

The Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 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

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

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!

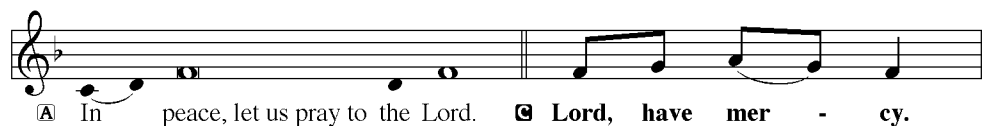
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*HYMN

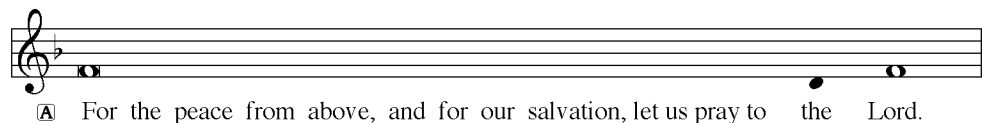
Thine Is the Glory

LBW, "Green", 145

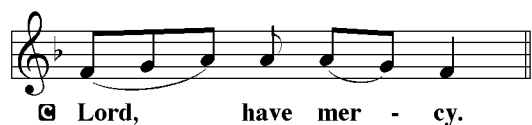
*KYRIE



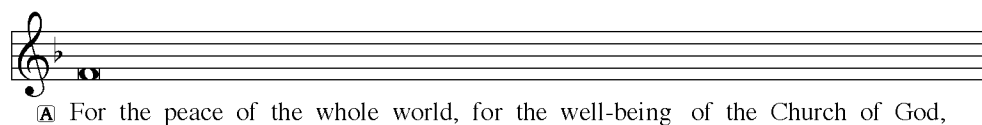
A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



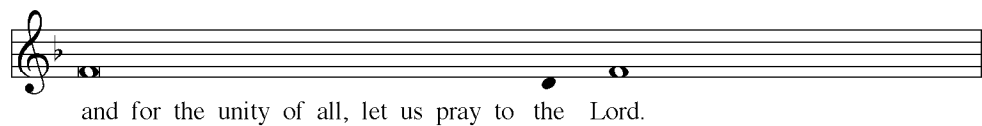
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



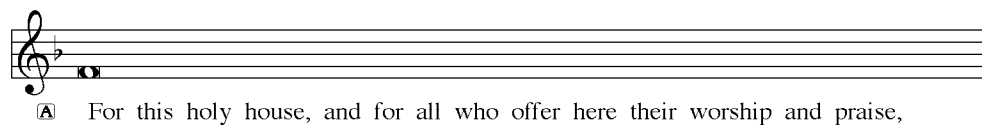
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



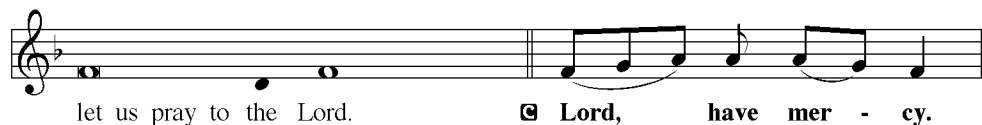
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



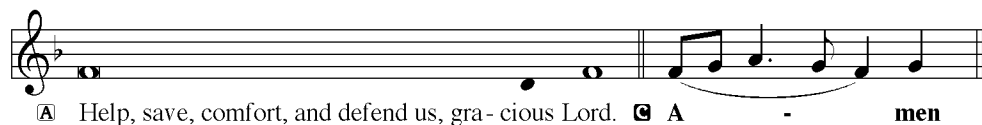
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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. I. Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.
 II Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and
 strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.
 III 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.
 IV For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 V This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you. Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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.....Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;

you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

²“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;

how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;

the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.

5Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

6**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”**
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.

7You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

8**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;**
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.

THE SECOND READING.....1 John 3:1-7

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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.....Luke 24:36b-48**

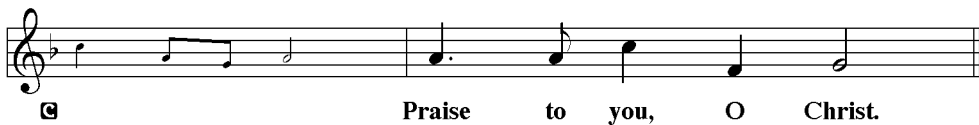
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter



36bJesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” 37They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. 38He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? 39Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” 40And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” 42They gave him a piece of broiled fish, 43and he took it and ate in their presence.

44Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” 45Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, 46and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, 47and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48You are witnesses of these things.”

The Gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

***HYMN Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!**

WOV, “Blue”, 672

***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.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

① The Lord be with you. ② And al - so with you.

① Lift up your hearts. ② We lift them to the Lord.

① Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

② It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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 sent 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, Holy Spirit.

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 Let Us Talents and Thoughts Employ WOV, "Blue", 754**

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

THE POSTLUDE

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OUR STEWARDSHIP April 7, 2024



Regular Offering	\$9,528.00
Plate Offerings	125.00
Easter	830.00
Lent	51.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Initial Offering	5.00
World Hunger	10.00
Parish Life	79.00
Operation Christmas Child	100.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flowers Memorials / Tributes	35.00
Synod Benevolence	45.00
Pastor’s Discretionary Fund	100.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$10,928.00

WORSHIP

WORSHIP LEADERS April 14, 2024

Lector	8:00AM	Brian Jackson
	10:30AM	Phil Thomas
Communion Assistants	8:00AM	Nikki Jackson
	10:30AM	Deb Buckman and Mindy Wentzel
Organist		Sam Robinson
Ushers:	8:00AM	Richard Miller and Herb Poff
	10:30AM	Tim Maggs, captain Carl Hieber and Charles Kuntz
Altar Guild	April 9	Deb Buckman & Leah Hausmann

ALTAR FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God:



- + In Loving Memory of Francis Bigelow by Matt and Wanda Fortin
- + In Loving Memory of Mary McLoughlin by Audrey and Carl Albright
- + In Loving Memory of Elda Zeigler on her birthday by The Family
- + In Loving Memory of Robert Kuntz, husband and Mark Kuntz, son by Ann Kuntz

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!

MEMORIAL
service

Pastor Vasey will be attending the memorial service of his father and mother on April 20, 2024 and, therefore, will not be available April 17-21. Should you need a pastor in his absence please contact Pastor Jeff Lecrone, 570-323-7309 or 570-220-3631.

On Sunday, April 21, Ray Huff will be preaching and presiding at both services. Thank you Ray! Bishop Emerita Collins will be with us for a special Temple Talk.

Due to Pastor Vasey being away the Williamsport Holy Communion Service on April 17 has been cancelled.

UPCOMIN CONCERTS

29th Annual Dialysis Benefit Concert



The will be Sunday April 28 at 4 PM. The concert will be at St. Luke Lutheran. The concert will be to celebrate the life of Dick Lakey. Donations are accepted. For more information see the letter on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



Williamsport Civic Chorus Songs for the Soul

Sunday April 21, 3:00 PM
Here at St Marks. Reception to follow.



Williamsport Chamber Choir & Orchestra

Friday, May 17 at 7pm
St. Mark's Lutheran Church



Senior Voice Recital: Alanna Ramos

Sunday, May 26 at 2pm
St. Mark's Lutheran a church

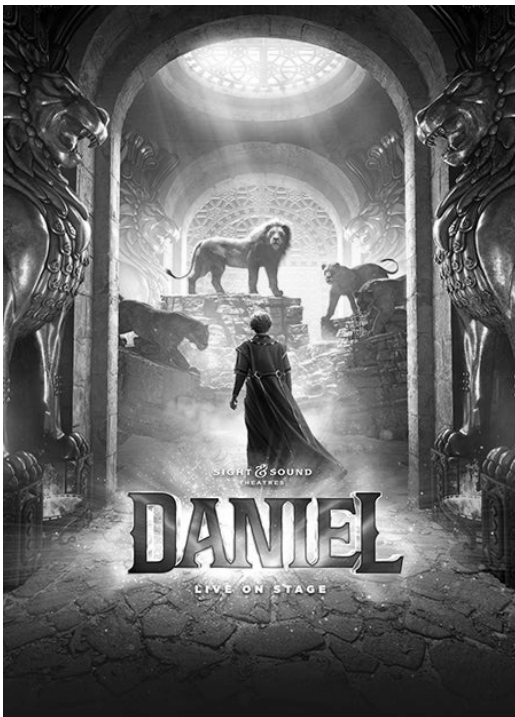


April "Lion" QR Code



May Bible Study

The Faith Formation Committee is pleased to once again be offering the opportunity to grow in our faith through a 4 week study focusing on women of the Bible. Which women you ask? You will have to join us Wednesdays in May from 12:10 -12:45 for the answer to that question! We look forward to our time together, and hope you will join us.



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.

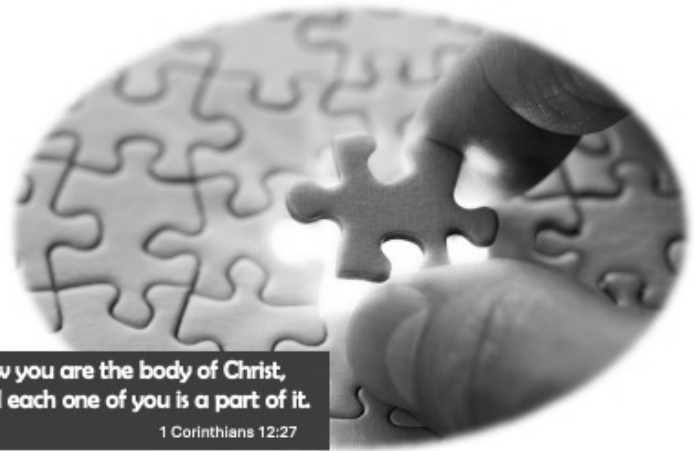
A Variety of Gifts!

Join us for a day of learning and fellowship!

Saturday, May 4, 2024

9am-3pm
(lunch included)

St. John's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
300 Queen Street
Northumberland, PA



**Now you are the body of Christ,
and each one of you is a part of it.**

1 Corinthians 12:27

Keynote: Meetings that Matter

Workshops include:

Worship Planning Record Keeping/Archiving
Home Communion Using Your Gifts for God's Mission

Worship Service to Commission our new Authorized Lay Worship
Leaders at 2:15 pm in the sanctuary.

Cost is \$10 per person to cover cost of meal.

Pre-register by contacting the Synod Office
at [\(570\) 524-9778](tel:5705249778) by 4/26/24.

Sponsored by the Lay Ministry Institute of the Upper Susquehanna Synod.



Spring Cleaning? Got Stuff?

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee and the Women of St. Mark's need donations for our annual Fall Sale. We will need many more donations than we currently have if we are to have a sale in 2024.

We are accepting holiday decorations, housewares, linens, toys, small working electronics, gadgets, dishes, jewelry, lamps, art work and the list goes on. If you don't want it, we probably can sell it. Not certain we can use it, speak to Becky Miller Pryor before bringing it.

Please place your donations in boxes small enough for us to lift and place them in the Bazaar Room in the basement. If you cannot get to the basement, leaving them on the second landing in the back stairwell is helpful.

Monday, April 15, -
 Sunday, April 21, 2024



Monday, April 15	Safety Committee	ML 11:00AM
	Church Council	ML 6:00PM
	WCC Rehearsal	FH 7:00PM

Tuesday, April 16
 Wednesday, April 17
 Thursday, April 18
 Friday, April 19
 Saturday, April 20
 Sunday, April 21

Holy Communion	8:00AM
Holy Communion	10:30AM
WCC Concert	Nave 3:00PM

BIRTHDAYS

Steven Bieber, Jr.	April 15	Jami Lason	April 15
Diana Zeigler	April 18	Cynthia Hartzel	April 19
Jeffrey Byerly	April 20	Karen Pelleschi	April 20

ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember to let the administrative assistant know when committee meetings are scheduled, or changed, so it can be included in the bulletin.

If there is anything you would like to include in the “This Week at Our Church”, please email jbaur@stmarkswilliamsport.org



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.

COMMEMORATIONS

Olavus Petri, pastor, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church



Olavus

Laurentius

Friday, April 19, 2024

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.



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