

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**May 3, 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**

*As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.*

### **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**

**Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

**WOV, "Blue," 747**

## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
 3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they  
 4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
 hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
 ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
 to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
 hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Text: Latin hymn, c. 7th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: WESTMINSTER ABBEY, Henry Purcell, 1659–1695; arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1802–1868

### \*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. ① 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. ② 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. ③ 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. ④ 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. Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 7:55-60**

<sup>55</sup> Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. <sup>58</sup> Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. <sup>59</sup> While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” <sup>60</sup> Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16**

1 In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be | put to shame;  
deliver me | in your righteousness.

2 **Incline your | ear to me;**  
**make haste to de- | liver me.**

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag | and my  
stronghold;  
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

4 **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,**  
**for you are my tow- | er of strength.**

5 Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O LORD, | God of truth.

15 **My times are | in your hand;**  
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who | persecute**  
**me.**

<sup>16</sup> Let your face shine up- | on your servant;  
save me in your | steadfast love.”

### THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

<sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation <sup>3</sup> if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

<sup>4</sup> Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious,  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

<sup>7</sup> This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner,”

<sup>8</sup> and

“A stone that makes them stumble  
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

<sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people,  
but now you are God’s people;  
once you had not received mercy,  
but now you have received mercy.

Word of God, word of life.

**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. Al - le - lu - ia.

## THE GOSPEL: John 14:1-14

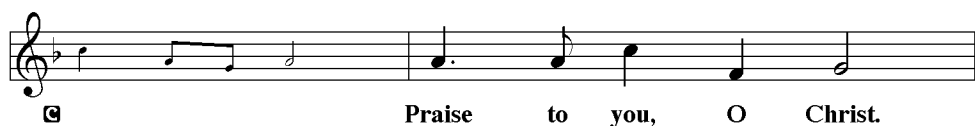
The holy gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. John, the fourteenth chapter.



[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>1</sup> “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going.” <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.”

The gospel of the Lord.



## THE SERMON

\*HYMN

You Are the Way

LBW, “Green,” 464

## You Are the Way

1 You are the way; through you a - lone can we the Fa - ther find;  
2 You are the truth; your word a - lone true wis - dom can im - part;  
3 You are the life; the rend - ing tomb pro - claims your con - qu'ring arm;  
4 You are the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,

in you, O Christ, has God re - vealed his heart, his will, his mind!  
you on - ly can in - form the mind and pu - ri - fy the heart.  
and those who put their trust in you not death nor hell shall harm.  
that truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys e - ter - nal flow.

Text: George W. Doane, 1799–1859, alt.  
Music: DUNDEE, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1615

### **\*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

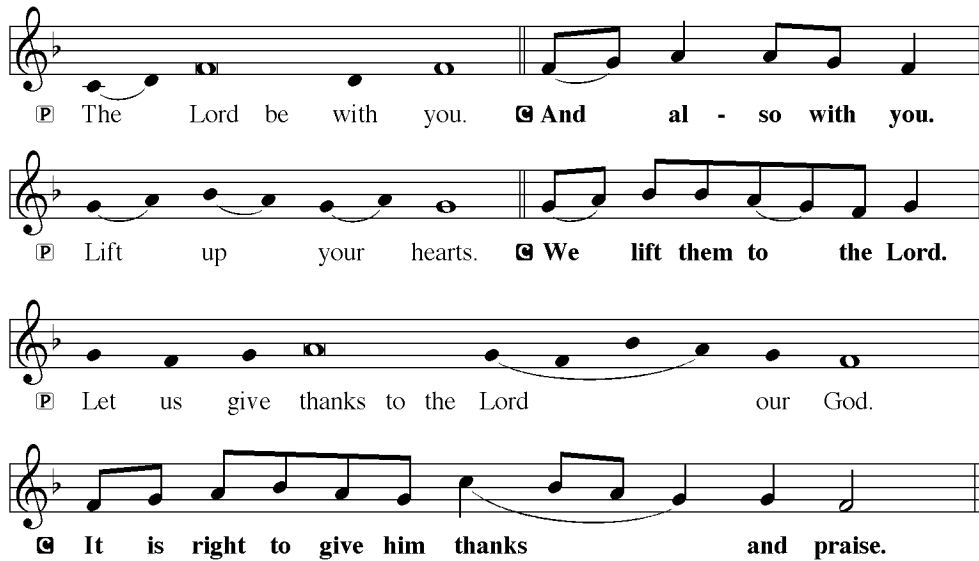


Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the  
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the  
prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble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



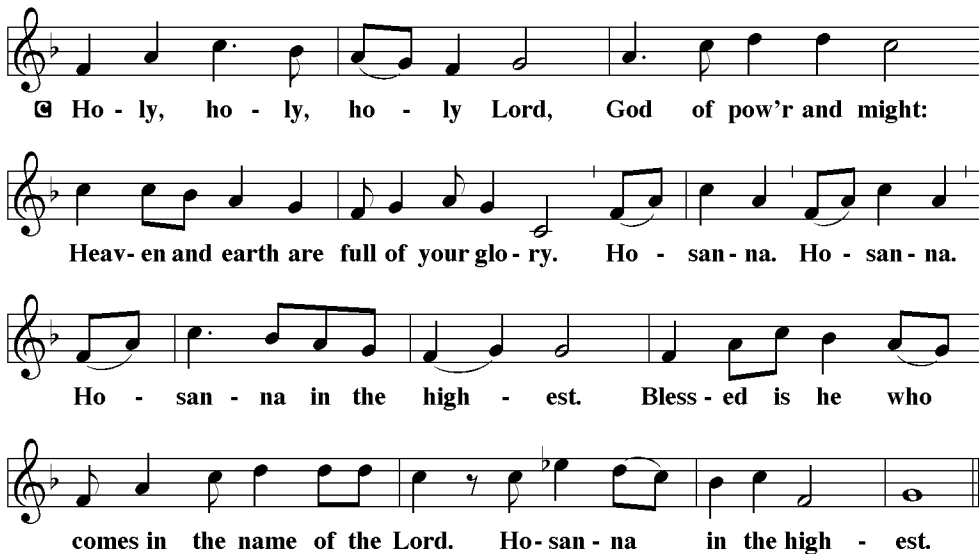
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ 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.

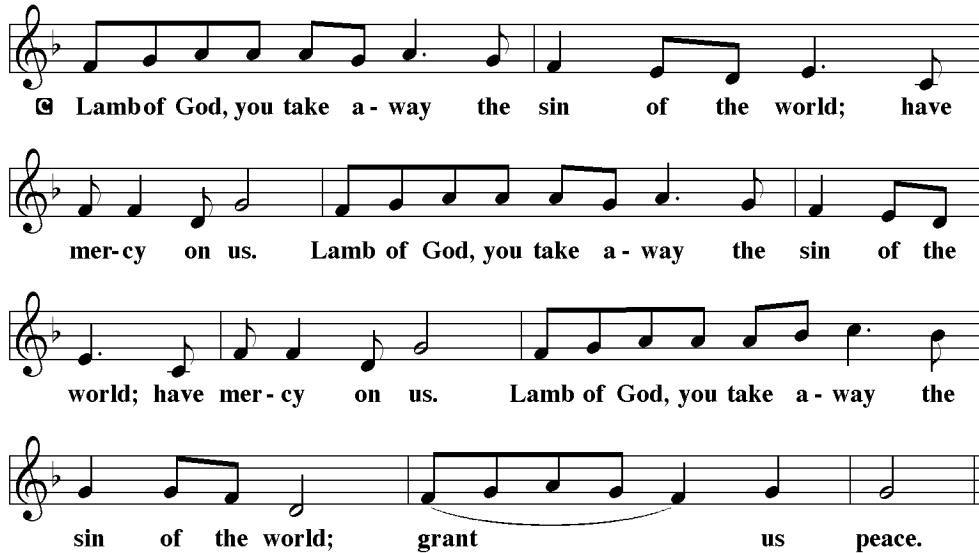
**Amen.**

**\*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!**

*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**

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**

**Christ Is Alive**

**LBW “Green,” 363**

## Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

### \*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

**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, Claire Brassard, Kevin Rosini, Kathy Eshelman, Micah, Deb Buckman, Linda Rosini, Walt & Leah Haussmann, 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

#### **Monica, mother of Augustine, died 387**

*Monday, May 4, 2026*

Monica was married to a pagan husband who was ill-tempered and unfaithful, but whom she helped bring into the Christian faith. She repeated the influence on her son Augustine, who went on to become one of the greatest church teachers.



#### **Julian of Norwich, renewer of the church, died around 1416**

*Friday, May 8, 2026*

When she was about thirty years old, Julian (or Juliana) reported visions that she later compiled into a book, *Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love*, now a classic of medieval mysticism. The visions declared that love was the meaning of religious experience, provided by Christ who is love, for the purpose of love.



**Victor the Moor, martyr, died 303**

*Friday, May 8, 2026*

Also known as Victor Maurus, this native of the northwest African nation of Mauritania was a soldier in the Roman Praetorian Guard. Under the persecution of Maximian, Victor died for his faith at Milan.



**Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church, hymnwriter, died 1760**

*Saturday, May 9, 2026*

When he was 22, a group of Moravians asked permission to live on Zinzendorf’s land. He agreed, and eventually worldwide Moravian missions emanated from this community. Zinzendorf participated in these missions, and is also remembered for writing hymns characteristic of his Pietistic faith.



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

**Today, May 3**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am  
Sunday School, 9:15 am  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee  
meets after 10:30 worship**

**Monday, May 4**

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

**Tuesday, May 5**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm  
Evangelism and Fellowship, 5:30 pm**

**Wednesday, May 6**

**Office Hours, 9 am- 1pm  
Book Study of “Joshua and the Children”,  
12:10 pm  
Men's Fellowship, 6 pm**

**Thursday, May 7**

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

**Friday, May 8**                    **Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm**  
**Little Lambs' Mother's Tea, 11:30 am**

**Saturday, May 9**                **Office Closed**

**Sunday, May 10**                **Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am**  
**Sunday School, 9:15 am**

**OUR STEWARDSHIP for April 26, 2026**

Regular Offering	\$2,710.00
Plate Offerings	20.00
Easter	70.00
Lent	25.00
World Hunger	50.00
Food Pantry	100.00
Global Mission	50.00
Parish Life	50.00
Operations Christmas Child	300.00
Family Promise Hosting	50.00
Roof Replacement Fund	150.00
Organ Fund	200.00
Pastor's Discretionary Fund	75.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,850.00</b>

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the Glory of God; and  
In loving memory of our mother, Carol Smith, and in honor of our mother, Shirley Kinney, by Mike & Jackie Kinney; and  
In loving memory of Robert O. Miller, by the Family.

**WORSHIP LEADERS for May 3, 2026**

Lector	8:00 am	Candy Dewar
	10:30 am	Donna Boston
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Jackie Kinney
	10:30 am	Ralph & Lou Ann Zeigler
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	Gary & Shelby Weber
Hospitality	8:00 am	Candy Dewar

Organist  
Altar Guild (APRIL)

Sam Robinson  
Shelby & Gary Weber

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Grace Schreckengast            5/5

## **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).



### **Most Needed At.....**

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee thanks you for any assistance you can give.

**Shepherd of the Streets:** Any items that keep folks clean, are needed. Additionally, Laundry Pods, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Band Aids, Pillow Cases (new or gently used) and Twin Sheets (new or gently used) are also needed.

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

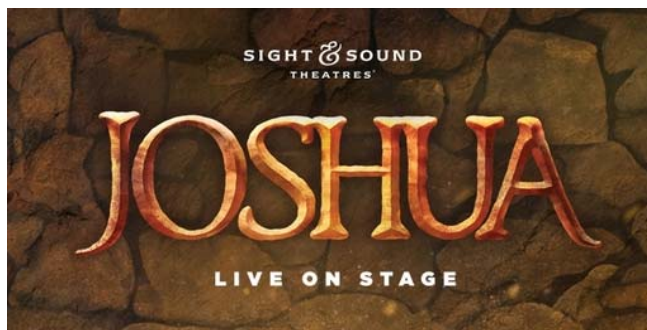
**United Churches Food Pantry:** Needed are grocery bags like you get from Weis or Giant Markets and clean 12-count, egg cartons. Non-perishable food items are always needed.

**Sandwich Needs:** Welcome Tim Maggs to Wednesday's Sandwich Crew! As spring turns to summer, the Parish Life Committee is in need of shelf stable packets of Star Kist Deli Style Tuna Salad and Star Kist Chicken Salad for use at the Blessing Boxes. Both Weis Markets and Giant regularly place these items on sale. A container is in the Narthex for donations. Thank you for any assistance you can give.

### **Got Cookies?**

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee need the congregation's help in providing cookies for Redeemer's Community dinner on Thursday, May 14, 2026. We need 20 dozen assorted cookies. Cookies do not need to be homemade. Our local supermarket bakeries have tasty cookie options costing \$5.00 or \$6.00 for more than two dozen assorted cookies. All donations are needed no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give.

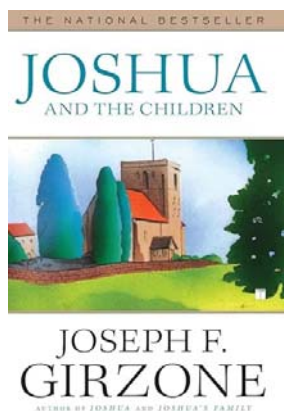
The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will meet this Tuesday, May 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in Middle Lounge. All are welcome to join us.



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.



### **May Bible Study**

The Faith Formation Committee is pleased to once again be offering the opportunity to grow in our faith through a 3 week book study using the novel Joshua and the Children written by Joseph Girzone. We will meet on Wednesdays from 12:10-12:50 beginning May 6th. Copies of this book are currently available in the Narthex. Please feel free to take a copy and get a head start on reading if you are so inclined! We are looking forward to continuing Joshua’s story and hope that you will join us!

## BLOOD DRIVE

The Evangelism and Fellowship Committee, in collaboration with the North Central PA Chapter of the American Red Cross, will hold a **Blood Drive on Friday, May 15, 2026 from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM in Fellowship Hall.** Please consider being a donor or encourage friends and family as the Red Cross experiences critical shortages of blood and the need is great. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: “St. Marks” to schedule an appointment.



### CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Join us for Work Day on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9am to get camp ready for the summer! There will be projects for all ages and abilities. For additional information call 570-922-1587 and email [cml@campmountluther.org](mailto:cml@campmountluther.org) to register and include everyone in your family for a lunch count.

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