

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2026

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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 Two, 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

Moses tells the Israelites that they are called to be a priestly kingdom and a holy people. Jesus sends out the disciples as laborers into the harvest. In baptism we too are anointed for ministry, sharing God's compassion with our needy world. From the Lord's table we go forth to proclaim the good news, to heal the sick, and to share our bread with the hungry.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCING THE DAY/ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace.

In Christ's name we pray,

Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me,
 all you who are weary
 and are carrying heavy burdens,
 and I will give you rest."

In the name of God,
 Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
 your sins are forgiven.
 Rest in God's love.

Amen.

***HYMN God is Here! WOV, "Blue," 719**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

*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.

*ON EAGLE'S WINGS

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Leader or All




1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,

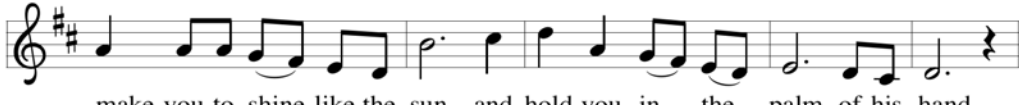


say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,




make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no

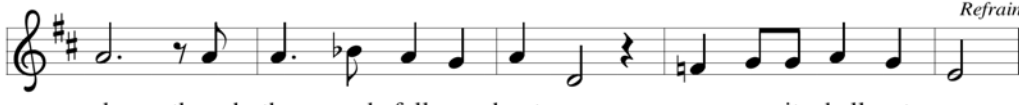


fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; thou-gh thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to

guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will

bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

Final refrain
All

And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,

make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

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 Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas
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*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: Exodus 19:2-8a

² [The Israelites] journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain.³ Then Moses went up to God; the LORD called to him from the mountain, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the Israelites: ⁴ ‘You have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now, therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, ⁶ but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites.”

⁷ So Moses went, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. ^{8a} The people all answered as one, “Everything that the LORD has spoken we will do.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!

² Serve the LORD with gladness; come into God’s presence | with a song.

³ **Know that the LORD is God, our maker to whom | we belong;
we are God’s people and the sheep | of God’s pasture.**

⁴ Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving and the | courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God’s | holy name.

⁵ **Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love is | everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from | age to age.**

THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the

Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

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.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 9:35—10:23

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

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed

him.

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. ⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

¹⁶ “I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”
The gospel of the Lord.



THE SERMON

*HYMN

In Christ Called to Baptize

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1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,



and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.



In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.



then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
Music: ST. DENIO, Welsh traditional
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***THE APOSTLES' CREED**

With all the church, we confess our faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

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.**

**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.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

After each petition: God of Grace/Hear 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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Loving God,
we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts.
Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,
so that all creation can taste your abundance.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever.
Amen.

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes, with a 'P' (Piano) dynamic marking at the start of each line and a 'C' (Crescendo) marking at the beginning of the second phrase in each line.

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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of eternal life. And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 the 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, gave thanks; broke it,
 and gave it this disciples, saying, "Take and eat.
 This is my body which is 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.

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

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.

Come Lord Jesus.

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.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, 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, grant us peace.

***INVITATION TO COMMUNE**

Heaven has come near.
 Come, share in the feast!
 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**

Compassionate God,
through the gifts of bread and wine
our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love.
Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal,
may share your love freely, as you have shared with us.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

Amen.

***BLESSING**

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer,
✠ one God,
bless, heal, and hold you
today and always.

Amen

***A LITANY FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF AN ORDINATION**

We give thanks and praise God for the ministry of the Reverend Brian Vasey whom we honor for 40 years of faithful service.

Certificate is presented. A brief silence follows.

Let us pray: For the Word proclaimed, the sacraments administered, and lives touched by his vocation,

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

For his wife Joanne, for all his family, who, in their love and support have made a significant self-offering to the mission of your Holy Church.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

With your Holy Spirit, continue to inspire and sustain all who serve: Pastor Vasey, all the ordained, all the Authorized Lay Worship Leaders, all Synod Appointed Ministers, as well as all the baptized. May we all continue to be faithful servants of God in Christ.

Amen.

*HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story

LBW "Green," 390



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



and tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911
Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

***DISMISSAL**

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

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, Shirley Hill, Ruth Osbaugh, Pam Osbaugh, Becky Pryor, Gregg & Kathy Dancho, and April Clark.

COMMEMORATIONS

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, died 379; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, died around 385; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, died around 389; Macrina, teacher, died around 379

Sunday, June 14, 2026

The Cappadocian fathers, as the three men in this group are known, explored the mystery of the Holy Trinity. Basil's monastic rule forms the basis for Eastern monastic life. Gregory of Nazianzus defended orthodox Christianity in Constantinople. Gregory of Nyssa, Basil's younger brother, wrote on the spiritual life. Macrina, older sister of Basil and Gregory of Nyssa, was the leader of a community dedicated to asceticism, meditation, and prayer.



Emanuel Nine, martyrs, died 2015

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

On June 17, 2015, Clementa C. Pinckney, Cynthia Marie Graham Hurd, Susie Jackson, Ethel Lee Lance, DePayne Middleton-Doctor, Tywanza Sanders, Daniel

Lee Simmons, Sharonda Coleman-Singleton, and Myra Thompson were murdered by a self-professed white supremacist while they were gathered for Bible study and prayer at the Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church (often referred to as Mother Emanuel) in Charleston, South Carolina. Pastors Pinckney and Simmons were both graduates of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. A resolution to commemorate June 17 as a day of repentance for the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine was adopted by the Church-wide Assembly of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America on August 8, 2019. Congregations of the ELCA are encouraged to reaffirm their commitment to repenting of the sins of racism and white supremacy which continue to plague this church, to venerate the martyrdom of the Emanuel Nine, and to mark this day of penitence with study and prayer.



THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

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| Today, June 14 | Third Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion, 9:30 am
Pastor's 40th Ordination Anniversary
Old Immanuel Memorial Service, 2:30 pm |
| Monday, June 15 | Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Council, 6 pm |
| Tuesday, June 16 | Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm |
| Wednesday, June 17 | Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm
Holy Communion, 2 pm
Williamsport Home |
| Thursday, June 18 | Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm |
| Friday, June 19 | Office Hours, 9 am- 1 pm |
| Saturday, June 20 | Office Closed |
| Sunday, June 21 | Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Communion, 9:30 am |

OUR STEWARDSHIP for June 7, 2026

Regular Offering	\$4,978.00
Plate Offerings	10.00
Miscellaneous	20.00
Parish Life	20.00
Roof Replacement Fund	10.00
Synod Benevolence	10.00
Grand Total	\$5,048.00

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God; and
In honor of our children, by Matt & Wanda Fortin; and
In loving memory of Doris Fortin and Lois Johns, by Charlie Fortin & Family.

WORSHIP LEADERS for June 14, 2026

Lector	9:30 am	Megan Cartwright
Communion Assistants	9:30 am	Drew Haussmann & Jackie Kinney
Ushers	9:30 am	Brenda, Ed, & Levi Gair
Hospitality		Parish Life Committee
Organist		Sam Robinson
Altar Guild (JUNE)		Deb Buckman & Sarah Young

ANNIVERSARIES

Charles & Ann Kuntz	6/18
Gary & Shelby Weber	6/18

BIRTHDAYS

Ruth Sherlinski	6/15
Wanda Fortin	6/16
Brandon Fortin	6/20

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 it 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 and Adult 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 Pineapple, Spam and Pork & Beans, Tea Bags, Coffee, Alfredo Sauce, Condiments, Wide Noodles, Sugar and Ritz-type Crackers. The Pantry is still accepting plastic grocery bags and 12 count

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.

Blitz Build for Habitat - Update

On Saturday, June 6, 2026 the Evangelism and Fellowship Committee participated in serving lunch to over 100 volunteers at Habitat's newest build on Scott Street in Williamsport. We partnered with St. Paul-Calvary UMC to provide meat and cheese sandwiches, pasta salad and cases of bottled water. Chips and assorted snacks were provided by local businesses. We wish to thank the congregation for their monetary donations that were used to purchase meat, cheese, rolls and single-serve condiments.

The impossible was made possible with the building of a Habitat home in just three days! Thanks to the Road Trip Crazies, a skilled group of 48 volunteers from Virginia, along with many local volunteers, this home was up and under roof in a whirlwind of activity. The home's interior will be completed over the summer months.

If you wish to learn more, speak with Jackie Kinney, who spent much of Saturday serving food and chatting with the many volunteers. Thank you Jackie for the giving of your time in the name of St. Mark's.



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.

OLD IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Old Immanuel Lutheran Church's Annual Memorial Service is Sunday, June 14, 2026 at 2:30pm. Old Immanuel is the oldest Lutheran church in Lycoming County! Please plan on joining us! The church's address is 2633 Lime Bluff Rd., Muncy, PA 17756. Please note the church does not have running water or electricity, and is not fully handicap accessible. For more information, or to follow Old Immanuel more closely, "like" "Old Immanuel Lutheran Church" on Facebook!

Synod Trip to Germany

A trip to Germany is being planned by our Synod 10/10-10/18 (with an option to stay through 10/21), 2026. There is a flyer with more details available, if you are interested please see the church office. Those wishing to go should keep these dates open.





Upper Susquehanna Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

January 21, 2026

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Attn: Council President
142 Market Street
Williamsport, PA 17701

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13 (NRSV)

*We appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you,
and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you;
esteem them very highly in love because of their work.*

Dear Members of St. Mark Lutheran Church:

Your pastor, the Rev. Brian Vasey, will be celebrating a significant anniversary of his ordination this year. On June 15, 2026, Pastor Vasey will have served in the Office of Word and Sacrament for forty years.

Since it is appropriate to express words of thanks for the ministry of those who touch our lives with the Gospel, the Upper Susquehanna Synod encourages congregations to express thanks to pastors for their ministry and to publicly recognize significant milestones in their ministerial lives. Our tradition has been to recognize such anniversaries in five year increments. I encourage you, therefore, to plan a recognition of your pastor's anniversary this year as close as practicable to the actual date.

The Occasional Services resources for our worship specify that an anniversary of ordination to Word and Sacrament ministry is appropriately honored by having the pastor preside at Holy Communion. Petitions for the pastor and family are appropriately included in the prayers as well. A post communion prayer that names the pastor is included in the Occasional Services.

Thank you for your partnership in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ through the Upper Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. May God bless your work in the Gospel.

Yours in Christ Jesus,


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