

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Harvest Home Sunday

October 12, 2025

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 do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Our Mission: “To know Christ and to make Christ known.”



Please note:

Hand sanitizer is available for your use.

Offerings may be received by way of offering plates as you enter or leave.

**An Order for Holy Communion, 8 & 10:30 am
(Lutheran Book of Worship, Setting 1)**

A guide to hymnal use: All hymns are printed in the bulletin and when reference is available the LBW, Green Book; WOV, Blue Book

Light print = Pastor/Leader. Bold print = Congregation.

****Please stand as you are able.***

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism has made us clean. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have fed us anew. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING HARVEST HOME FOOD AND CROP WALKERS/SPONSORS

***BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of and ☩ 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.

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection and self-examination

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of almighty God Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I there declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

***HYMN Come, You Thankful People Come LBW, “Green,” 407**

Come, You Thankful People, Come



- 1 Come, you thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield.
- 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
- 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to your fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, does pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in your gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come, with all your an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

*THE 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.

*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Ⓑ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹ Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. ² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

⁷ When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸ But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." ¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! ¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴ So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a, b, c} Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111

¹ Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with | my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the | congregation.

² **Great are your | works, O LORD,**
pondered by all who de- | light in them.

³ Majesty and splendor | mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- | dures forever.

⁴ **You cause your wonders to | be remembered;**
you are gracious and full | of compassion.

⁵ You give food to | those who fear you,
remembering forev- | er your covenant.

⁶ **You have shown your people the power | of your works**
in giving them the lands | of the nations.

⁷ The works of your hands are faithful- | ness and justice;
all of your pre- | cepts are sure.

⁸ **They stand fast forev- | er and ever,**
because they are done in | truth and equity.

⁹ You sent redemption to your people and commanded your cove- | nant forever;
holy and awesome | is your name.

¹⁰ **The fear of the LORD is the begin- | ning of wisdom;**
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise en- | dures
forever.

THE SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸ Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹ for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹ The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹² if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³ if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴ Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵ Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The word of the Lord/**Thanks be to God.**

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



***THE GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19**

The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.



¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³ they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶ He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”
The Gospel of the Lord.



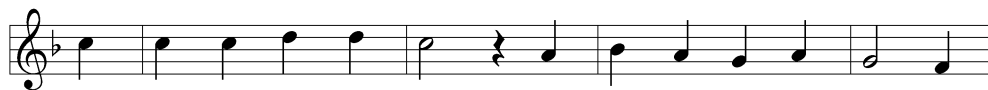
THE SERMON

***HYMN**

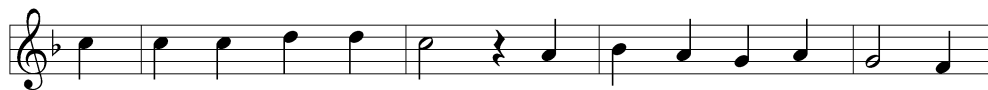
Now Thank We All Are God

LBW, “Green,” 534

Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,
 2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en,



who won-drous things has done, in whom his world re-joic-es;
 with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav-en,



who, from our moth-ers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e-ter-nal God, whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev-er-more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1829–1878
 Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With all the people of God, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again 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 INTERCESSION**

After each petition: God of grace/Receive our prayer.

***THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

People may greet one another with these or similar words.

ANTHEM (10:30am) *Draw us in the Spirit's Tether* – Harold Friedell

***OFFERING**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

Lord of the harvest,
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,
but on you, who richly provides for us.
Multiply what we have gathered
to bless all who are suffering and in need,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a 'P' time signature, followed by 'The Lord be with you.' The second staff begins with a 'C' time signature, followed by 'And al - so with you.' The third staff begins with a 'P' time signature, followed by 'Lift up your hearts.' The fourth staff begins with a 'C' time signature, followed by 'We lift them to the Lord.' The fifth staff begins with a 'P' time signature, followed by 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The sixth staff begins with a 'C' time signature, followed by 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

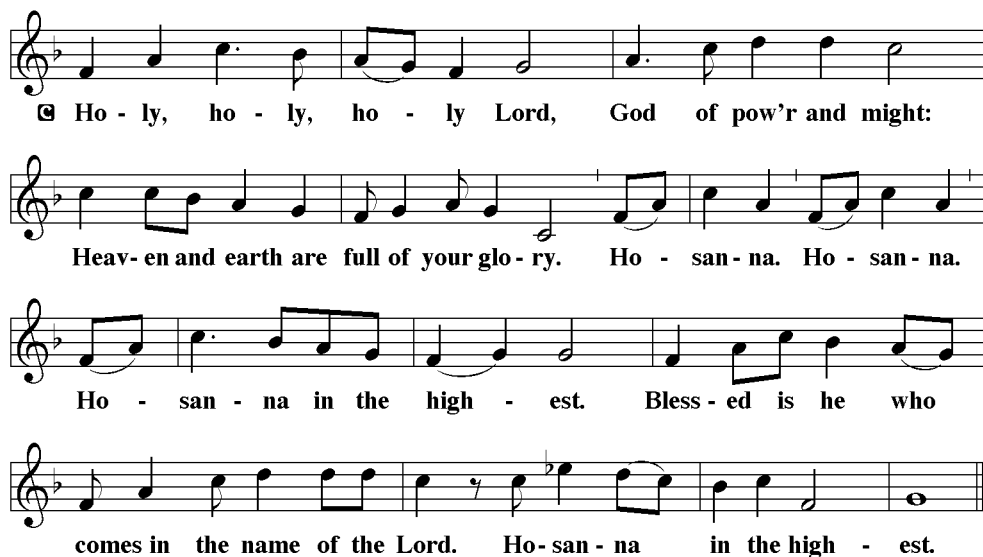
P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way to eternal life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy, mighty and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In your great love you sent to us Jesus your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached the good news to the poor,
and who on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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."

Remembering therefore,
his death, resurrection and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us
the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with whom and in whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord as you have taught us, so now we 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,

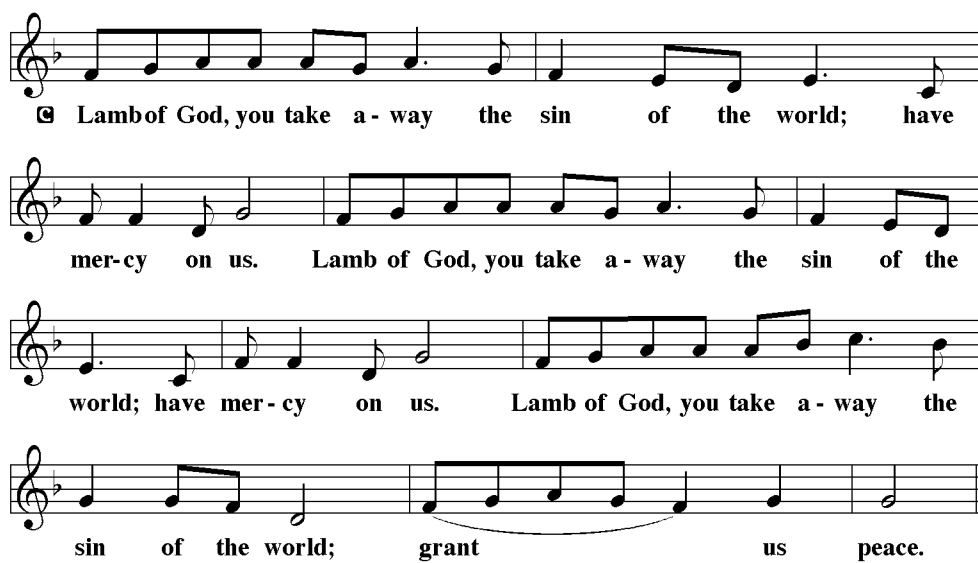
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD



*INVITATION TO COMMUNE

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.

Come to this meal of mercy.

Amen. Thanks be to God!

All are welcome at our Lord's Table. Use the center aisle to come forward, pick up a small cup on the way. Receive the bread from Pastor Vasey and then proceed to receive the wine from one of two pouring chalices. After communing, please return to your pew by the side aisles. Those not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

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

THE COMMUNION

*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**

O God,
through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.
Send us to do good
and to share our possessions with all in need.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen.

***BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN All My Hope on God is Founded WOV, "Blue," 782**

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

Liz Ruesskamp, Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, Gary Clark, Charles Miller, Jerry Miller, Richard Ritter, Ashton Ott, Lucille Sider, Gary Cable, Virginia Pulaskie, Bunny Ditchfield, Ezra Buckman, Sheila Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Haussmann, Kristin Rehm, Ariel, John Tartline, George Poliska, Connie Shaible, Ann Kuntz, John and Terry Holohan, Alex & Adaline Day, and Loretta Hawe.

COMMEMORATIONS

Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, died 1582
Wednesday, October 15, 2025

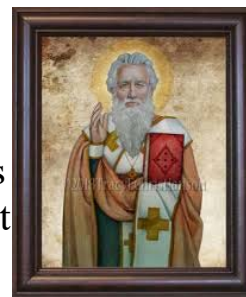
A mystical writer and reformer of the monastic order (Carmelites) to which she belonged, Teresa may also be commemorated with John of the Cross on December 14. Latino Christians traditionally remember her on this date.



Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, died around 115

Friday, October 17, 2025

Ignatius was the second bishop of Antioch in Syria, the city where the name "Christians" originated. Ignatius is known to us from his letters, which encouraged Christians to live in love, yet stand firm in true doctrine.



Luke, Evangelist

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Identified as the author of both Luke and Acts, Luke was careful to place the events of Jesus' life in their social and religious contexts. His gospel gives us some of the most beloved parables, as well as the songs of Zechariah, Mary, the angels, and Simeon. Luke's symbol is that of an ox due to his emphasis of Christ as “Servant Messiah from God”.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, October 12	Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:30 am CROP Walk, 1 pm
Monday, October 13	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Tuesday, October 14	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm West Branch Conference, 9:30 am (Chapel)
Wednesday, October 15	Office hours, 9 am – 1 pm Executive Committee, 10 am, ML Study, “The Place of Trust”, 12:10 pm, FH Finance Committee, 5 pm ML
Thursday, October 16	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Friday, October 17	Office Hours, 9 am – 1 pm
Saturday, October 18	Office Closed
Sunday, October 19	Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am

October Bible Study

Please join us Wednesdays in October as we take time to learn and grow in our faith. Pastor Vasey will lead us in a study based on the Beatitudes in the Gospel according to Matthew. Our texts will be scripture and The Place of Trust (an understanding of the Beatitudes from the writings of Martin Luther)_by Dr. Martin Marty. Both will be available for use. You are invited to bring a brown bag lunch to munch as we meet from 12:10-12:45 in Fellowship Hall. We are excited for this opportunity, and look forward to sharing this time of study and fellowship.

Reformation Sunday

Reformation Sunday will be celebrated October 26, 2025. Bishop Miller (Upper Susquehanna Synod) will join us in worship at both services. Following our 8 am Service and Hospitality there will be a “question and answer” time with our bishop in the chapel. Remember...Reformation Sunday is October 26, 2025. Don't forget to “Wear **Red**” to worship as we celebrate this special day!

All Saints' Sunday

All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated at St. Mark's on November 2 at both services. All Saints' remembers and give thanks to God for all the faithful in Christ past, present and future. Be sure to join us as we commemorate the faithful and commit ourselves to be “servants of Christ”.

OUR STEWARDSHIP for October 5, 2025

Regular Offering	4,751.00
Plate Offerings	10.00
Sunday School Offering	4.00
Capital Fund	1,010.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	175.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Grand Total	\$5,960.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In loving memory of our parents Phillip K. & Mary Louise Thomas, and Donald & Dorothy Robbins by Phil & Barb Thomas and;
In loving memory of my daughter, Sally Ann Millikan on her birthday, by Sally Bjornstad.

WORSHIP LEADERS for October 12, 2025

Lector	8:00 am	Candy Dewar
	10:30 am	Gary Weber
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Jackie Kinney
	10:30 am	Shelby & Gary Weber
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	The Gair Family
Hospitality	8:00 am	The Newcomers
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (OCTOBER)		Bev Hieber

ANNIVERSARIES

Karen Merrifield	10/13
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BIRTHDAYS

Gary Chrisman	10/14
Sean Fenderson	10/17

KEEP IN MIND:

~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) email (bvasey@stmarkswilliamsport.org) or his cell phone (272-788-0161). Do not assume the pastor will know of your need any other way.

~ When you or a loved one has a change of address, email, or telephone number, please contact the church office at stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org or 570-323-4619. Please direct your intentions whether or not to share this information with our church family, so that in may be included in the weekly bulletin and/or the "Lion."



Lutheran
World
Relief

Blankets can still be donated through Fri. Oct. 17, 60"x80" cotton blanket or quilt. I am looking for someone with a truck to help take down all the kits to Lewisburg on Sat, Oct. 18 at 8:30 AM - otherwise I will have to try to fit them into my car - wow! That is a lot of kits. Yeah! Thanks – Deb

Family Promise

Our next hosting is Nov 16-22 so please mark this on your calendar.. Thanks to all who have helped in the past. Please stay tuned for further information.

Deb B dabuckman65@gmail.com.

Finance

There will be a finance committee meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2025 at 5pm to work on the budget.

Committee Chairpersons – By now you should have received your budget paperwork. Please return no later than October 13, 2025. Place in my mailbox – Thanks, Deb B.



A great big THANK YOU to everyone who continues to donate items for our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes! Never doubt that God is using these seemingly small items for good. **“Our economic condition is very poor, so my parents cannot afford to buy toys for me. When I heard that I would get a gift box, I was so excited! Thank you to all of my foreign friends who sent me the toys and other amazing things.”**

–Samia, East Asia

Thanks to your continued generosity, our OCC shoeboxes are just about complete. In fact, they are just about bursting at the seams ~ a great “problem” to have! For the month of October, we will be collecting “Odds N Ends” ~ things that will help us finish each of the 75 (or more) boxes that we will be donating to Samaritan’s Purse. School supplies, combs/brushes, hair accessories, small toys, flashlights, all are welcome! Not a huge fan of shopping? Please consider donating \$10.00 to help cover the cost of shipping our boxes. Thank you again for your continued support of this outreach project. We are excited to see our boxes come together at our **Shoebox Packing Event** which will be held in Fellowship Hall on **November 9th** after the 10:30 service. Would love to see you there!

*The age ranges for the boxes we fill are 2-4, 5-9, and 10-14 (both boys and girls)



WANT TO EXPLORE WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN? Adults wishing to unite with St. Mark's in church membership are invited to contact PASTOR VASEY at 570-323-4619 or email: stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org.



A bus trip to Stone Gables Estate* in Elizabethtown, PA is being organized by Cheryl Williams. This trip is being planned for Wednesday, November 19, 2025. The bus will be pulling out around 9:00 AM from Beiter's parking lot. The trip will include bus fare, a meal catered by "Food for Thought Catering", a ride on the Santa Express train, and the National Christmas center followed by the Christmas light drive-thru. All are included in the price of \$145.09 per person. If interested, please contact Cheryl at (570) 327-1627.

* Stone Gables Estate is a biblical faith-based ministry/business. Their mission is to donate 100% of net profits to aid abandoned children worldwide.

CROP Walk

Our Community's annual walk to fight hunger, CROP Hunger Walk, is today at 1:00 PM, on the River Walk in Williamsport. The walk begins here at St. Mark's and you can walk 3, 6 or 9 miles (most of us walk 3 miles). Join the **St. Mark's Lutheran Church Lions** team to walk or donate. Our goal is \$1,000 (last year we raised \$1,065)! Hungry people in developing countries can walk as many as six miles a day for food and water. We walk because they walk. By walking on a fall afternoon, you create awareness to these issues, raise funds and have fellowship with members of the St. Mark's congregation as well as other congregations. 25% of the funds we raise support local hunger agencies and the other 75% is distributed by Church World Service nationally and internationally. In partnership CROP walks support self-help programs, assist after disasters and help address root causes of poverty by providing water systems and tools to grow the food they need. To register to walk or donate to our team, you can speak with Brenda Gair (text 570-220-8859) or on-line; <https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/team/st-marks-lutheran-church-lions>

Checks can be made payable to "CWS/CROP"

Soup Sale at Sojourner Truth Ministries

STM is hosting a fall soup sale to benefit their outreach. They are offering homemade Ham Pot Pie, Ham, Potatoes and String Beans and Vegetable Soup. Cost: \$5.00 per pint and \$8.00 per quart. Payment is due at the time of ordering through PayPal or by drop off or mail to STM at 501 High Street, Williamsport. Checks may be made payable to Sojourner Truth Ministries. **Orders are due by Friday, October 17, 2025.** Pick up is Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 – 1:00.



Urgent Needs At.....

Shepherd of the Streets: Toothbrushes and toothpaste, Women's deodorant, Disposable razors, Laundry pods, Bars of soap, Q-tips and Band-Aids.

United Churches Food Pantry: As you fill a bag in the weeks ahead, please take note of these most needed items. They are Flour, Sugar, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Pork & Beans, Condiments, Mayo, Salt & Pepper Shakers, Cake Mixes & Frosting, Stuffing Mixes, Cranberry Sauce, Boxed Potatoes, Spaghetti or Alfredo Sauce, Wide Egg Noodles, Canned Pineapple or Mandarin Oranges and Chunky Soups. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated as the need is great.

Church Women United visit St. Mark's

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will host the Church Women United of Lycoming County. on Saturday, November 1, 2025 beginning at 10:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. CWU will present a bible study followed by light refreshments and fellowship. A free will offering will be taken to support their outreach. All women of St. Mark's are cordially invited to attend.



Williamsport Civic Chorus Concert

Sacred Voices: Divine Harmony from Martines to Mozart on Sunday Nov. 9 at 3 PM here at St. Mark's. Cost: general admission - \$12 at door, Senior/Student \$10 at door. \$2 discount if purchased online through Williamsportcivicchorus.org or at RM Sides or Otto's bookstore.



Williamsport Chamber Choir & Orchestra present:

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Samuel Robinson, Artistic Director

"The centerpiece of the concert will be Johann Sebastian Bach's Cantata 80, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott* ("A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"), based on Luther's well-known hymn. The program will also include works by Felix Mendelssohn and feature a special collaboration by the Williamsport Youth Choir."

Concert Details:

Friday, November 14, 2025

St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Williamsport, PA

Tickets: \$10 adults/\$5 students at the door.

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