

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 10, 2026

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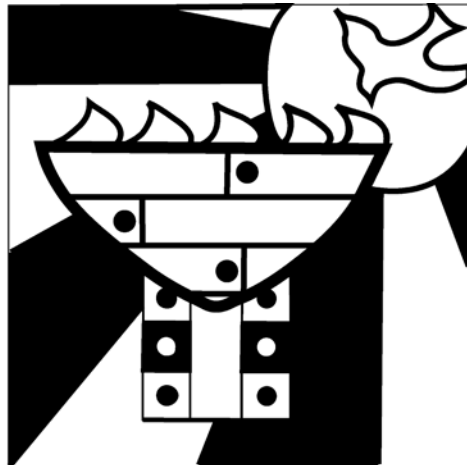
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Welcome to Saint Mark's!

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

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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**

Come Thou Almighty King

LBW, "Green," 522

Come, Thou Almighty King



1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing;
2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword;
3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal prais - es be



help us to praise; Fa - ther all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
our prayer at - tend. Come and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
in this glad hour! Thou, who al - might - y art, now rule in
hence ev - er - more! Thy sov-'reign maj - es - ty may we in



to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
word suc - cess, and let thy righ - teous - ness on us de - scend.
ev - 'ry heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

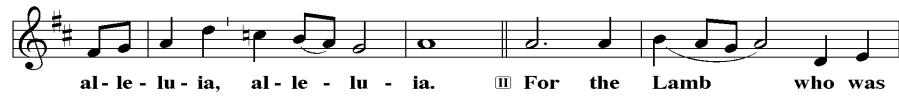
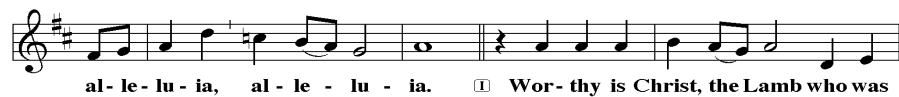
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***THE GREETING**

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



***THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 66:8-20

⁸ Bless our | God, you peoples;

let the sound of | praise be heard.

⁹ **Our God has kept us a- | mong the living
and has not allowed our | feet to slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have | tested us;

you have tried us just as sil- | ver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us in- | to the net;**

you laid heavy burdens up- | on our backs.

¹² You let people ride over our heads; we went through | fire and water,
but you brought us out into a place | of refreshment.

¹³ **I will enter your house | with burnt offerings
and will pay | you my vows—**

¹⁴ those that I promised | with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I | was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer you burnt offerings of fatlings with the | smoke of rams;
I will give you ox- | en and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and listen, all you | who believe,

and I will tell you what God has | done for me.

¹⁷ **I called out to God | with my mouth,**

and praised the Lord | with my tongue.

¹⁸ If I had cherished evil | in my heart,

the Lord would | not have heard me;

¹⁹ **but in truth | God has heard me**

and has attended to the sound | of my prayer.

²⁰ Blessed be God, who has not reject- | ed my prayer,

nor withheld unfailing | love from me.

THE SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also

suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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 14:15-21

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in

you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

© Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

*HYMN

We All Are One in Mission

WOV “Blue,” 755

We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice, to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed, and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - f'rent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers with God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

***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 musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff continues: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff continues: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.' The fourth staff concludes: 'It is right to give him thanks and praise.'

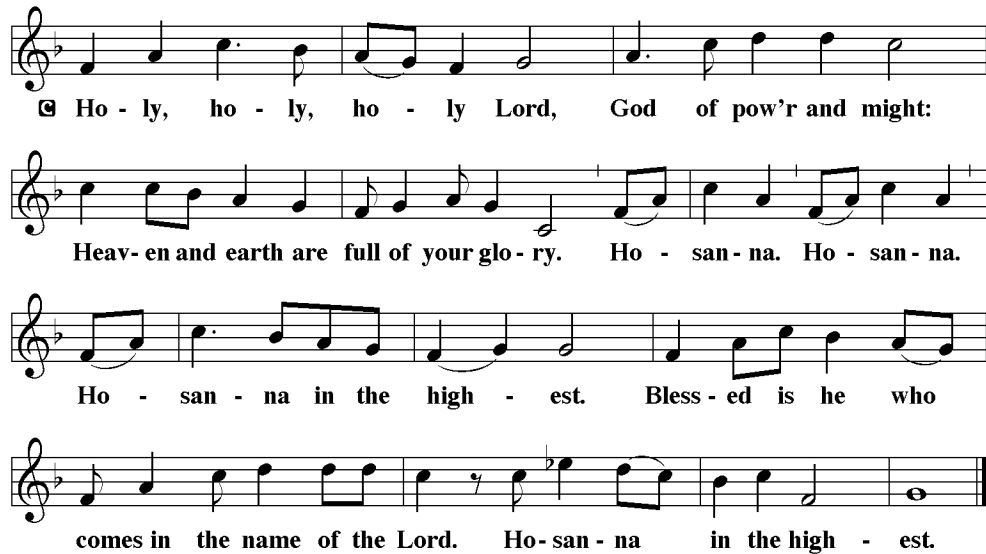
♩ The Lord be with you. ♪ And al - so with you.

♩ 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.

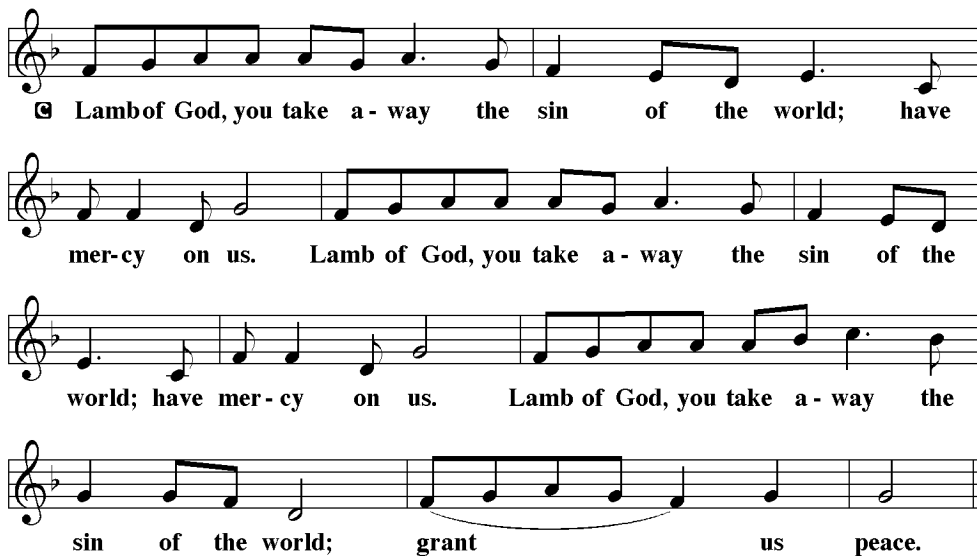
***OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

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**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

WOV “Blue,” 754

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Refrain
Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

OUR PRAYER LIST

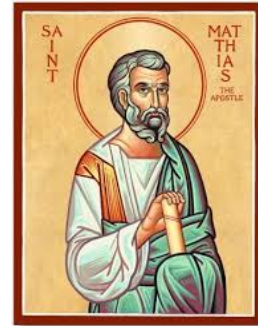
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COMMEMORATIONS

Matthias, Apostle

Thursday, May 24, 2026

Matthias was the apostle added to the Twelve after Jesus' resurrection, as a replacement for the dead Judas Iscariot. He had traveled among the followers of Jesus throughout the Lord's ministry. Formerly commemorated on February 24, Matthias's celebration is moved to May 14 in agreement with most Western calendars.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today, May 10	The Sixth Sunday of Easter Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am
Monday, May 11	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Tuesday, May 12	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Wednesday, May 13	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Book Study of "Joshua and the Children", 12:10pm
Thursday, May 14	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Donuts for Dad- Little Lambs, 10 am Pastor's Luncheon- 1 pm
Friday, May 15	Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm Blood Drive- 11 am to 3 pm
Saturday, May 16	Office Closed
Sunday, May 17	The Seventh Sunday of Easter Holy Communion, 8 and 10:30 am Sunday School, 9:15 am

OUR STEWARDSHIP for May 3, 2026

Regular Offering	\$3,045.00
Plate Offerings	20.00
Capital Fund	10.00
Flower Memorials/Tributes	80.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Grand Total	\$3,165.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In loving memory of Rosena Haines, by Dan Zeigler; and
In honor of our mother, Ruth Ann Begelow, and in loving memory of Judy Fortin,
by Matt & Wanda Fortin & Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS for May 10, 2026

Lector	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Karen Mariano
Communion Assistants	8:00 am	Becky Pryor
	10:30 am	Deb B. & Mindy W.
Ushers	8:00 am	Miller/Poff
	10:30 am	Glenn Y. & Mel W.
Hospitality	8:00 am	Jackie Kinney
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (MAY)		Cindy Huff & Linda Rosini

ANNIVERSARIES

Shawn & Megan Cartwright 5/10

BIRTHDAYS

H. Vincent Bardsley	5/12
Thomas Waffenschmidt	5/12
Karen Mariano	5/14
Jane Larson	5/15

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.



Most Needed At.....

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

Shepherd of the Streets: Needed are Laundry Pods, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Band Aids, Women's Deodorant, Q-tips, Combs, Sunscreen and Children's Toothbrushes and Toothpaste.

Sojourner Truth Ministries (STM): Needed are bottles of Ketchup, Mustard and BBQ Sauce, Lemonade Mix and Napkins.

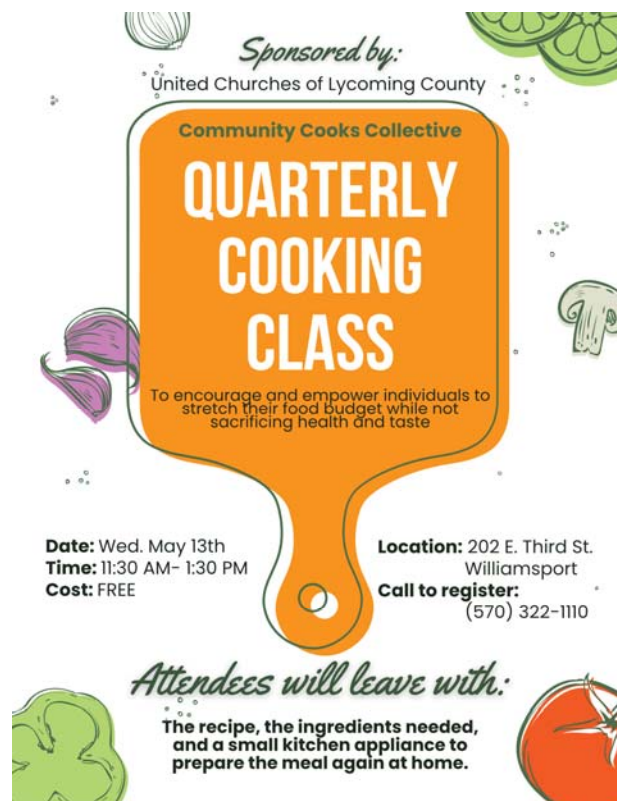
United Churches Food Pantry: Needed are Cans of Stew, Pasta, Pineapple and Pork & Beans, Coffee, Tea Bags, Honey, Pancake Mix, Condiments and Saltine Crackers. The Pantry is still accepting plastic grocery bags and egg cartons.

Sandwich Needs: 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 needs 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 close to two dozen assorted cookies. All donations are needed no later than Wednesday, May 13, 2026. Donations may be placed in the Narthex or the kitchen. Thank you in advance for any assistance you can give.

Community Cooks Collective



Sponsored by:
United Churches of Lycoming County

Community Cooks Collective
QUARTERLY COOKING CLASS

To encourage and empower individuals to stretch their food budget while not sacrificing health and taste

Date: Wed. May 13th
Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Cost: FREE

Location: 202 E. Third St.
Williamsport
Call to register:
(570) 322-1110

Attendees will leave with:
The recipe, the ingredients needed, and a small kitchen appliance to prepare the meal again at home.

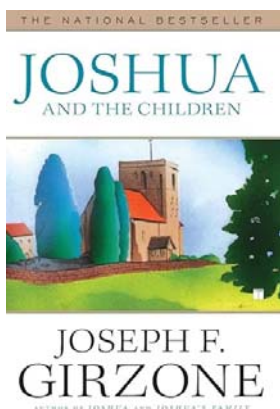
The poster features a central orange wooden spoon graphic. Surrounding the spoon are various food illustrations: a purple eggplant, a green mushroom, a green tomato slice, a whole red tomato, and a green leafy vegetable. The text is arranged around the spoon, with the event details and the 'Attendees will leave with' section at the bottom.



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 Book 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 and enter: “St. Marks” to schedule an appointment.



CAMP MOUNT LUTHER

Join us for Work Day on Saturday, May 16th 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 to register and include everyone in your family for a lunch count.



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