

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

To know Christ and to make Christ known.



THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER
AND
THE FEAST OF THE RISEN CHRIST

APRIL 4, 2026

8:00 PM



WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
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THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

The first part of the Vigil centers on fire and light, the visible symbol of Christ, who proclaimed himself "The Light of the World". On Easter morning Christ arose, resplendent as the dawning sun, thereby conquering death forever. With this thought in mind we assist at the lighting of the Easter Candle, the carrying and distribution of this burning candle through the church, and the Easter Announcement, "Rejoice now..." We anticipate our joyful sharing of Christ's triumph in resurrection.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The second part of the Vigil has as its center the mystery of Baptism, by which the light of Christ was first given to each of us. Through Holy Baptism we died to sin to rise with Christ - going down into the font in death in order to come up cleansed from sin and alive to God. The readings show this transformation by recounting Old Testament events that foreshadowed it. The blessing of the baptismal water leads up to renewal of the resolve of the whole congregation to live with the Baptismal promise of the Risen Christ. Then the Litany is prayed, as we ask God to help us keep our baptismal vows.

THE FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER

*With the grand ringing of bells, the chancel becomes a proper setting for Easter joy. We have reached the climax of the Easter Vigil - the **feast of the risen Christ**. As baptized members of Christ's Body, we share the feast of Christ's presence and then leave the church to go and tell the Good News.*

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

GATHERING

The congregation stands

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Pastor Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter Feast that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found ready to take part in that feast of light which has no end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Pastor May the darkness of our hearts and minds be dispelled by the light of the Christ who rises this night in glory.

All Amen.

Pastor O God, bless this lighted candle and those upon whom it may shine, that all who in this night shall take part in your holy Mysteries may be filled with your blessing; that as we were once in darkness but are now in the light of the Lord, we may walk as children of light.

All Amen.

(Individual candles are lit from the one candle as the congregation moves toward the nave.)

THE PROCESSION

Cantor The Light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

(The congregation moves toward the nave arriving at the door to the nave.)

Cantor The Light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

(The congregation follows into the church.)

Cantor The Light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION—THE EXSULTENT

Rejoice now, all heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen! Sound forth, O trumpet of salvation, for the triumph of the King. Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation. Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your king! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever. Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you! Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

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 our thanks and praise.**

Pastor *The pastor continues in prayer. The congregation is asked to join in repeating
"This is the night" whenever this phrase is said.*

All **Amen**

CHORAL EXSULTENT

Cantate Domino canticum novum,
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,
et filii Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the saints.
Let Israel rejoice in He who made them,
and the people of Zion
rejoice in their King.*

Music, GIUSEPPE PITONI
Text, PSALM 149:1-2

(The congregation may be seated)

THE FIRST READING

God creates all things good

Genesis 1:1-2:4

Hymn, LBW *Green* 463, Stanzas 1 & 3

Pastor Let us pray. Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen

THE SECOND READING

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Hymn, LBW *Green* 132, Stanzas 1 & 2

Pastor Let us pray. O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant that all the people of earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

THE THIRD READING

Salvation freely offered to all

Isaiah 55:1-11

Hymn, LBW *Green* 343, Stanzas 1 & 2

Pastor Let us pray. Holy God, you created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the whole earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to all who thirst for you, that, rejoicing in your covenant of mercy, we may bring forth abundant fruit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All Amen.

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL PROMISES

The congregation stands

Pastor It is truly right and proper that we should at all times and places give thanks to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and everlasting God.

- You make the Sacraments effective in a wonderful way.
The Pastor touches the water.
- Your Spirit in the beginning moved over the face of the waters and even now brings about a new creation in the font of rebirth.
- You fashion from our old nature an offspring of heaven.
- You have commanded your disciples to “Go, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.”
The Pastor sprinkles water in the four directions.
- You promise to be present with us so that this clear water may provide a cleansing of body and spirit.
The Pastor divides the water in the shape of the cross.

Let the power of the Holy Spirit come down and regenerate by water and word each time we baptize. In this font every stain of sin will be washed away, here begins new life through Christ our Lord.

All who be- lieve_ and are bap- tized_ shall
see the Lord's sal -va- tion; Bap- tized in- to the death of Christ_ We
are_ a new cre - a - tion. In Je - sus we will stand A-
mong the glor - i- ous heav'nly band. Raise us_ in grace each day_ to
fol - low in your way.

Pastor Family of God: On this most holy night, we recall God's saving actions and keep vigil in celebration of the joyful resurrection. The Apostle Paul writes, "We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in the newness of life."
Therefore people of God: Do you renounce the forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

All **We renounce them.**

Pastor Do you believe in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.**

Pastor Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All **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.**

Pastor Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All **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.**

Pastor Do you renew your promise to live in this faith and in the covenant of your Baptism, and as a members of the church be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace and in prayer?

All **We do so promise.**

Pastor Faithful to God, do all of you gathered here promise to live in this faith and in the covenant of your Baptism, and as a members of the church be diligent in the use of the Means of Grace and in prayer?

All **We do so promise.**

Pastor May the Almighty and Everlasting God, who has caused all of us to be reborn by Water and the Spirit, and has forgiven us all our sins, strengthen and preserve us in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All **And also with you.**

The congregation may greet one another using these or similar words and/or gestures of peace.

THE LITANY

Sung using the same inflections as the leader

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, hear us.

God, the Father in heaven,

God, the Son, Redeemer of the world,

God, the Holy Spirit,

Be gracious to us,

From all sin, evil, and everlasting death,

By the mystery of your incarnation,

 by your Passion and Resurrection,

 by the gift of the Holy Spirit,

Though unworthy, we implore you,

To rule your Church, to guide all

 servants of your church,

To raise up those who fall, to comfort

 the faint-hearted,

To help all in danger and need, to bring

 reconciliation in every family,

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world,

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Spare us, good Lord.

Spare us, good Lord.

Help us, good Lord.

To hear us, Lord God.

Hear us, good Lord.

Hear us, good Lord.

Hear us, good Lord.

Have mercy on us.

Have mercy on us.

Give us your peace. Amen.

(We wait in silent anticipation for three loud knocks on the church door.)

THE FIRST COMMUNION OF EASTER

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
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All **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**
Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

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

al-le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia. **I** 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.

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

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

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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Pastor Let us pray. O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: stir up in your church that spirit of adoption which is given to us in Holy Baptism, that we, being wed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

(The Congregation may be seated)

A READING FROM ROMANS

Romans 6:1-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin.

For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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 HOLY GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping?’ She said to them, ‘They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but

she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.”’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord



(The Congregation may be seated)

THE SERMON

PASTOR BRIAN D. VASEY

CHORAL RESPONSE

Swell, swell the full chorus to Solomon’s praise,
Record him, ye bards, as the pride of our days.
Flow sweetly the numbers that dwell on his name,
And rouse the whole nation in songs to his fame.
Swell, swell...

Music, GEORGE F. HANDEL
Text, SOLOMON, ACT II, SCENE III

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: [P] The Lord be with you. [C] And al - so with you. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics: [P] Lift up your hearts. [C] We lift them to the Lord. The third staff continues: [P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. The fourth staff concludes with: [C] It is right to give him thanks and praise. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with square brackets and letters P and C indicating phrasing or breath marks.

[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.

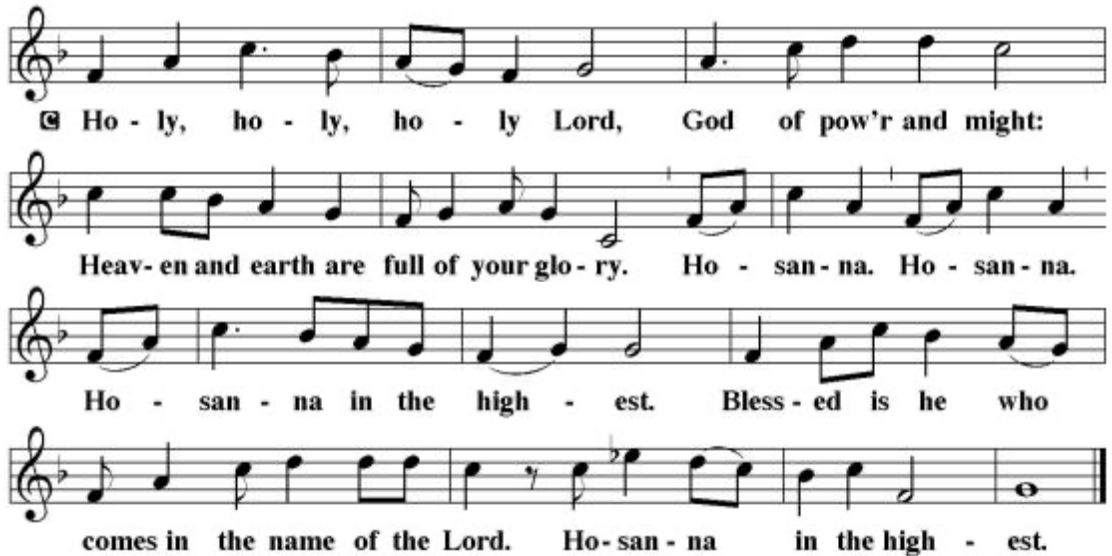
[C] It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PREFACE

Pastor 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, 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 and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor 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. You rescued Israel, your 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, 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

All Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Pastor 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.

All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor 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.

All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

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

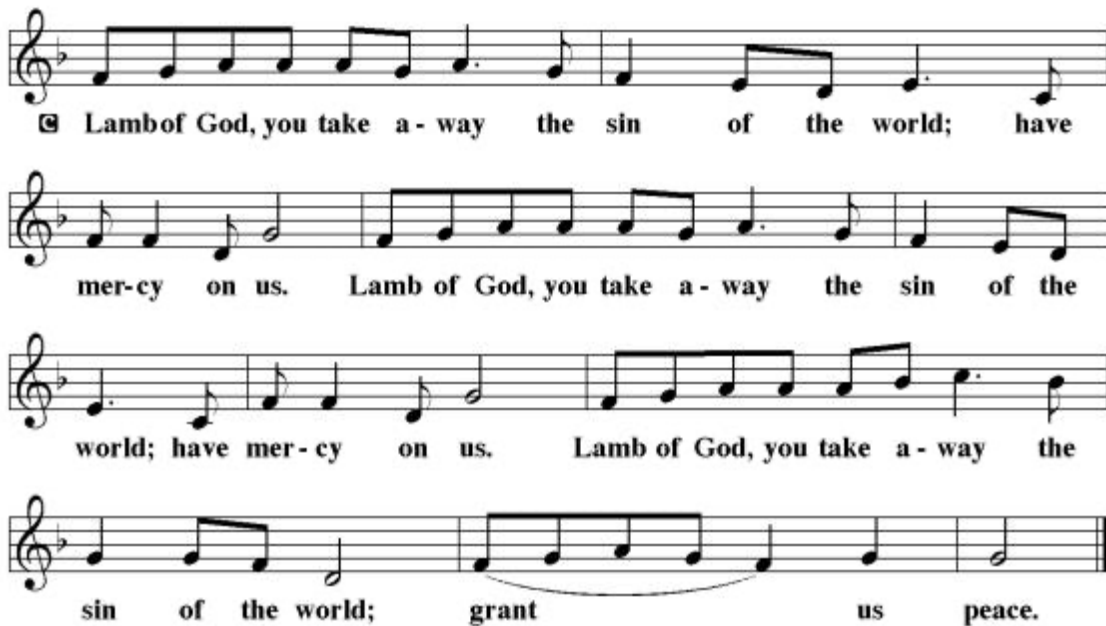
♩ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might- y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor Rejoicing in Christ who has come among us, let pray as our Savior taught us:

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Come to the table of new Life. Receive the risen Lord.
All Amen.

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.

(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. Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in
 this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where
 hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses
 to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in
 Jesus' name.
All Amen.

THE BLESSING

Pastor God the Father, God the Son, and ✠ God the Holy Spirit, bless you
 now and forever.
All Amen.

AT THE SENDING



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell; the bars from
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting



vic - tor's tri - umph won! Now be the
 le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of
 glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry
 heav'n's high por - tals fell. Let hymns of
 free your ser - vants too, that we may



song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Tune, VICTORY
 Music, GIOVANNI P. DA PALENSTRINA
 Text, SYMPHONIA SIRENUM

THE DISMISSAL

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen.
All **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Pastor Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
All **Thanks be to God.**

THE POSTLUDE

Crown Imperial

WILLIAM WALTON
(1902-1983)

Walton's Crown Imperial concludes the service with the sweeping pageantry that has made it one of the most recognizable English ceremonial marches. Originally written for the coronation of King George VI in 1937, its regal themes and triumphant spirit offer a musical image of Christ's eternal kingship, fulfilled in glory over all creation.

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**THE CELEBRATION OF OUR LORD'S RESURRECTION CONTINUES
THROUGHOUT THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER**

WORSHIP LEADERS

Lectors: Deb Buckman, Phil Thomas, Matt Fortin, Wanda Fortin

Communion Assistant: Deb Buckman & Mindy Wentzel

Organist: Samuel Robinson

Ushers: Shawn Cartwright & Devin 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, April 5	Easter Day Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Easter Hospitality
Monday, April 6	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Tuesday, April 7	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Wednesday, April 8	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Thursday, April 9	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Friday, April 10	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Saturday, April 11	Church Office Closed
Sunday, April 12	The Second Sunday Of Easter Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am

BULLETIN SPONSOR

In honor of Sara, Taylor and Sadie, our daughters, by Melvin & Melinda Wentzel.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In loving memory of Russell & Catherine Goertz by the Family; and
In loving memory of my daughter, Sally Ann Millikan, by Sally Bjornstad.

OUR STEWARDSHIP for March 29, 2026

Regular Offering	\$3,307.00
Lent	200.00
Bulletin Sponsor	10.00
Miscellaneous	843.00
Parish Life	100.00
Operation Christmas Child	150.00
Roof Replacement Fund	150.00
Organ Fund	200.00
Easter Flowers	17.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	35.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	125.00
Grand Total	\$5,137.00

ANNIVERSARIES

Ryan & Danielle	4/9
Carl & Audrey Albright	4/23

BIRTHDAYS

Linda Rosini	4/6
John Goertz	4/7
Sadie Wentzel	4/10
Taylor Wentzel	4/10

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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



**Become
Part of
Our
Church
Family**

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.



Thank You for Sending Easter Cheer

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee extends heartfelt thanks to the many members of the congregation for their willingness to send Easter greetings to our Special Concern folks and others we do not see as often as we wish. With more than seventy cards to be sent, it took many hands to spread the blessings of this glorious season. May you be blessed in all the ways you blessed others.



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.

EASTER LILIES ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

AND IN HONOR OF

Ezra Buckman, Lily Holohan, Asher Buckman, and Ren Holohan, by
Deb Buckman

Our children, by Mike & Pam Jensen

Ruth Osbaugh and Carol Mariano by Karen & Steve Mariano

Riley & Stefan, our children, by Gary & Shelby Weber

Ruth & Gloria, our mothers, by Gary & Shelby Weber

AND IN MEMORY OF

Forrest & Margaret Klinger, by Ron & Donna Baker

Peter Ziegler, by his family

Our Loved Ones, by Lou Ann & Ralph Ziegler

Eugene & Reba Jacobs, by Dr. John & Holly Carlson and Lina Rosini

Carl Hieber, by Beverly Hieber & family

Shirley & Bob Miller, our parents, by Richard & Barb Cooley

Edward Sr. & Mary Gair, by the Gair Family

Paul Robinson, our father, by Samuel Robinson & family

Bill & Prudy Poff, by Herb Poff and Steve & Candy Dewar

Jack & Eleanor Whiting, by Herb Poff and Steve & Candy Dewar

Jack & Margaret Dewar, by Steve & Candy Dewar

Josephine & Allen Malick and Julia & Phillip Williams, by Cheryl &
Dave Williams

Francis Bigelow and Judy Fortin, by Matt & Wanda Fortin and Ruth
Ann Bigelow

Robert Kuntz, my husband, and Mark Kuntz, my son, by Ann Kuntz

Robert Furman, my husband, by Theresa Furman

Our Parents, by Ray & Cindy Huff

Harold and Joyce Hershberger, by the Jensen Family

Charlotte Reitz, my wife, by Dick Reitz

James Buckman and our parents, by Deb Buckman

Diana Zeigler, Joann Zeigler, Rosena Haines, and Anna Plank, by Dan Zeigler

Shirley & Bob Campbell, by Cathy Fenderson and Bob Campbell

Ray Kinney, by Shirley Kinney

Harry Osbaugh and Dominic Mariano, by Karen & Steve Mariano

Paul and Max, our fathers, by Gary & Shelby Weber

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by Dan Zeigler

Ryan & Dani Kane

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In memory of Robert Kuntz, my husband, and Mark Kuntz, my son,
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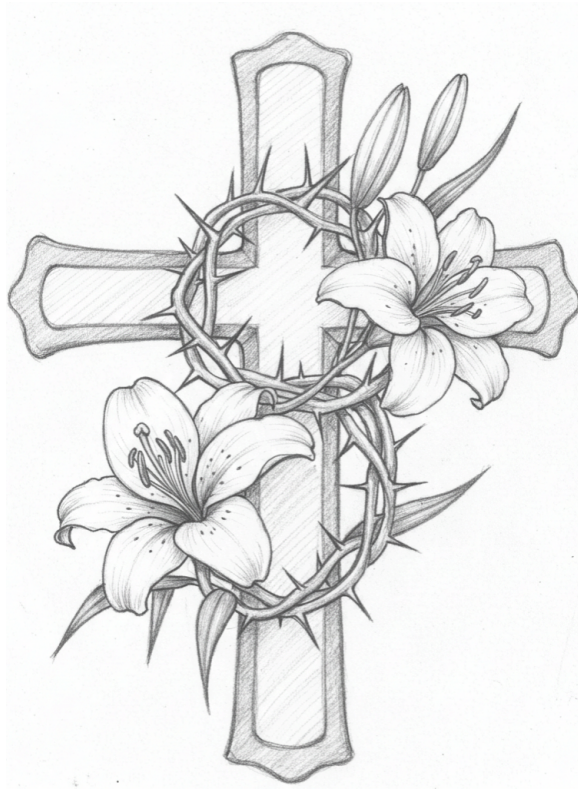
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