

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

The Last Sunday after Epiphany

February 15, 2026

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; Setting Two, Lutheran Book of Worship

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

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8 am: ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

Sponsors present the candidates:

Sponsors: We present Nora Elyse and Clara Jane for baptism.

The pastor addresses the parents of Nora and Clara:

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Response of the Parents: I do.

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

To live with them among God's faithful people,
bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that your children may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response of the Parents: I do.

The pastor addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these children in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

People of God, do you promise to support Nora and Clara and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

The congregation stands.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

All: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

All: I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
All: I renounce them.

Water is poured into the font and the pastor begins the thanksgiving:
The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

Water is poured on Nora's head and Clara's head, and the pastor says:

Nora/Clara is baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.

All: Alleluia! Thanks be to God.

A lighted candle is given to each of the newly baptized.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and
redeeming word to all the world.**

*10:30: THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font and the pastor gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
Amen.

***HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God**

LBW, "Green," 191

Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God



1 Praise and thanks - giv - - ing, be to God our
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - - it, come in vis - - i -
 4 Praise to the Fa - - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry



a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol



fore you, and we a - dore you.
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

Text: H. Francis Yardley, 1911–1990; Frank J. Whiteley, b. 1914, alt.

Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

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*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



A Glo-ry to God in the high- est, and peace to his peo- ple on earth.

C 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. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption

as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, 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: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2

¹ Why are the nations | in an uproar?

 Why do the peoples mutter | empty threats?

² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes | plot together,**

against the LORD and against the | LORD’s anointed?

³ “Let us break their | yoke,” they say;

 “let us cast off their | bonds from us.”

⁴ **God whose throne is in heav- | en is laughing;**
 the LORD holds them | in derision.

⁵ Then in wrath God | speaks to them,
 and in rage fills | them with terror.

⁶ **“As for me, I have anoint- | ed my king**
 upon Zion, my | holy mountain.”

⁷ Let me announce the decree | of the LORD,
 who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I be- | gotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for | your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for | your possession.

⁹ You shall crush them with an | iron rod
and shatter them like a | piece of pottery."

¹⁰ And now, you | kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers | of the earth.

¹¹ Submit to the | LORD with fear,
and with trembling | bow in worship;

¹² lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden | blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take ref- | uge in God!

THE SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

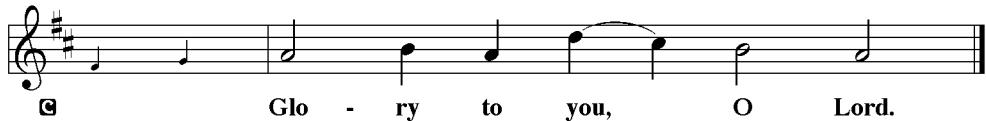
*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

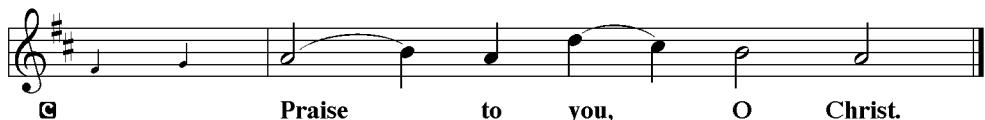
*THE GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

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



¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”
The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN **Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise** LBW, “Green,” 526

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light;

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun-tains high soar - ing a - bove,
we blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
all laud we would ren - der; oh, help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise!
thy clouds which are foun-tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen-dor of light hid - eth thee!

Text: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1824–1908, alt.
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional

*THE NICENE CREED

With all people of God, 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.**

With the Father and the Son he 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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition: Merciful God/Hear Our Prayer

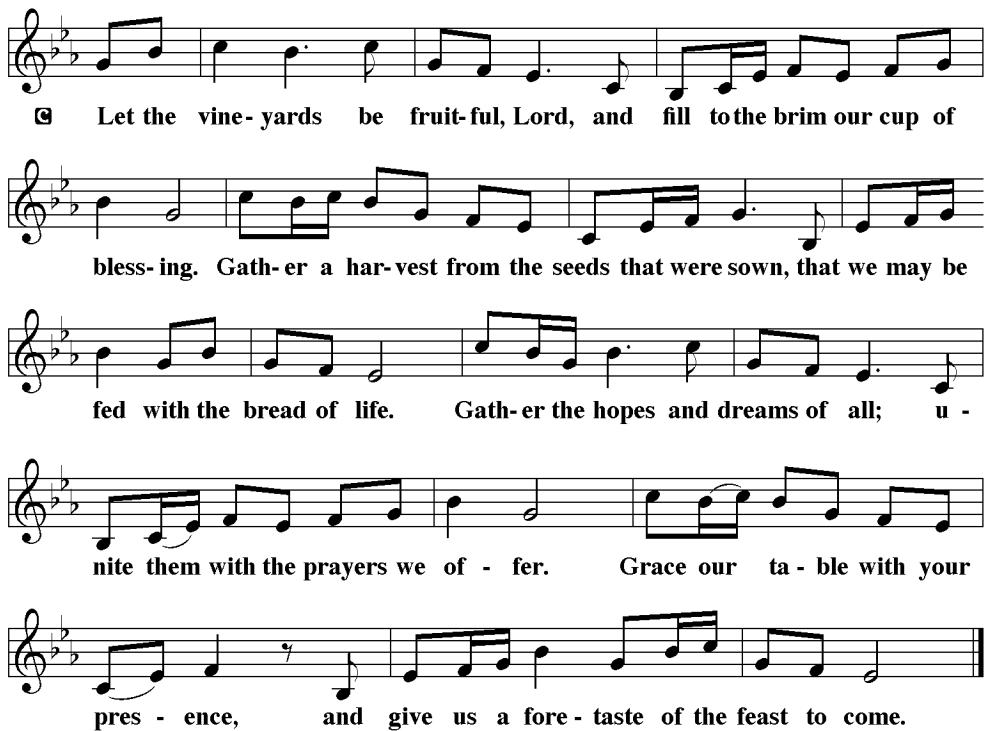
*THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

People may greet one another with these or similar words.

OFFERTORY



C 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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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. Sharing our life he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 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.
We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:
The promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land,
the words of the prophets; and the gift of your Son,
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will,
even to the giving of his life.

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.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We rejoice in the hope of his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

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

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
One God.

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,

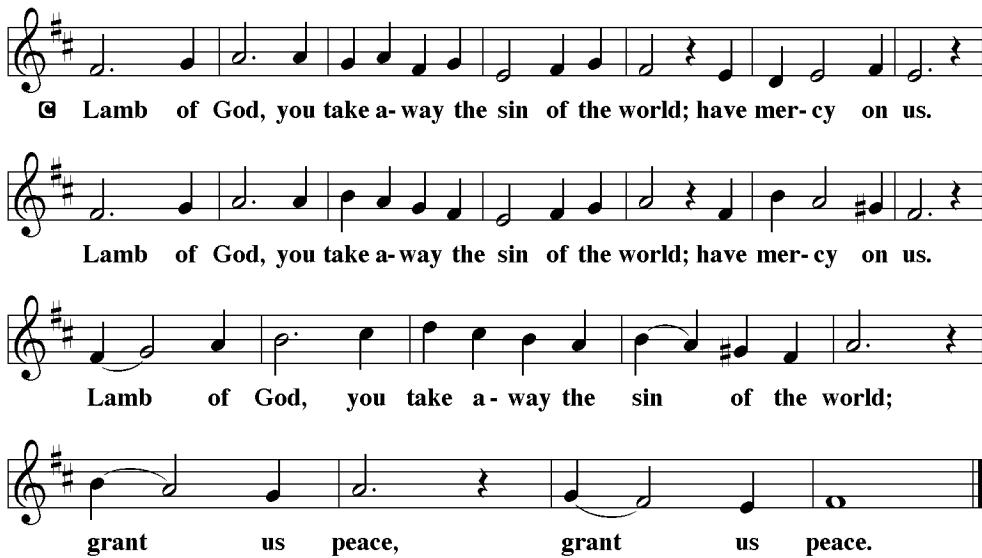
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*LAMB OF GOD



C 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, grant us peace.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNE

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!
Come to the table; taste and see.

Thanks be to God!

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.

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**

We have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

May Almighty God,
Father, Son  and Holy Spirit,
bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

Amen.

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 Son of God and Son of Man!
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

Grace Arner, Vanessa Morgan, 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, John and Terry Holohan, Loretta Hawe, Donna Baker, Ann Kuntz, and Ann & Charles Kuntz.

WELCOME. Today, by way of the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome into the family of God and life of this congregation, Nora Elyse and Clara Jane Hasko. Nora and Clara are the daughters of Doug and Celina Hasko and granddaughters of Scott and Alexandra Seyler. Welcome Nora and Clara!

COMMEMORATIONS

Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Reformation of the 16th Century. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, February 15

(Transfiguration Sunday)

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

(Hasko Baptisms)

Sunday School, 9:15 am

Monday, February 16	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Council, 6 pm
Tuesday, February 17	(Shrove Tuesday) Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Shrove Tuesday, Gathering, 5:30 pm
Wednesday, February 18	(Ash Wednesday) Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Holy Communion, 12:10 pm Holy Communion, Wmspot. Home, 2 pm Holy Communion, Nave, 7 pm
Thursday, February 19	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Friday, February 20	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Saturday, February 21	Church Office Closed
Sunday, February 22	First Sunday in Lent Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am

OUR STEWARDSHIP for February 8, 2026

Regular Offering	\$3,318.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Global Mission	50.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	71.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Easter Flowers	34.00
Souper Bowl	150.00
Grand Total	\$3,743.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
 In loving memory of Robert and Shirley Campbell by the Family; and
 In Celebration of our St. Mark's Family by Memorial Fund.

WORSHIP LEADERS for February 15, 2026

Lector	8:00 am	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 am	Mary Ann Stiller
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Nikki Jackson
	10:30 am	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	Matt F/Glenn Y/Mel W
Hospitality	8:00 am	HASKO BAPTISMS
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (FEBRUARY)		Lou Ann Z., Cindy T., Theresa F.

ANNIVERSARIES

Vince & Diane Bardsley 2/18

BIRTHDAYS

Rick Robertson 2/17

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 it may be included in the weekly bulletin and/or the "Lion."



So we are done for this year however, please do not stop thinking about the kits and the items for them! Watch the clearance racks and shelves for items and snap them up. If you do not want to store them at home, you can bring them to the church and put them in the office opposite the middle lounge -

you will know which one it is - the messy one with boxes, etc. Baby clothes, towels, etc. can be found on clearance. Deb Buckman



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.



Still Needed At.....

Our congregation generously donated food, snacks and hygiene items to various nonprofits in our community during our Reverse Advent project. We also had a wonderful response to Souper Bowl Sunday. But the need for these items continues. As you are able, please consider donating to these nonprofits.

Shepherd of the Streets: Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Tissues, Baby Oil, Powder, Body Wash and Wipes and Laundry Pods.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are brown, large-size lunch bags, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings and Lysol spray.

United Churches Food Pantry: Please consider continuing to offer non-perishable food items to be used by the Pantry.

Sandwich Crews at St. Mark's: We provide sandwiches weekly to New Covenant's Blessing Boxes. Monetary donations to offset the cost of rolls, meat and cheese are always appreciated. Checks may be made payable to St. Mark's with the memo line indicating Parish Life.

Valentine's Day Greetings!

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks the congregation for their assistance in spreading cheery Valentine thoughts to our Special Concern Folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. We are certain your messages brightened their day.



RENEW RETREAT FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH **CAMP MOUNT LUTHER**

When: February 20-21, 2026
Friday 6:30 pm – Saturday 4:00 pm

This is a weekend to grow in faith, make friends, play games, enjoy nature, and have fun at Camp Mount Luther.

Theme: Food & Faith (Genesis 18: 1-8)
Includes hands-on activities, workshops, and special guests
Adult leader required (1 per 7 youth).
No adults? Contact us – we'll help.

For questions call (570) 922-1587 or cml@campmountluther.org

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays in Lent, beginning February 25 and concluding March 25, we will gather in Fellowship Hall from 12:10 – 12:50 pm, to study how the themes associated with Isaiah echo the mission and ministry of Jesus. Our schedule appears below:

- Feb. 25: The “Fast” of Isaiah and how it differs from a “traditional fast”.
- March 4: Isaiah's call to “biblical holiness” (it's not what you think).
- March 11: How best to be prepared for God's Reign?
- March 18: What might God's Reign look like?
- March 25: The Suffering Servant; a model for discipleship

All are welcome! Bring a friend; bring a bag lunch to munch; bring yourself!

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