/onion _____ # Turkey NO onion _____ Peppers yes / no _____ \$8.00 Each

Total Amount Due _____ Included or Pay at Pick up (circle one)

If paying by check: make payable to Heavenly Helpers Pick-up 6-6:30PM in social room