

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

To know Christ and to make Christ known.



THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
PALM SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION
WITH ONE VOICE, SETTING FIVE

MARCH 29, 2026
8:00AM & 10:30AM



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Our mission: To know Christ and to make Christ Known

THE PRELUDE

Sarabande

GEORGE HANDEL (1685-1759)

INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP

Today, we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified king and humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox: like Peter, we fervently desire to follow Christ, but find ourselves afraid, denying God. We wave palms in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path leads to death on the cross. Amid it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through the meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The congregation stands

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF JESUS

Matthew 21:1-11

Pastor Blessed be the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All **Hosanna in the Highest.**

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this,

'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty God, on this day your Son, Jesus Christ entered the holy city of Jerusalem and was proclaimed King by those who spread their garments and palm branches along his way. Let the branches we bear today be for us signs of his victory. Grant that we may ever hail him as our Lord and follow in the way that leads to eternal life. In his name we pray.

All **Amen.**

Pastor Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

All **Hosanna in the Highest!**



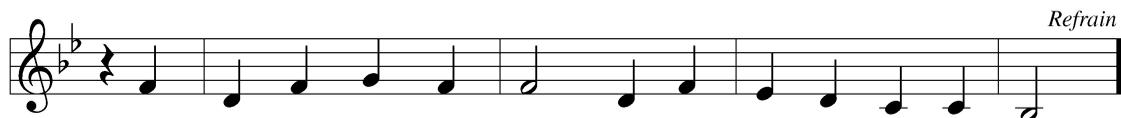
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



- 1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels is prais - ing you on high;
- 3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went.
- 4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
- 5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.
 cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
 To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Tune, VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN
 Music, MELCHIOR TESCHNER
 Text, THEODULPH OF ORLEANS

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race, you sent out Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy, enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

(The Congregation may be seated)

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 50: 4-9a

The servant of the Lord expresses absolute confidence in his final vindication, even though he has been struck and spit upon. This characteristic of the servant played an important role in the early church's understanding of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens—wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit



Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I | am in trouble;

my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat | and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief, and my | years with sighing;

my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones | are consumed.

I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay

to | my acquaintances;

when they see me in the street | they avoid me.

Like the dead I am forgotten, | out of mind;

I am as useless as a | broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is | all around;

they put their heads together against me; they plot to | take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in | you, O LORD.

I have said, “You | are my God.

My times are | in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute me.

Let your face shine up- | on your servant;

save me in your | steadfast love.”

Paul uses an early Christian hymn to help us comprehend Jesus' obedient selflessness on the cross and how God has made Christ lord over all reality. The perspective of the cross becomes the way we rightly understand God, Christ, our own lives, and fellowship within the community of Christ.

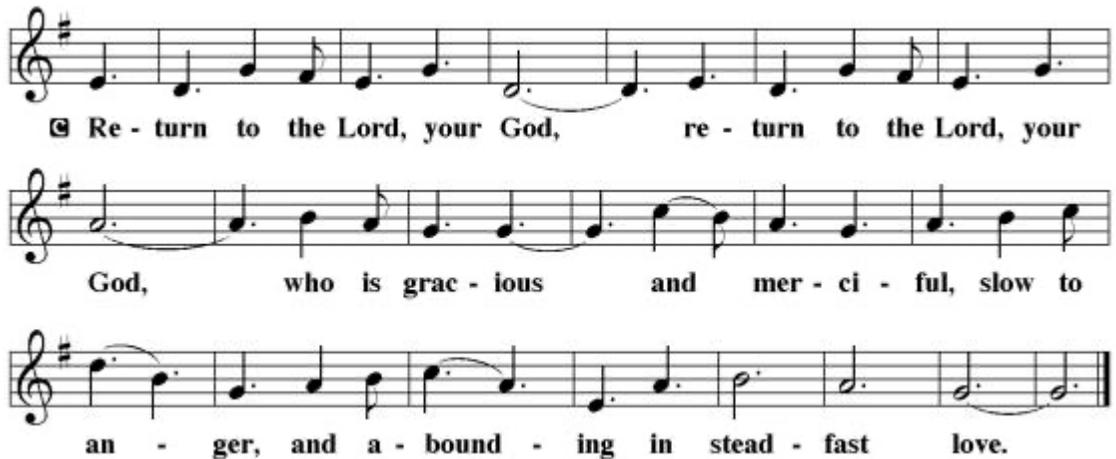
Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The Congregation stands



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your
 God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to
 an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Pastor The Passion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-seventh chapter.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In fulfillment of scripture and obedience to God's will, Jesus goes to the cross so that a new covenant in his blood may bring forgiveness of sins. Even the soldiers who crucify him recognize him to be the Son of God.

The congregation remains seated until verse 33, "...they came to a place called Golgotha", at which point the congregation stands.

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus said, "You say so." But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, "Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?" But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, "Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, "Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him." Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, "Which of the two do you want me to release for you?" And they said, "Barabbas." Pilate said to them, "Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" All of them said, "Let him be crucified!" Then he asked, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Let him be crucified!"

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, "I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves." Then the people as a whole answered, "His blood be on us and on our children!" So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him

and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), *The congregation will please stand*, they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews."

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross." In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, 'I am God's Son.'" The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him." Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

Pastor The Passion of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ

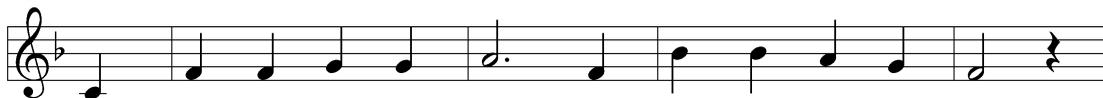
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THE SERMON

PASTOR BRIAN D. VASEY

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Congregation stands



1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to me,
2 He came from his blest throne, sal - va - tion to be - stow;
3 Some - times they strew his way and his sweet prais - es sing;
4 Why, what hath my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?



love to the love - less shown, that they might love - ly be.
but men made strange, and none the longed-for Christ would know.
re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to their King.
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.



Oh, who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail
But, oh, my friend, my friend in - deed, who at my need his
Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all their breath, and for his death they
Sweet in - ju - ries! Yet they at these them - selves dis - please, and



flesh and die? My Lord should take frail flesh and die?
life did spend; who at my need his life did spend!
thirst and cry, and for his death they thirst and cry.
'gainst him rise; them - selves dis - please, and 'gainst him rise.

Tune, RHOSYMEDRE
Music, JOHN D. EDWARDS
Text, SAMUEL CROSSMAN

THE NICENE CREED

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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(after each petition)

Pastor Hear us, O God.
All Your mercy is Great.

THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.
All And also with you.

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

THE OFFERING

The Congregation stands

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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

All **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Pastor Lift up your hearts
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

THE PREFACE

Pastor It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fulness of grace that belongs to the children of God.

And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and



might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor Blessed are you Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts and on these gifts that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in this his holy supper.

All Amen. Come Lord Jesus

Pastor 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."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE AGNUS DEI



☩ 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 COMMUNION

Pastor Come to the table. Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All are welcome at our Lord's Table. Ushers will guide you to come to the chancel rail by tables. Kneel/stand according to your preference. Receive the bread followed by the wine from a pouring chalice. After you commune, please return to your pews by the side aisles. Those not communing may come forward for a blessing. Know that the crucified and risen Christ gives himself to you in his holy supper. If you cannot eat bread, drink only wine. If you cannot drink wine, eat only bread.

(The Congregation may be seated)

AFTER COMMUNION

The Congregation stands

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

All **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor Let us pray. God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Pastor The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩, give you peace.

All **Amen.**

AT THE SENDING



1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the
2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
3 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The hosts of
4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly



tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, your road pur -
pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs now be -
an - gels in the sky look down with sad and won - d'ring
pomp ride on to die, bow your meek head to mor - tal



sue, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strewed.
gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
eyes to see the ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign!

Tune, THE KING'S MAJESTY
Music, GRAHAM GEORGE
Text, HENRY H. MILMAN

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor Go in peace. Believe the Good News.
All Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Epilogue on St. *Theodulph*

HEALY WILLAN
(1880-1968)

At the conclusion of the postlude, there will be a Congregational Meeting following both services to discuss a roofing contract.

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WORSHIP LEADERS for March 29, 2026

Lector	8:00 am	Drew Haussmann
	10:30 am	Brenda Gair
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Brian Jackson
	10:30 am	Matt & Wanda Fortin
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	The Maggs/Dick Reitz
Organist		Samuel Robinson
Altar Guild, <i>March</i>		Wanda Fortin, Ruth Ann Bigelow

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In loving memory of Carl Hieber, by Bev Hieber; and
In loving memory of our grandparents, Lester and Joanne Snyder, by Devin
& Dawson Owen.

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, Ann & Charles Kuntz, Charles (Skip) & Gloria Greevy, and Dave Williams.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, March 29

Sunday of the Passion
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30
Sunday School, 9:15 am
Congregational Meeting

Monday, March 30

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Tuesday, March 31

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Wednesday, April 1

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Thursday, April 2

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Maundy Thursday

12:10 pm Chapel

7:30 pm Nave

Friday, April 3

Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm

Tenebrae 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 4

Church Office Closed

Easter Vigil, 8 pm

Sunday, April 5

Easter Day

Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am

Easter Hospitality

OUR STEWARDSHIP for March 22, 2026

Regular Offering	\$3,235.00
Plate Offerings	\$40.00
Lent	\$170.00
Food Pantry	\$55.00
Parish Life	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$244.00
Evangelism & Fellowship	\$25.00
Grand Total	\$3,794.00

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."



Winter is just about over and the stores will be putting the winter clothing on sale. This is a good time to look for those 0-24 month sweaters/coats/sweatshirts. Also winter pajamas (remember, no feet) - 2 piece pajamas are OK. Some stores are still having "white sales" where you can get bath towels and hand towels cheap - remember, no bath blankets (too big). Have fun shopping. 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 has been generous in their donations of food and hygiene items. But the need for these items continues. As you are able, please consider donating to these programs of the United Churches.

Shepherd of the Streets: Bars of Soap, Deodorant, Razors, Tissues, Baby Oil, Powder, Body Wash Baby Wipes, Laundry Pods and anything else you find on sale that keeps a person clean.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are brown, large-size lunch bags, ice tea mix and napkins.

United Churches Food Pantry: Most needed are boxes of Scalloped Potatoes, Canned Beets and Potatoes, Sugar, Crackers (Ritz type and Saltines,) Mayo, Ketchup, BBQ Sauce, Mustard and Honey.

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.

Easter Cheer

We, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, need the congregation's help in sending Easter Cheer to our Special Concern Folks. Cards will be available today in the Narthex after both services. Please consider taking a card or two, write a cheery greeting, affix a stamp and mail in time for Easter. Thank you in advance for any help you can give

Update: John Tartline

John is the grandson of Phil and Barb Thomas. He continues to be deployed in Iraq. We have been remembering him each week in prayer. During these difficult times, the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee are asking that those who wish, send John greetings from St. Mark's. His address is

John Tartline

Task Force Defender

D BTRY, 2-55 ADAR

APO, AE 09316

Please write his address exactly as printed. One regular US postage stamp will get mail to him.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Chrism Mass (Renewal of Vows for Clergy and Church Members), March 31, 10:30 am, Milton Lutheran Church.

Maundy Thursday, April 2:

12:10 pm, Holy Communion (chapel)

7:30 pm, Holy Communion and Foot Washing (nave)

Good Friday, April 3:

Noon, Ecumenical Worship, First Church of Christ,
1250 Almond Street, Williamsport

7:30 pm, Tenebrae, *Service of the Shadows*, St. Mark's Nave

EASTER SERVICES

Saturday, April 4, The Eve of Resurrection

8 pm, "The Great Vigil of Easter", beginning in the chapel

Sunday, April 5, The Resurrection of Our Lord

8 am, Holy Communion

9:15 am, Extended Hospitality in Fellowship Hall

10:30 am, "Festival Eucharist"



A bus trip to see “**JOSHUA**”* at Sight & Sound is scheduled for Wednesday, 9-23-2026. Meet at the west end of Beiter’s parking lot at 6am. The price for the trip is \$178.00 per adult and \$109.08 for children 12 and under, which includes the ticket to the show, the bus, and a meal at Hershey Farm Inn. To purchase tickets or with any questions please contact Cheryl Williams at (570) 327-1627.

*BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

From the banks of the Jordan River to the towering walls of Jericho, **JOSHUA** is a miraculous adventure for the whole family. Journey alongside the people of Israel as they navigate their new-found freedom in an unforgiving wilderness. When Joshua is called to replace Moses as their faithful leader, tensions mount in the midst of dwindling supplies and approaching armies. With one last fortified city standing between the Israelites and the Promised Land, unexpected hell emerges from behind enemy lines and Joshua’s trust in God’s plan is put to the ultimate test.



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