

The Resurrection
of
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
March 31, 2024
St. Mark's Lutheran Church

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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

This is Christ's church. There is a place for you here. Join us as we seek, "To know Christ and to make Christ known."



An Order for Holy Communion 8 am and 10:30 am
(Setting One, *Lutheran Book of Worship*)

Please Note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use. Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

Bold print indicates Congregation.

A guide to hymnal use: LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

**Please stand as you are able.*

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep

and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool an Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

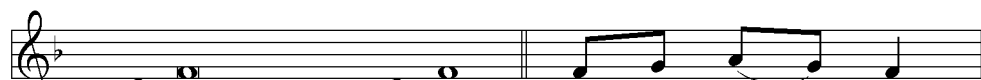
Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*HYMN

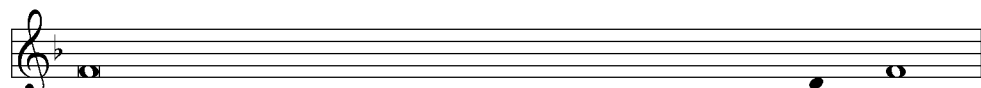
Jesus Christ is Risen Today

LBW, "Green", 151

*KYRIA



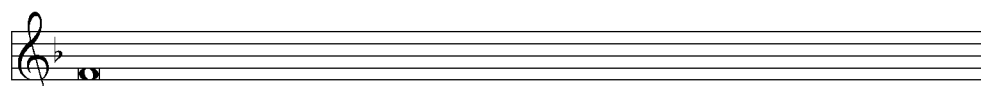
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



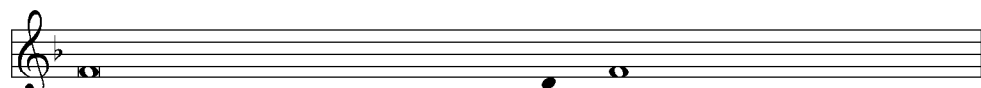
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



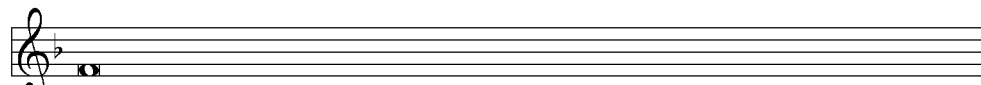
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



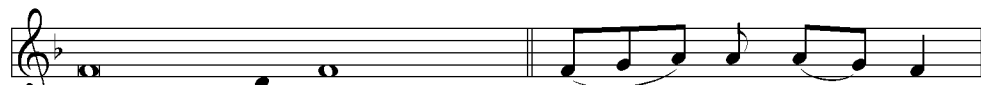
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

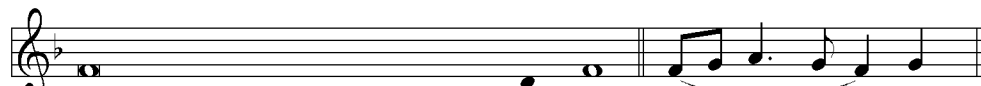


A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*HYMN OF PRAISE

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was

slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and

strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and

might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was

slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING.....

34Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 39We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 41not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. 43All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-2

1Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

2Let Israel | now declare,
“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”

14The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

15**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**

“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

16The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

17**I shall not | die, but live,**
and declare the works | of the LORD.

18The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

19**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

20“**This is the gate | of the LORD;**
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

21**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation.

22The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

23**By the LORD has | this been done;**
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

24This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

THE SECOND READING.....1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you— unless you have come to believe in vain.

3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles,

unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

***THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

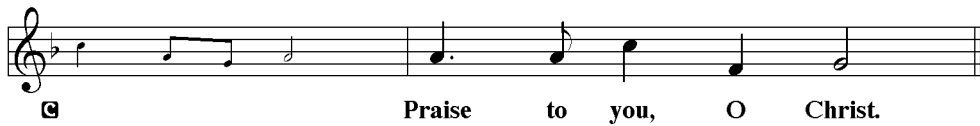
***THE GOSPEL.....Mark 16:1-8**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN** **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds** **LBW, “Green”, 143**

***THE NICENE CREED**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and 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,
who with the Father and the Son 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 INTERCESSION:** *After each petition, “God of
Grace/Hear our prayer”.*

***THE PEACE**

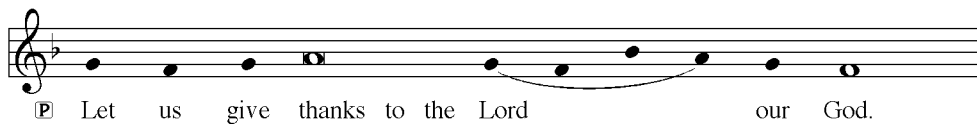
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

All may greet one another with these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

ANTHEM

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels, archangels, cherubim and seraphim, 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations and made for yourself a chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you set your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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 which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to 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 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.

Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Join our prayers with those of your saints of every time and place, and unite them with ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

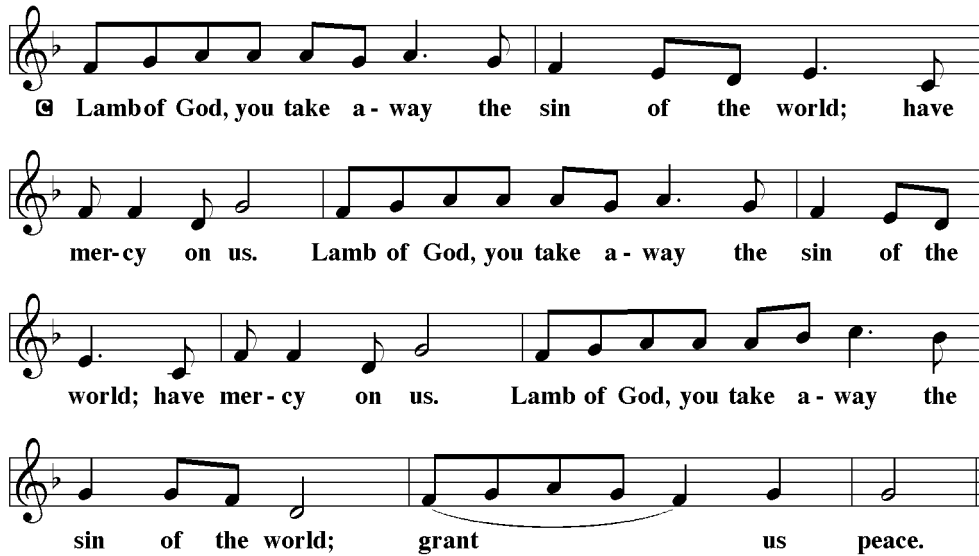
Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

*LAMB OF GOD



☐ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*INVITATION

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come, share in the meal of resurrection.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Use the center aisle, pick up a small glass on the way. Receive the bread and then proceed to receive the wine by way of a pouring chalice. After communing return to your pew using a side aisle. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing.

Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only the wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only the bread.

*AFTER COMMUNION

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

Amen.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of resurrection and new life,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, unending joy and Easter hope:

Father, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***HYMN Christ Is Risen! Alleluia**

LBW, "Green", 131

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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OUR STEWARDSHIP March 24, 2024



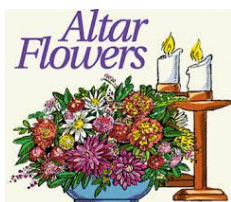
Regular Offering	\$2,189.00
Plate Offerings	60.00
Lent	20.00
Organ Fund	25.00
Flower Memorials / Tributes	35.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$2,329.00



WORSHIP LEADERS Easter March 31, 2024

Lector	8:00AM	Becky Pryor
	10:30AM	Ralph Zeigler
Communion Assistants	8:00AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Ralph and Lou Ann Zeigler
Organist		Sam
Ushers:	8:00AM	Herb Poff and Richard Miller
	10:30AM	Matt Fortin, captain
		Glenn Yaple and Dick Reitz
Altar Guild	March	Bev Hieber and Audrey Albright

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:



- + In Celebration of St. Mark's Family
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READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Faith Formation has temporarily "moved some books" from our church library to the Front Lounge in order to make them more accessible. Stop by the Front Lounge and take a look!





The Bus Trip to see “Daniel” at Sight and Sound Theatre

Wednesday, September 11, 2024. The cost of the trip, which includes the show, meal and bus fare is \$153.00/person. We will depart from the lower west end of Beiter’s Parking Lot (Williamsport) at 6 am sharp. Please contact Cheryl Williams (570) 327-1627 to reserve space and to answer any questions concerning the trip.



We are excited to once again be hosting Easter Hospitality! Please join us March 31 for a variety of tasty treats ~ nothing too big so no worries that Easter dinner will be ruined. We will meet in Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School hour (any time after 9:15 should work well) for refreshments and Christian Fellowship. All are invited and welcome to join in our Easter Celebration! We can’t wait to see you!

Soles4Souls Information Workshop Hosted by the Women of Messiah Lutheran Church



South Williamsport, PA

Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 am-11:30 am

Members of St. Mark’s are cordially invited to join others for a morning of learning about this nonprofit that was established in 2006. The speaker will be Abby Yorks from Middleburg, PA. A continental breakfast will be served. Although there is no cost to attend, a free will offering will be taken. Donations will also be accepted of SHOES of all styles, sizes and genders that still have “life” in them and not in need of repair.

Reservations are needed by April 1, 2024. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex along with a tub for shoe donations. More information is in this month’s Lion or speak with Becky Miller Pryor.



When you or a family member are ill, have a crisis of faith, or have a personal concern of which you wish to make the pastor aware, please contact him directly by church office telephone (570-323-4619) or email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.



When you or a loved one has a change of address, telephone number or email, please contact the church office at 570-323-4619 or stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family.



19th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic
Registrations are being accepted for the 19th Annual Bishop's Open Golf Classic, which benefits Camp Mount Luther of Mifflinburg. Golfers are invited to participate in the tournament to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023, at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club

in Shamokin Dam. Last year, over \$15,000 was raised because of this event. Shotgun start time is 12:30 p.m. Registration with lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. Sponsorships as well as individual registrations are currently being solicited. To get a registration form or [register online](#), or for more information, go to the camp's website at www.campmountluther.org or contact the camp office at (570) 922-1587.



WELCOME. We are so pleased to welcome to the membership of our St. Mark's Family Cynthia Todd and Robert and Theresa Furman. Cindy joins us from Dover United Church of Christ (Dover, Pa). Rob and Theresa join us from United in Christ Lutheran Church (Lewisburg, Pa). Welcome to St. Mark's!

Please note that Pastor Vasey will be unavailable on Monday, April 1 due to an out of town appointment. His regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, April 2.



"Rev. Peterson is in the Holy Land, the youth pastor's under the church bus, and the minister of music is in jail for photocopying music. Want to talk to the janitor?"

Church Office is closed Monday, April 1, 2024
Easter Monday
Will reopen Tuesday, April 2, 2024



EASTER FLOWER TRIBUTES 2024

*In Honor of our children Ryan,
Katlin and Sean*

by Mike and Pam Jensen

In Honor of Jacob, Grace and Jonah Schreckengast

by their parents

In Honor of James Zeigler, Anna and Laura Zeigler

by Daniel Zeigler

In Honor of our mothers, Ruth and Gloria

by Gary and Shelby Weber

*In Honor of my grandchildren and
great-grandchildren*

by Debra Buckman

In Memory of Bill and Prudy Poff

by Herb Poff, Steve and Candy Dewar



*In Memory of Jack and
Eleanor Whiting*

by Herb Poff, Steve and Candy Dewar

In Memory of Jack and Margaret Dewar

by Steve and Candy Dewar

In Memory of Diane Downes

By Bronawyn O'Leary

*In Memory of Neal and Marjorie Furman, Eleanor
Boroch, Kenneth Koekler, Rochelle Fellin*

By Bob and Theresa Furman

In Memory of Harold and Joyce Herschberger

by the Jensen Family

*In Loving Memory of our parents Shirley
and Bob Miller*

By Barbara Cooley

In Loving Memory of Mom, Dad and Uncle Fred

by the Newcomer Family



*In Memory of Clair E. Miller
(father) and Countess F. Miller
(mother)*

by Robert Miller

*In Memory of father, James R.
Brown and mother, Janet
Schreckengast and our
grandparents*

by Ken and Laura Schreckengast

In Memory of our fathers, Paul and Max

By Gary and Shelby Weber

*In Memory of Josephine and Allen Malick
and Julia and Philip Williams*

By Cheryl and Dave Williams

In Honor of Bob and Shirley Campbell

by their Family

In Memory of Diana Zeigler and Joan Zeigler

By Daniel Zeigler

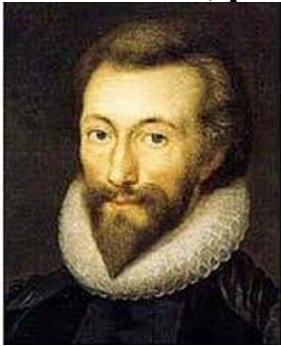
In Memory of my husband, Jim Buckman

By Debra Buckman



COMMEMORATIONS

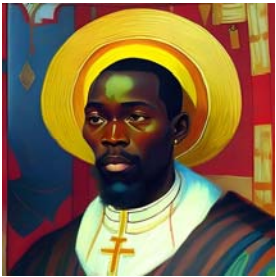
John Donne, poet and pastor, died 1631



Sunday, March 31, 2024

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589



Thursday, April 4, 2024

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the bishop of Rome ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists



Dürer



Grünewald



Cranach

Saturday, April 6, 2024

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time.

Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.