

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**April 19, 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 One, 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.*

## **PRELUDE**

### **INTRODUCTION TO TODAY'S WORSHIP**

*Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.*

### **WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne  
and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the pastor continues.*

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us, especially the Susquehanna River.  
Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

**\*HYMN**

**With High Delight, Let Us Unite**

**LBW, "Green," 140**

## With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in  
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth  
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all  
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now  
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To  
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And  
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to  
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says  
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.  
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

Text: Georg Vetter, 1536–1599; tr. Martin H. Franzmann, 1907–1976, alt.  
 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune  
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### \*THE GREETING

The grace of the 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

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.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ 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.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☐ For the Lamb who was  
slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.  
☐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## **\*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19**

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice,  
and listened to my | supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given | ear to me**  
**whenev- | er I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me;  
I came to | grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name | of the LORD:**  
**“O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I re- | pay the LORD  
for all the good things God has | done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup | of salvation**

**and call on the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your | sight, O LORD,  
is the death | of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O LORD, truly I | am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me | from my  
bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice | of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD  
in the presence of | all God's people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of | the LORD's house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. | Hallelujah!**

### **THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-23**

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**





found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

## THE SERMON

\*HYMN

Alleluia, Jesus is Risen

WOV, “Blue,” 674

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,

Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*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/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 or gestures..*

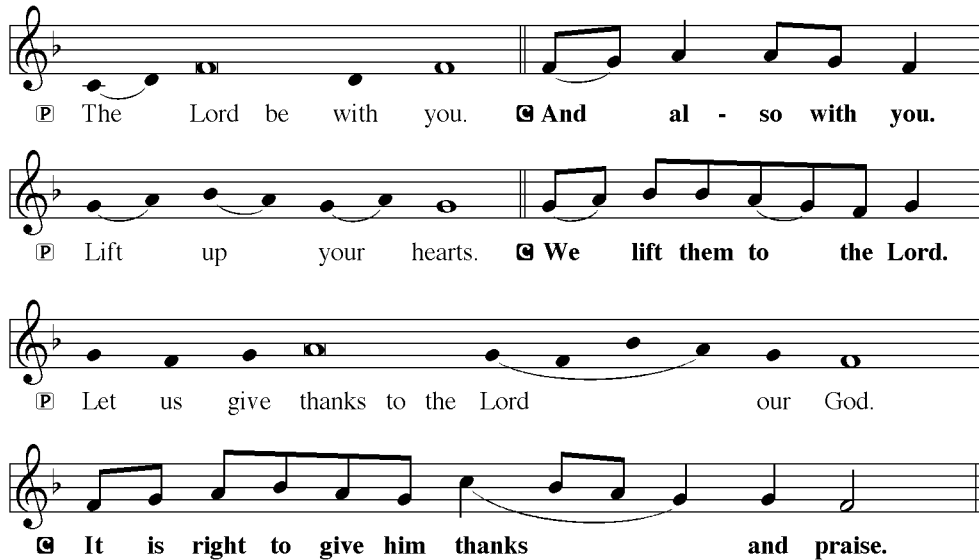
**OFFERTORY**

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

Merciful God,  
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.  
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day  
when we will hunger and thirst no more.  
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,  
that goodness and mercy may follow us  
and bless the world you love.  
In the name of Jesus,  
**Amen.**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



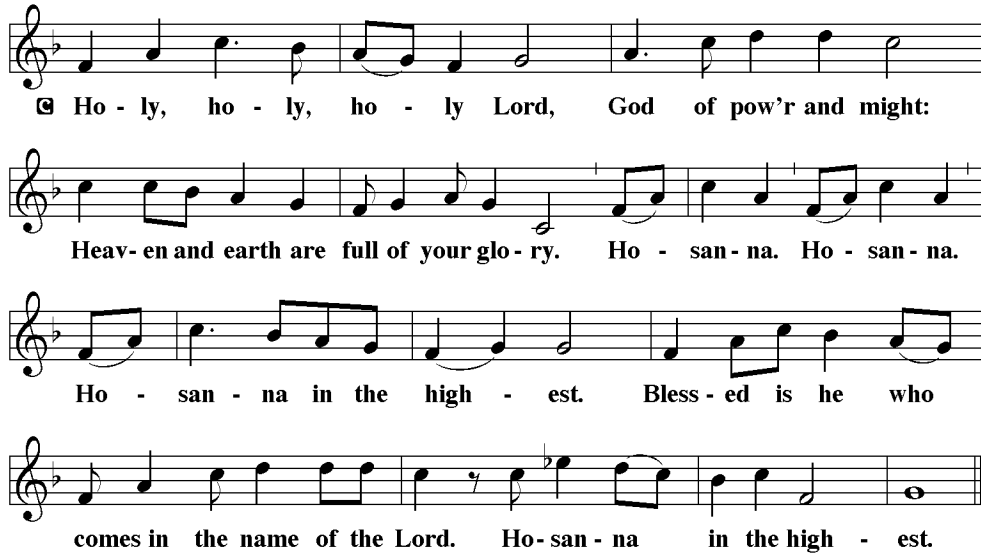
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And also with you.

♩ Lift up your hearts. ♪ We lift them to the Lord.

♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

♩ 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, almighty and everlasting 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:



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.

We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
 whom you sent in this end of the ages  
 to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.  
 He is your Word,  
 inseparable from you.  
 Through him you created all things,  
 and in him you take delight.  
 He is your Word,  
 sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.  
 He there took on our nature and our lot  
 and was shown forth as your Son,  
 born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.  
 It is he, our Lord Jesus, who fulfilled all your will  
 and won for you a holy people;  
 he stretched out his hands in suffering  
 in order to free from suffering those who trust you.  
 It is he who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
 in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
 to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,

to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This is my blood poured out for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we lift this bread and cup before you,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

And we ask you:

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your Church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ.

Through him all glory and honor are yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church both 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**

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 COMMUNE**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

**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

Holy One,  
through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## \*BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## \*HYMN Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing LBW, "Green," 144

### Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -



tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

**\*DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**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, Claire Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt Hausmann, Kristin Rehm, Ariel, John Tartline, George Poliska, Connie Shaible, John Holohan, Loretta Hawe, Donna Baker, Ann Kuntz, Ann & Charles Kuntz, Dave Williams, Bud Doebler, and Shirley Hill.

**COMMEMORATIONS**

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

*Sunday, April 19, 2026*

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms.

Olavus published a catechism and hymnal;

Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.



**Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109**

*Tuesday, April 21, 2026*

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary “payment” for our sin.



**El Día de la Creación (Day of the Creation)**

*Wednesday, April 22, 2026*

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.



**Toyohiko Kagawa, renewer of society, died 1960**

*Thursday, April 23, 2026*

Born in Kobe, Japan, Kagawa was orphaned as a young child. Later, when he became Christian, he was disowned by the rest of his family. Wishing to bring Christian principles into society, he worked among poor people, established schools and hospitals, and worked for peace.



**Mark, Evangelist**

*Saturday, April 25, 2026*

He was not numbered among the twelve apostles, yet Mark was probably a member of the early church community. The gospel that bears his name is the shortest and most direct, and many scholars think it was the first to be written.



**THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S**

**Today, April 19**

**The Third Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30  
Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**Monday, April 20**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm  
Council, 6 pm**

**Tuesday, April 21**

**Office hours, 9 am- 1 pm**

**Wednesday, April 22**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**

**Thursday, April 23**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**

**Friday, April 24**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**

**Saturday, April 25**

**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, April 26**

**Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
West Branch Conference Assembly,  
2 pm, Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP for April 12, 2026**

Regular Offering	\$2,870.00
Plate Offerings	1.00
Easter	185.00
Lent	25.00
Parish Life	42.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	35.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,158.00</b>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God; and  
In Gratitude to those seeking TRUTH and living resolutely in HIS LIGHT, by Ron  
& Grace Arner; and  
In honor of Ben Haussmann's birthday, by Drew & Vicki Haussmann.

**WORSHIP LEADERS for April 19, 2026**

Lector	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Deb Buckman
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Deb Buckman & Mindy Wentzel
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	The Gair Family
Hospitality	8:00 am	Herb Poff
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (MARCH)		Shelby & Gary Weber

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Cindy Hartzel 4/19  
Ben Haussmann 4/23

## **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](mailto:stmarks@stmarkswilliamsport.org).

## **Easter Thank You**

The Parish Life Committee extends a heartfelt thank you to Church Council and members of the congregation for their generous food donations and assistance with hosting Easter Hospitality. From set-up, to hosting, to clean-up, all went smoothly due to the many helping hands. A good time was had by all.

### Most Needed At.....

The Shepherd of the Streets is asking congregations to help them celebrate Good Shepherd's Day on April 26, 2026. Please consider donating an item to them. The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks you for any assistance you can give.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Children's toothbrushes and toothpaste, Laundry Pods, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Band Aids, Combs, Women's Deodorant, Pillow Cases (new or gently uses) and Twin Sheets (new or gently used.)

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

**United Churches Food Pantry:** Needed are grocery bags like you get from Weis or Giant Markets and clean egg cartons. Non-perishable food items are always needed.

**Daniel's Closet:** Their monthly drop-off is Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Needed are lightweight clothing for children, men and women. Shoes and linens are also accepted. Items may be left on the stage in Fellowship Hall if you are unable to make the drop-off date. Distribution is Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

### Upcoming Women's Events

- **Upper Susquehanna Synodical Women's Organization: Day of Learning on April 25, 2026 at Messiah Lutheran Church:** The day's focus will be "Meditating with God" The program will include two sessions: one will be a presentation by Rev. Ken Elkin on his experiences in Spain and the other session will be a hands-on activity of making a stained-glass angel ornament with Keith Whitesel. Cost is \$35.00 that covers morning refreshments, lunch and the angel ornament.
- **Church Women United in Lycoming County: May Friendship Day (May 1, 2026) at Christ Episcopal Church.** The theme of this celebration is "Shelter Me: See, Hear, Respect, Protect." Lunch will be catered at noon by The Food Guy with the program, "A Place Called Home" to follow. Cost \$20.00 per person.

Speak with Becky Pryor if you would like more information or to attend one or both events.



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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